



Transforming Tomorrow

**YOUR LEGACY OF EXCEPTIONAL HEALTHCARE
AT GUELPH GENERAL HOSPITAL**

You can create a lasting legacy for our community's health

A gift in your will ensures exceptional local healthcare for generations.

Your generosity helps maintain and enhance the quality care that Guelph General Hospital has provided since 1872. By remembering the hospital in your will, you ensure future generations in our community will receive the compassionate care they deserve, close to home.

A gift in your will helps our hospital grow with our community.

As one of Ontario's fastest growing regions with increasingly complex healthcare needs, your thoughtful gift provides the resources needed for advanced medical equipment, facility improvements and expanded services that will serve Guelphites for decades to come.

A gift in your will continues Guelph's tradition of neighbours caring for neighbours.

Just as our community came together to build the first hospital over 150 years ago, your gift in your will carries forward that distinctive spirit of compassion and community building that makes our region so special.

When you choose to leave an unrestricted gift, you're allowing The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital to direct funding to the areas of greatest need, making the biggest possible impact.

GEORGE'S UNEXPECTED DETOUR: From accident to recovery

I never expected I would need emergency care. That all changed one December morning when I blacked out while driving. What I didn't know then was that an aneurysm—a burst blood vessel—had caused me to lose consciousness. After rolling my car three times, I was rushed to the hospital.

The care I received at Guelph General Hospital was nothing short of amazing. The team prepped me quickly and performed an intensive surgery to repair the damage with a specialized stent. I was lucky the accident didn't hurt anyone else, and fortunate that our local hospital is our region's leader in vascular care.

The medical team was truly exceptional. From the attentive ICU nurses to the skilled surgeons who checked on me regularly, I received outstanding care. In only a few short months, I was 100% recovered.

I've lived in Guelph for more than 25 years but this was my first hospital experience. People say Guelph General is one of the best hospitals around, and I couldn't agree more. When you need specialized care in a crisis, there's no better place.

Your support makes this life-saving care possible. With a gift in your will you can help ensure Guelph General's expert care teams always have the best tools and technologies to treat patients when they need it most. — George Ridler

Like his parents before him, Doug is happy to pay it forward



My parents, Maria and Wayne Bricknell, raised me with the core values of making a positive impact and giving back to my community. They have been tremendous role models, not only talking the talk, but walking the walk.

I can't think of a better cause to support than our local hospital. It is the best way to meaningfully impact the broadest possible range of people in our community.

Everyone needs the hospital at some point. Why wouldn't I want it to be the best it can possibly be for my present and future loved ones, cherished friends, neighbours, colleagues, and beyond? **The health of our community depends on the health of our hospital.**

I have been inspired by my parents' commitment to the cause and have made provisions in my will to support The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital.

Despite being a relatively young person to be thinking about these things, I felt it was important to formalize this gift now and ensure that the legacy we leave behind as a family reflects our beliefs and priorities, long after our time is up.

It is not necessarily fun to think about what you can give after you are gone, but it is important. You can't be too early to make these arrangements, but you can be too late. I chose to share my story to encourage others to pay it forward and ensure their own wishes for a strong and health community are realized.

Every gift supports essential patient care equipment and other healthcare necessities for our beloved, growing community. I hope my legacy gift will inspire you to consider your own estate plans and join many other amazing donors in securing the health of Guelph for generations.

— **Doug Bricknell**

ALL ABOUT WILLS: FAQ's

What is a will, and why is it important?

A will is a legal document that outlines what happens to your money, property and possessions after your death. It's also a way of making sure you have a plan for how you will take care of your loved ones and the causes you care about most.

Who can leave a gift in a will?

Anyone can leave a gift in their will! You may be surprised to learn that nearly 2 million Canadians alive today have already left gifts to charity in their wills. A gift in your will is an opportunity to make a lasting impact on a cause that reflects your values, and many of our current legacy donors are everyday Guelphites who care deeply about their community.

What makes a gift in a will special?

A gift in your will allows you to make a more significant contribution than might be possible during your lifetime. This is because assets like real estate or investments that you've built over your lifetime become accessible. Often there are financial benefits when you include a gift in your will. A financial advisor can help you reduce the taxes paid on your estate, leaving more money to go directly to your loved ones and chosen causes.

What if I already have a will?

You don't need to rewrite your entire will to add a gift. You can use a simple legal document called a codicil to make an addition or amendment. Alternatively, you could name The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital as a beneficiary of your registered funds (like RRSPs, RRIFs, or TFSAs) or your life insurance policy, which can be done by updating these forms directly with your financial institution.

What if I'm not rich and what about my loved ones?

Anyone can leave a gift in their will, regardless of the size of their estate. Every gift makes a difference to the future of healthcare in our community. You determine what assets or portion of your estate is allocated to family, friends and your favourite charities. In fact, a will is the best way to ensure your loved ones are provided for. And, you can change your mind and revise your will as needed.

Have you thought about what kind of impact you'd like your gift in will to have at Guelph General Hospital?

Share this information with your lawyer or financial advisor, who can help ensure your wishes are properly documented.

How do I make a gift in my will?



Leaving a gift in your will is easier than you might think. By planning ahead, you're ensuring that quality healthcare will be available to our community long into the future.

No matter where you are in the estate planning process, we are here to help with any questions you may have and also encourage you to seek professional advice on any legal, tax or financial matters. We understand these are big decisions that take time.

Below is sample wording to help get you started. Our team is happy to work with you to ensure your wishes are fulfilled.

Types of gifts in will:

A fixed sum, or specific bequest, is a gift in will of a specified amount or property.

Sample wording: *I direct my trustees to deliver, pay or transfer the sum of \$_____ in cash or in kind to The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital to be used where it is needed most.*

A residual bequest is a gift from the remaining portion of the estate, after debts, taxes and administrative expenses have been paid.

Sample wording: *I direct my trustees to divide the residue of my estate into as many equal shares as may be necessary to give effect to the following provisions and to distribute such shares to the following organization: _____% share to The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital to be used where it is needed most.*

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