

Daffodil sales help in fight against cancer at Alton Memorial Hospital

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ALTON – Alton Memorial Hospital will sell daffodils again this spring. The proceeds from the campaign will go to the Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation's Extra Mile Fund, which provides services to oncology patients at AMH.

The products available this year will be the popular bouquet of 10 daffodils for \$10 or a bunch of 10 daffodils in a vase for \$15. Businesses or individuals can also purchase

daffodils in quantity at a savings. A case (50 bunches of 10) costs \$400 and a half case (25 bunches of 10) is \$200.

Checks should be made out to the Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation. The deadline for advance orders is Friday, March 3.

“Cash & Carry Days” at AMH will be from noon until 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, in the AMH Beeby and Duncan wing lobbies. For more information or to pre-order daffodils, contact Jeanne Truckey at 618-433-6047.

“The daffodils campaign is held to offer help and hope to AMH cancer patients,” says Eileen Cheatham, a parish nurse at AMH. “For example, patients sometime need gas cards to get to treatments and appointments. That’s what the Foundation’s Extra Mile Fund is designed to do.”

Alton Memorial sales will benefit local patients directly.

“We have a dedicated group of volunteers who enjoy working on this fund raiser for help and hope in the fight against cancer,” said Cheatham. “Everyone enjoys daffodils as the harbingers of spring, and our cancer patients especially look forward to them. Daffodils are the first flower of spring and a symbol of hope, representing the promise of a world free from cancer.”

Volunteers will assemble daffodils in vases and wrap bunches of daffodils for distribution to patients and staff at the AMH Cancer Care Center, Outpatient Cancer and Infusion Center, BJC Hospice of Alton and AMH.

AMH appreciates the help of Dick’s Flowers in the campaign.