

Dustin's Christmas Tree



I am chairman of the Sacred Heart Parish Catholic Church in Spiritwood Saskatchewan. At a general meeting we talked about selling Christmas Bulbs to raise funds for our Parish. We decided to sell them at \$5.00 per bulb with the name of donors going on a paper bulb and adhered to 4x8 sheets at the church. Then a member suggested that we should sell these bulbs in memory of Corporal Dustin Wasden who was killed in Afghanistan in Aug. of 2008.

It then became a community donation. It was unanimous that we would go ahead. I chaired this project and it was a HUGE success story. All proceeds would in turn be donated to "The Children's Health and Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan".

I set a personal goal of raising \$5,000.00 which was met very early, so I thought we could double the \$5,000.00 and that was accomplished by Dec.31, 2008. We donated \$10,165.00 to the Foundation. Donations came in from all corners of our province of Saskatchewan and from British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, New Brunswick, USA, and as far as Afghanistan.