



# City of Pittsburgh

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## Text File

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**WHEREAS**, the **Tree of Hope** is sponsoring its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas celebration "Joy To the World" on Friday, December 22, 2006, at the Emory United Methodist Church, for the children of victims in Allegheny County.

**WHEREAS**, the **Tree of Hope**, is a non-profit faith-based organization offering help, hope and healing to families who have suffered traumatic losses - with a special focus on the children who are left behind in the aftermath of suicide, homicide or the tragic loss of a parent.

**WHEREAS**, Adrienne Young, the founder of the **Tree of Hope**, was herself a witness to such a crises when her 18 year old son, Javon, a student at Carnegie-Mellon University, was senselessly murdered while home for Christmas break in 1994. Ms. Young and other parents agreed they must bridge the gap and have a reciprocal relationship with the service providers of the community and the children, hence the **Tree of Hope**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the **Tree of Hope** for its significant contribution to the assistance of children of victims of violent crimes in the City of Pittsburgh, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, December 22, 2006, to be **Tree of Hope Day** here in the city of Pittsburgh.