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**East Granby – December 2010**

**EAST GRANBY TREE LIGHTING ATTRACTS LARGE CROWD**

Nearly 200 adults and children braved the chilly temperatures last Friday for East Granby's First Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Community Carol Sing. The large evergreen tree near the First National Bank of Suffield at the Center Shops was illuminated with a multi-color display when the DeJesus family flipped the switch, and attendees started singing holiday songs, led by Sandra Vick, owner of "We Love the Arts" of Avon. Girl Scouts handed out programs, students from the Apple Tree Children's Center displayed a three-dimensional star they made, and the cheerful crowd sang and jingled bells to popular holiday tunes. The well-attended event, co-sponsored by Building Community Bridges and the East Granby Chamber of Commerce, is expected to become a holiday tradition.

After the program, several volunteers from Senior Services served hot cocoa and cookies to the crowd. Attendees generously contributed non-perishable food items for the Friend to Friend Food Pantry. The entire event was the result of broad-based community participation and generosity.

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In Loving Memory of Lt. James F. Popkowski, USMC: Merry Christmas, Jamie – Love, the DeJesus Family

Additional Thanks to:

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All others who volunteered in making this event a success