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The Baby Fold's 29th annual Festival of Trees may be months away, but plans for another fun and successful fundraiser are well underway. Your involvement as an Auction Item Donor is not only deeply appreciated, but essential. Your support allows us to help hundreds of local children in need each year. Thank you!

The main goal of the Festival of Trees is to raise funds that support The Baby Fold's programs. The last two years have been extremely challenging for our clients, leaving many struggling for essential food items and basic housing needs. Our mission calls upon us to impact their lives and their futures positively. With that weighing heavily on my heart, I've decided to stop using The Baby Fold's funds to supply the 4-foot and 7-foot trees and to redirect those funds to the programs for our children.

I'm sure many of you were not aware that The Baby Fold pays around \$11,000 per year for trees. Redirecting these funds will create more support for our families. Also, tree delivery costs have increased to the point where it creates financial loss when delivery requires more trucks. For that reason, we need to cap the total number of 7-foot trees to thirty and use only two delivery trucks.

We respectfully ask anyone interested in decorating a 4-foot or 7-foot tree to purchase a tree through The Baby Fold this year. The cost is \$75 each for 4-foot trees and \$185 each for 7-foot trees. If you are interested in decorating one of the thirty 7-foot trees, there will be an application online for your convenience.

We understand that these changes might result in fewer large trees at the Festival and that is okay! I am confident that you will do all you can to support The Baby Fold and that God will provide for the remainder of our needs as we work together to be good stewards of His resources.

Please check www.FestOfTrees.org regularly for updated information and complete the forms needed for participation. The Enchanted Forest Committee will also send monthly e-mails on updated policies, important dates, and tips and tricks for creating auction items.

Thank you again for your continued support of The Baby Fold. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours for the children,

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