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**CROWDER FOUNDATION ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WREATHS**

**NEOSHO, MO** – The 14th Annual Festival of Wreaths takes place Tuesday, November 15, 2016, in the Elsie Plaster Community Center on the Crowder College Neosho campus. The evening begins with a silent auction at 4:00 p.m. followed by the live auction at 6:30 p.m. Festival of Wreaths serves as Crowder College Foundation’s largest fundraiser for scholarships. The event has grown every year through the sale of wreaths, trees, centerpieces, trips, electronics and more. Last year, more than \$122,000 was raised. Organizers hope to exceed that amount this year.

Hundreds of area businesses and supporters of the college donate items to the auction. This year the auction has several different items including a Walnut Wine Tasting Table, La-Z-Boy recliner, MLB Baseball tickets, Walt Disney World Resort Park Hopper Passes, EZ Go Electric Golf Cart, vacations ; and a large selection of gift certificates and home décor.

You may preview auction items in advance by visiting [501auctions.com/festivalofwreaths](http://501auctions.com/festivalofwreaths). Bidding will open on silent auctions items at 4 pm Monday, November 14.

Guests can Christmas shop and help a student attend Crowder all in the same evening. Live auction services are provided by Bob Lasswell and Associates.

Automated bidding service will be used again this year. Guests are asked to bring a fully charged smart phone to use for bidding. Bidding assistants will be on-hand during the event to assist guests who do not have a smart phone or need help placing bids. Pre-registration is encouraged.

For more information about the event or to pre-register, contact the Crowder College Foundation Office at (417)455-5701 or e-mail: [foundation@crowder.edu](mailto:foundation@crowder.edu).

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