The Neighborhood Art House children will be the stars at this year’s Festival of Trees.

Their photos will appear inside their decorated star that will be placed on the 7 ½ pre-lit artificial tree. The tree will stand alongside others at the popular holiday event, sponsored by Saint Vincent Health Center Auxiliary at the Marriott Ambassador Hotel and Conference Center.

All the children attending classes at the Art House will participate, according to Sister Margaret, Ann Pilewski. Each child will create a star of various sizes. Children will utilize a process called scratch art. Art House students will scratch away the black color to create designs, she explained. That is a new medium for the students. They will also do stars in origami.

Stars will be decorated with paint, glitter and sequins, with the children’s photos on one side.

Church of the Good Shepherd Church and the Saint Vincent Health Center Auxiliary are the main sponsors this year. The tree will be on display at the Festival of Trees at the Marriott Ambassador Hotel and Conference Center.

Becker, 60, a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, has been teaching certification courses across the United States for about a decade. And she insists with the project each year.

For Cathy Becker, it’s the easiest way to learn the art of painting, especially for children.

"You don’t have to worry about highlights, or learning how to draw, you just have to master one-stroke to create beautiful shapes," said Becker, the newest volunteer teacher at the NAH.

Beginning in September, Becker has been teaching OneStroke painting each Friday at the Art House. OneStroke is a technique created by the artist Donna Dewberry, who teaches OneStroke on PBS (WQLN-TV in Erie.)

According to Becker, the technique takes the fear out of painting. "Once you learn this technique, you have the confidence to try other things," said Becker.

A Blessed Holiday from the Children of the Neighborhood Art House

COCOA and COFFEE MUGS for CHRISTMAS

Chris Rust is working on his third coffee mug, decorated with original designs inspired while he was looking out a window at home.

He’s aware that his mug will be on display at Geary’s Studio 7 Gallery and will be for sale.

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The coffee mugs will be part of a Christmas holiday display at the gallery at 2807 W. Eighth St., beginning at Thanksgiving.

The students are encouraged to create designs that represent Art House programs like dance and music, said Chuck Dill, the teacher in charge of the project.

He said about a dozen students are involved and will design about 36 mugs.

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