

YOUR LEGACY

for your family and health care in your community



A Pebble, a Pond, and Your Will

Have you ever dropped a pebble into a pond? When the stone hits the water, you will see ripple after ripple spreading out from the point of impact.

Your Will could be like that. Properly prepared, your Will can create a ripple effect of goodness and generosity to the people and organizations you care about. You could ensure family members can afford the costs of higher education. A piece of jewelry that a friend has long admired could now be theirs. You could also leave something to the charities you have respected and supported financially during your lifetime – a charity like the WDMH Foundation. The possibilities are endless – but to make these good things happen, you must have a Will in place.

Preparing a Will – or updating one you already have – is easy to put off. There are other priorities. It's an

extra expense. It's a subject that many would simply prefer not to discuss or deal with. If you don't have a Will, however, you lose control of what happens to any of your physical or financial assets. Gifts to specific individuals or organizations will not occur. Your estate will be divided according to provincial statute (law) and may go to close relatives who may not need the money or someone you are not close to.

A Will is an essential document to have for the above reasons – and more. Think of a pebble hitting the water. Think of the potential for good that a gift in your Will could have. Then contact a lawyer (and other professionals) to get the conversation started. If leaving a gift in your Will to the WDMH Foundation is something you would like to consider, we would be pleased to speak with you in confidence to explore your goals.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

A while ago, our family was asked if we could write a short story about what WDMH meant to us, and in particular to our parents, who were so grateful for this Hospital....

Where do I start...

Their involvement with the Winchester District Memorial Hospital began back in 1958 with the arrival of their twins.... That was the beginning of their attachment to the hospital. As the years would pass, the rest of their children would be born there, minor operations performed, x-rays and tests done, emergency room visits and hospital stays would happen through those doors.

Over the years, the hospital has been renovated, made additions, and with the last changes, created a beautiful building. Our parents felt the need to give to this cause. They didn't always agree with 'how' the monies were spent, as to them, a fancy building wasn't essential, it is the heart of the doctors, the dedicated nurses, students, kitchen staff, physiotherapists, volunteers, and maintenance staff who all cared. The ones who asked about your day, encouraged you,

and shared personal, hopeful stories. It was all those who took the time to make your day a little brighter, the ones who gave of themselves, and the ones who cared about YOU. Those people were the ones who made the hospital special, not the four walls that surrounded them.

In their later years, as their ages progressed and health deteriorated, their emergency visits and hospital stays increased, they would always give back, quietly. Their hearts were dedicated to give back to those who gave so much to them. And our family is still grateful that when our parents needed them most, the hospital staff was there for them.

In general, our parents strongly believed in supporting local. To shop local – and support local. Our parents were so proud to be a part of this community, and they chose to contribute to causes that supported their loved ones, their neighbours, and their beliefs. With the onset of COVID-19, and this difficult time we are all now going through, there is still a positive shift that has occurred. Once again, we see connections being made as communities, towns, and neighbours come together and support each other. Our parents would have been in awe of these efforts, and warmed by the outpouring of thoughtfulness and care shown towards others.



Both of our parents have now passed, but – even in death – through their Last Will and Testament, they made sure that the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, along with other community programs, would receive some support to continue their work. The hospital along with these other programs were all a key part of their life, and now those passions are a part of their legacy.

Our parents felt very strongly about supporting their community, and we are so grateful to the amazing example of philanthropy that our parents have set for us. It is this kind of patient, thoughtful, generous, and lasting philanthropy that changes the world every day. From our family to yours, we hope their example will inspire you too as we remember our country hospital that truly is the heart of this community.

Remembering our parents with humble admiration.

**To ensure the privacy of our donors, some identifying details in this story have been changed and stock photos have been used.*

A Lifetime of Giving

Over 10 years giving

Her name listed proudly on our donor wall

Supported many funds

- the hospital's highest priority needs
- building the new hospital
- general equipment purchases
- members of Lynne's Club

Donated a car to benefit the WDMH Foundation

Made gifts in memory of loved ones and in honour of caregivers

Average gift of \$800

Most common gift was \$100

After years of impact and involvement, she chose to adopt the WDMH Foundation as a 'Charity Child' by giving a share of her estate in the amount of a \$13,000 bequest gift.

What difference have estate gifts (or bequests) made over the last few years at WDMH?

The hospital has annual – and ongoing – needs of \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 annually. Unfortunately, since the hospital doesn't receive provincial funding to purchase equipment, that responsibility falls to those – like you – who care about access to quality, and local health care.

Since we were formed in 1993, your gifts have mostly funded equipment purchases, but have also funded current hospital programs, launched new ones, and maintained and redeveloped our building.

In the last few years, gifts to the Foundation through someone's Will have helped to:

- Purchase a blanket warmer for Chemotherapy
- Purchase an ECG Machine
- Fund approx. 50% of the cost of five patient lifts
- Fund part of the cost of a new ultrasound machine

Some of those pieces of equipment were planned purchases. Others were responding to an urgent need. Thanks to folks like you who have planned their future health care legacy, the Foundation has been able to fund WDMH's needs right away. Your support benefits WDMH patients in their treatment and recovery.

Anyone can make a bequest. The amount doesn't matter – but supporting a cause you cherish, leaving a legacy of values as well as financial disbursements, matters a lot. It's one of the most important things you can do to build the world you'd like to see.



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I'm/We're interested in **having a chat** with the Foundation about planning my/our legacy.

I'm/We're interested in receiving some **electronic information** from the Foundation about planning my/our legacy.

I'm/We're interested in receiving some **mailed information** from the Foundation about planning my/our legacy.

I'm/We're interested in **borrowing a copy** of *George's Tree*, a quick read that shares stories of impact and strategies of giving planned gifts.

I/We have **already included** the WDMH Foundation in our Will.

I/We **intend to include** the WDMH Foundation in our Will.