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## Fairfield Inn & Suites Chattanooga East Hosts *Decorate for a Difference* for Lupus Awareness

**Chattanooga, Tenn. – Nov. 26, ---***Decorate for a Difference*, hosted by Fairfield Inn & Suites Chattanooga East (Hamilton Place), will be held December 3 from 5:30 – 7 PM. The family-friendly event, which is a fundraiser for The Lupus Foundation, will highlight “An Olde Fashioned Holiday.” Guests will spend the evening celebrating as a community: decorating ornaments, eating delicious baked treats, and listening to the sounds of the season. A silent auction featuring hotel packages, restaurants, attractions, artisanal items and sought-after gifts are up for bid. There will be a raffle, holiday entertainment, a selfie station, and of course ornament decoration. Ornaments may be taken home or participants may choose to decorate the hotel’s tree, to raise awareness about the disease. All proceeds from the night’s event will go to The Lupus Foundation, Midsouth Chapter, which helps local patients.

Sales Coordinator Kate Johnson and Guest Services Manager Leslie Watkins organized *Decorate for a Difference* in honor of Kenyetta Bray, their friend and team member. Bray, who has survived the disease for nearly five years, has been active in the Lupus community. “This event is really all about Kenyetta,” says Johnson. “We see what she goes through and how much she puts into the community. We wanted to help.”

Ms. Bray has been active in raising awareness about Lupus in Chattanooga, organizing the Lapse for Lupus walk earlier this year. She says there’s a lot of misinformation about Lupus out there she’s working to combat. “People think it’s like AIDS. It’s not contagious,” says Bray. “Maybe because the words ‘autoimmune’ are in it? It’s very misunderstood.” In fact, the Lupus Foundation says nearly 73% of Americans know little or nothing about Lupus, despite the fact it affects nearly 5 million people.

Guests to the event will have the chance to decorate their ornaments, tag their friends on social media and bring awareness about the disease, while raising much-needed funds. “We hope we can jump-start the season of giving with this event,” says Ms. Johnson, “and everyone can have lots of Holiday fun.”

Learn more about Decorate for A Difference Here:

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