

community service

CHRISTMAS TREE
ELEGANCE

Our Team

Rob, Maria, Kelly, Ann, Heather, Rachael, Lindsay,
Richard



Spokane Symphony Associates



- A non-profit volunteer organization that has worked since 1963 to support the Spokane Symphony Orchestra.
- The Organization believes that having a symphony orchestra enhances the quality of life in the community



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Spokane Symphony



Free annual concerts provided to the community
Provides music education to youth

School and youth programs to teach students about the symphony & music, interactive youth concerts, Young Musicians Education Program partners with the schools districts to provide one-on-one time with students, students are taught to play an instrument then show perform at the Fox Theater

A local symphony provides a way for the community to engage with the arts, provides an opportunity for local musicians to perform

Brings in revenue to the community (hotels, restaurants, shopping)
Provides employment for local musicians

Christmas Tree Elegance



Spokane Symphony Associates hosts this annual 13-day event, from the Tuesday following Thanksgiving through the second Sunday in December. This regional event attracts more than 100,000 attendees from Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, California, and Canada.



The event features the raffle of themed and beautifully decorated trees located at the Historic Davenport Hotel and River Park Square.

Individuals and Businesses donate to create tree displays, with values of up to \$4,999 in decorations and prizes

2022 was the 40th annual Christmas Tree Elegance Event
Had second highest total of \$409,323 collected over the course of the event in 2022

Previous high was 2019 – sales of \$436,707

Tickets \$1 each

T'was a Leadership
Spokane day and we
were at the hive

As we all sat
around, hoping to
be done by five.



Then what to our
wonderous eyes
did appear?

It was our SCAN
team
assignments, oh
dear!

Jaxon passed them out so fast it made me quite dizzy,
She leapt from table to table, dam her hair is frizzy!

Having been identified as a driver at our retreat,
I rallied our table, lets finish this feat!

All of them so worthy, which do we choose?
I sensed this was a competition and I did not want to lose!



Was it to be helping starving children or others in great need? (picture of davenport Christmas trees)

Oh no, isn't it obvious, It has to be Christmas trees!

Other teams shouted out what charities they would lead, They had better not pick our Christmas trees!

Our time had finally come to announce or selection and there would be no doubt, We will take the trees of elegance we put forth with a mighty shout!



Very soon I reached out to our contact, it was up to me,
As I anticipated her excitement, she would probably shout with glee

“We selected your charity”, into the phone I spoke
I was anticipating her excitement; no this was not a joke!

But, I had to repeat myself so much had this been oversold?
Not really, it just this lady was really old

Quick as a bunny I sent the dates and times to the team,
They all rallied with responses, dam our team was extreme!

We all gathered up on the night, it was finally here,
Hopefully we could slip into the peacock lounge and grab a few beers!

We met with the organizer, who gave the history of the trees,
She showed us her flyer from the leadership class of 1983!

Assignments were given, off we all went

Like worker elves with bloodhounds hot on the scent

The ornaments were grand boy did they shine,

We secured them to the trees with fishing line



We all worked so well, and nothing was broke,

Our supervisors were near, I hoped they wouldn't croak

Our deeds had great merit, we were supporting the arts

A world without music and splendor wouldn't have any heart



We were completing our tasks, like a
painters last stroke

However something in Kelly had
begun to awake





Our SCAN assignment was good, almost grand But the amazing Kelly Brown had another plan

She gathered the team and with great resolve,
She explained wouldn't it be great to get some kids involved?

Lets get kids from our community who otherwise wouldn't get a
chance,
To see the great trees of El-E-Gance



Will will give them coco, and
cookies and bring them here,
So they can celebrate with
some Christmas cheer



We can give them this gift, and no one said nope,

We can give them the gift of Christmas hope!

On buses they came one after the other,

Following Kelly, who was like a friendly grandmother



The kids were so young, not even a tween
They all said out loud it was the fanciest place they had ever seen
The kids were so excited that in the restaurant
they even pointed to the waiter.
For some of the kids said they had never been in an elevator.



Our SCAN presentation had been put to bed,

Now we slept peacefully with nothing to dread

Our leadership team was amazing, great people so bright

I dreamt of St. Nicholas that very same night



And in my dream with what do my wondering eyes appear

But Saint Nick in a sleigh with 8 leadership deer.

He whistled and shouted and called them by name:

Now Heather, now Ann, now Rachael, now Rob

On Lindsay, on Richard, on Kelly, on Maria

They looked like a mighty Christmas plane.

All of the work and the fellowship, had that always been the plan?

All we now now is that it's just as amazing of a gift to be in Leadership

Spokane

