

## The Mayor's Christmas Tree



Crown Center is proud to have hosted The Mayor's Christmas Tree for more than 50 years. Located on Crown Center Square, the tree stands each year as a symbol of Kansas City's holiday charity, The Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

Kansas Citians have benefitted from the fund since Mayor Thomas Crittenden Jr. oversaw the first official city tree at City Hall in 1908. Known then as The Mayor's Municipal Christmas Tree Fund, it helped more than 8,000 needy children during Mayor Crittenden's term.

Through the years, the program has expanded, and since 1973 the tree has stood on Crown Center Square. The fund's purpose, however, remains: to help fellow Kansas Citians in need celebrate the Christmas season.

The 2025 Mayor's Christmas Tree is one of the tallest in the nation standing 100 feet tall. Cascade Timber Consulting Inc. of Oregon has donated this year's Douglas fir. This year the tree will once again serve as the centerpiece of The Hallmark Christmas Experience at Crown Center.

While you're enjoying the holiday season, there are several ways you can contribute to The Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

- You can purchase a commemorative ornament, made from the wood of the previous year's tree from Crown Center Customer Service and Hallmark Visitors Center. Ornaments from some prior years are available in limited quantities at Customer Service only. For more information and pictures of these Hallmark designed ornaments, www.crowncenter.com/mayors-christmastree-ornament.
- You may donate to the fund online by visiting www.kcmo.gov/cityhall/city-officials/mayor-quinton-lucas/christmas-tree-fund.
- You can mail your contribution to: Mayor Quinton Lucas, City Hall, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor, 414 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, Mo 64106.

Happy Holidays from Crown Center