

Lite Up a Life

The Lighting Ceremony for the ALS Society of Manitoba's Lite Up a Life Campaign in support of the Brummitt-Feasby ALS House, kicked off in fine style, in spite of the frigid weather. Past President Lanny McInnes welcomed the honoured guests, who included Steven Fletcher's Special Assistant James White, Healthy Living Minister Jim Rondeau, Kirkfield MLA Sharon Blady, and St. Charles City Councillor Grant Nordman. The Lighting Ceremony began with a tour of Brummitt-Feasby ALS House and a presentation of new video promotions for both the Brummitt-Feasby House and the ALS Society of Manitoba.



Honoured guests all came to the table with impassioned speeches, particularly MLA Sharon Blady, who lost her uncle to ALS when she was a teenager. Ms Blady read a copy of a statement she had made at a sitting of the Legislature about the importance of homes such as the Brummitt-Feasby House and the need to support its growth. She finished by presenting a framed copy of her statement to Brummitt-Feasby House Manager Patrick McPhillips. All levels of Government echoed Ms Blady's sentiments and suggestions were made that with more than 200 people in Manitoba currently living with ALS, our city could use a dozen more homes like it. As is, the Brummitt-Feasby House is the only one of its kind in North America, bringing care and support to those living with ALS. Following the speeches, everyone braved the weather and went outside to see the lights on the twelve trees in front of the House lit up for the first time this season. They will now stay lit until January 31, 2010.

The Lite Up a Life campaign is now officially underway, and people can participate by sending donations to Lite the Bulbs on the trees; three bulbs for \$5, or seven bulbs for \$10. Donations can be made by calling 831-1510, or you can drop in to Brummitt-Feasby House at 106 Kirby Drive and see the Lites for yourself. Thank you to everyone who has helped us to maintain this vital service to those living with ALS, and have a wonderful Christmas.

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