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A Life Enhancement Fund (LEF) was started the past year as a sub-account of the Imperial Community Foundation to help enhance the lives of Imperial Manor residents and others in the community who use the Manor's services.

Committee members of the Life Enhancement Fund are organizing a silent auction for 10 table top Christmas trees decorated by residents of the community.

Funds raised from the special holiday silent auction will be earmarked toward construction of a new fence at the facility.

LEF board member Amber Yaw said each tree will be decorated differently. Some may use themes; others will likely be ornately decorated for the holidays, she said.

Ten businesses in the community will display one of the trees, where people can also submit their silent bids. Yaw is planning to have photos of all 10 trees at each business location near the one tree being displayed there.

Bidding will start the week of Monday, Nov. 30, and conclude four days later following a Dec. 3 dinner at St. Patrick's new church hall, 740 Broadway St.

People will be able to continue bidding the evening of Dec. 3 during the 5 to 7 p.m. meal featuring a Mexican cuisine served by the St. Patrick's Altar Society.

The trees will be moved to the hall for final bidding. Announcement of the winners will be made shortly after 7 p.m. that night.

Businesses that will be displaying the decorated trees starting Nov. 30 include M & M's Natural JAZ, Adams Bank & Trust, First Bank & Trust, Pinnacle Bank, Imperial Credit Union, Hair Effects, Bella Salon, Adams Drug, Hill's Family Foods and Super Foods.