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Your Legacy, Your Story

WHAT IS A LEGACY GIFT?

A gift in your will is the most thoughtful gift you will ever give. Your will is a reflection of the values you hold dear and a statement to the world about who you are and how you wish to be remembered.

Years ago, thoughtful individuals chose to include a gift in their will to support the future of healthcare — the very healthcare you receive today. By doing the same, your gift can ensure future generations will benefit from the same exceptional care and medical advancements. How do you want to be remembered?

WHY LEAVE A LEGACY?

Your will is morethan just a legal document — it captures the story of your life. It's a testament to the people and causes that have deeply touched you. There are likely a couple of causes that you feel passionate about and that you trust to do good work, now and in the future. One of those may even include your local hospital.

By including a gift in your will, your story continues through the lives you'll impact for years to come. Your legacy can shape the healthcare of tomorrow in your community.

Your legacy gift will guide healthcare years from now

20 YEARS AGO...

A patients' hospital stay for hip and knee surgery averaged a week.

Today, many operations are day surgeries.

5 YEARS AGO...

A patient in emergency could wait to get an ultrasound.

Today there are bedside ultrasounds.

1 YEAR AGO...

Some critical lab tests were done off-site.

Today they are done in-house.

Our vision together for thefuture...

Donor Stories

Gary & Gayles' Story

"COMFORT IN HAVING THE HOSPITAL CLOSE"

Thankfully, we haven't had to use it often, but Gayle and I have found comfort in knowing that we have a local hospital should we need it. The peace of mind it brings knowing that excellent care is close to home, especially in an emergency, is priceless. We experienced this firsthand and when Gayle's parents needed care. We were so relieved to have the care they received so close by.

Georgetown has been our home for 54 years and it's always been important to us to buy and support local. So, when we were asked if we would support the hospital, we didn't need to think twice – it was our pleasure to give back.

When it came time to update our wills, we knew there was room to support the local hospital that had taken such good care of our family. Why not make a difference where it will matter most for our community in the future?

Gary & Gale Mann

Gary & Gayle

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Don & Gloria's Story

We have always lived in this area and haveknown each other since Grade 5.

We were married in 1968. Growing up, we can remember our parents and neighbours having to travel to Guelph for emergencies, as the Georgetown Hospital had not been built yet.

After having successful careers, we retired to an active life of gardening, travel, tennis, cycling and hiking. We have volunteered with the Bruce Trail for 25 years, spent 10 years with the "Meals on Wheels" program and for the last several years have volunteered at the Georgetown Bread Basket, our local food bank.

Over the years we feel fortunate to have had good health and with a large extended family, we see how critical it is to have quality care close by.

This year, for the first time, Don was a patient and experienced firsthand the remarkable care in the Georgetown Hospital.

We realize how important health is and want to do what we can to ensure the local hospital is there for everyone, whenever it is needed, now and in the future. As a result, we are providing a gift to the hospital in our wills.

Don & Gloria Sargent

Don & Gloria

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

"I have family to care for."

We completely understand that your family and close friends are your first priority. It's only natural.

However, many people who support the hospital do so because of the profound impact it has had on their lives. Whether it's saving a life or providing compassionate care in times of need, these memories often inspire them to give back.

You might wonder how to include everyone. The good news is that there are charitable gift options that can actually reduce the taxes your estate will pay, potentially allowing you to give more to both your family and the causes you care about. By reviewing these options, you might find that you can leave a meaningful gift to the hospital while ensuring your family is well taken care of. I

f you'd like more information, we're here to help you explore these possibilities.

"We're not rich."

You may be surprised to know we receive gifts of every size, and all are appreciated and needed. Each gift supports the purchase of the latest equipment – all to bring the best care close to home. Your generosity, no matter the amount, has a profound impact on our community.

"I don't know any lawyers"

If you need help finding a lawyer, we suggest asking family and friends for recommendations or checking the Law Society of Ontario for a list of qualified lawyers.

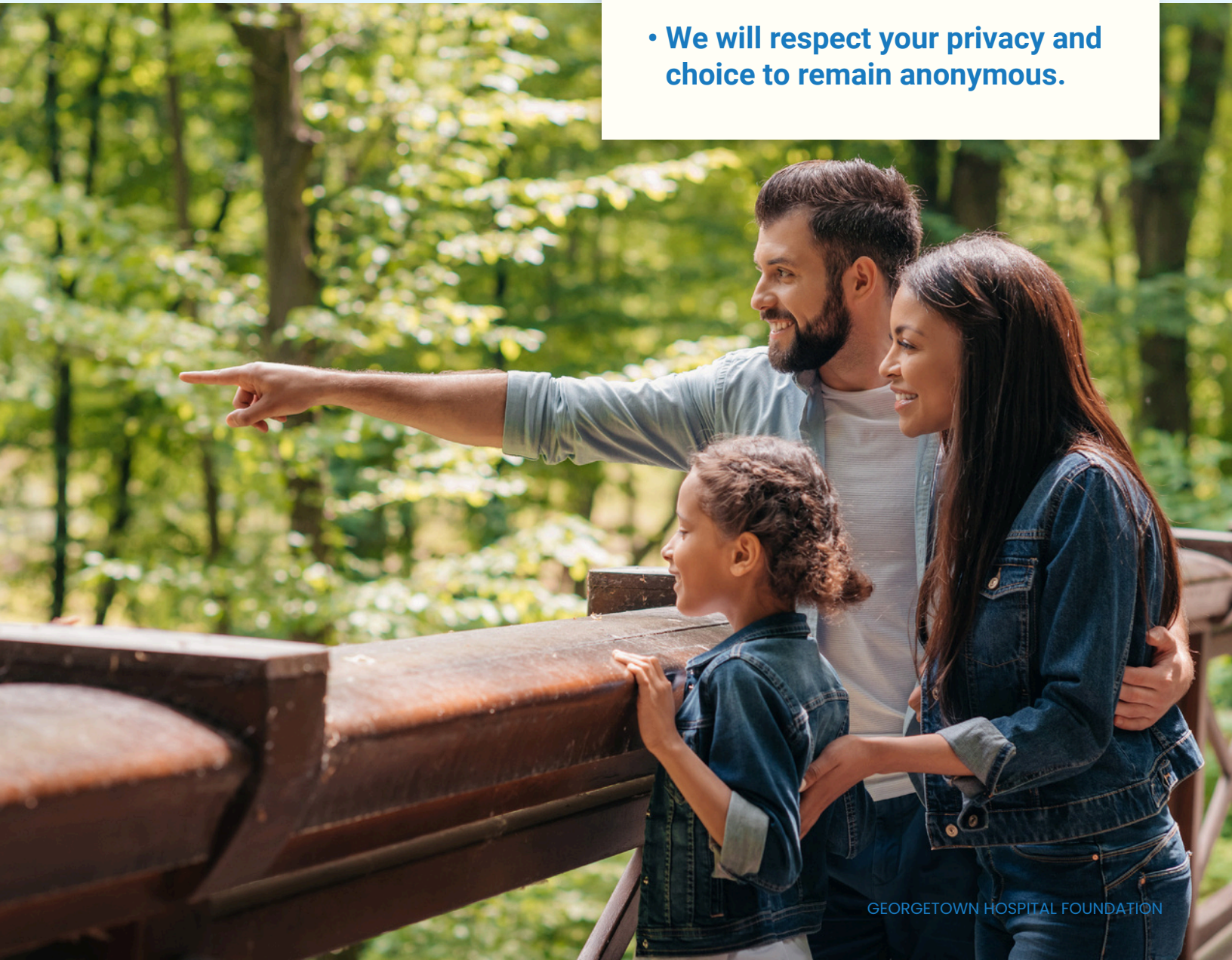
"I may change my mind"

We understand that your circumstances may change, and it happens from time to time. Through consultation with your lawyer, you can adjust your will at any time.

Our Commitment to You

Estate planning is a deeply personal decision. We're here to have meaningful discussions tailored to your unique goals, so your legacy reflects what matters most to you and celebrates a life well lived.

- **We will ensure your wishes are honoured with care and respect.**
- **We will work closely with you in choosing a meaningful gift.**
- **We will steward your gift to ensure the greatest impact at the time it is received.**
- **We will respect your privacy and choice to remain anonymous.**



YOU'VE DECIDED THAT A GIFT IN YOUR WILL FEELS LIKE A GOOD FIT.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Ask for our Gift in Wills information sheet, to discover options to maximize your giving for everyone, while saving on taxes.

As always, we encourage you to discuss your plans with your family and advisors to find the best balance for your loved ones and the causes you care about.

We would love to welcome you as a member of Friends of Tomorrow where we can assure your generosity is thoughtfully recognized and aligned with your wishes.

Most of all we look forward to getting to know you and hearing your unique story.
Your legacy matters to us.

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