

YOUR LEGACY



for your family and health care in your community

What Leaving a Legacy Means:

Leaving a legacy means you know that you have taken pride in ensuring that you will continue to make an impact on your passions and interests in future years.

"You'll never regret it. Your gift will live on. It's a lifetime gift."

~ Earl Lawson Windsor, a WDMH Foundation Legacy Donor

Why Leave a Legacy:

Leaving a legacy is not only a way to reflect your life and your passions, it also celebrates you and the things that are most important to you. You can leave an incredible mark on the world by including the WDMH Foundation as part of your legacy.

"We are making this (legacy) donation because the institution and people who work there have been there for us and our families with compassionate and effective care."

~ Anonymous, a WDMH Foundation Legacy Donor



A Donor Writes

It was suggested that we contribute personal reflections to this newsletter highlighting our rationale for becoming legacy donors to the WDMH Foundation. That gave us the opportunity to discuss and re-affirm the reasons we made this decision.

We returned to the area, upon retirement, in 2007. Winchester District Memorial Hospital became our hospital again. Since that time, we have been very impressed, especially with the wonderful staff. Also, we appreciate the effort needed by staff to consistently achieve such a high standard of accreditation.

There has been a strong extended family tradition of giving to the hospital. Many discussions have taken place, over the years, with family members about the Foundation and options for giving. We have been honoured to witness the results of family contributions.

Our giving has started with a small monthly contribution and support of fundraising events. The decision to become legacy donors grew out of this. Contact with Foundation staff has been so positive. We are delighted to be able to choose where we believe our legacy will do the most good.

Although we support other charities in the South Dundas area, we feel strongly that supporting the hospital at this level will have the biggest impact for the most people.



Anonymous WDMH Foundation Legacy Donor,
whose future gift will support Winchester District Memorial Hospital

What Legacy Gifts Will Achieve

Winchester District Memorial Hospital requires about \$1-2 million annually for medical equipment purchases. Past legacy gifts have helped ensure that our hospital is well-equipped. Future legacy gifts will help ensure it is well-equipped for generations to come - you and your legacy gift can be a part of that.

The new Dundas Manor is being built today because compassionate donors have shared with us that their legacy includes a legacy gift for the new home. Although these gifts will be received later, they are an important part of the campaign goal to build the new Dundas Manor and are ensuring the new home is built now.

On behalf of everyone who is connected to Winchester District Memorial Hospital and Dundas Manor, thank you legacy donors for your compassionate dedication to local health care and our community. You are making a difference.

Ways to Leave Your Legacy

Gifts In Wills (Bequests)

One line in your Will can do so much. Leaving a gift in your Will to the WDMH Foundation creates an incredible legacy and the official charitable income tax receipt your estate will receive may help your beneficiaries receive more. You can leave a specific amount or all or part of the residue of your estate to the WDMH Foundation. Even a gift of 5% to the WDMH Foundation can leave a lasting impact on local health care while decreasing (or eliminating) your final tax bill.

Gifting Registered Funds

Often, parents plan to leave an RRSP, RRIF or TFSA to their children or grandchildren - not knowing that the full balance of their investment will be heavily taxed. But, listing the WDMH Foundation as a beneficiary of an investment not only helps local health care, it's also an effective way to reduce the taxes payable by your estate – your estate will receive an official charitable income tax receipt for the value of your gift. Less taxes to the government means more for your other beneficiaries.

Gifts of Life Insurance

As time goes on, you may decide that your life insurance policy may not be needed the same way as when you created your policy. Perhaps your mortgage is paid off now and your children are grown. You could list the WDMH Foundation as the beneficiary of this policy and know that this gift will leave a lasting impact on local health care. Depending on your policy, you can use a gift of life insurance to receive an official charitable income tax receipt in life or for your estate.

Gift of Shares, Securities or Mutual Funds

When shares, securities and mutual funds are sold/cashed out, you are taxed on their capital gain. But, by gifting/transferring those securities to the WDMH Foundation you can avoid tax on all or some of the capital gain and you will receive an official charitable income tax receipt for the settlement value of your gift.

Gifts of shares can be made during your lifetime, or your estate trustee can gift shares to the WDMH Foundation if it is stated in your Will.

“We need to have local health care and people may want to start helping out to make sure we have it for our area. We are proud our mother’s legacy included the WDMH Foundation”

~ Family of Legacy Gift Donor Mrs. H.



Society of Care

The WDMH Foundation's Society of Care was created to thank and acknowledge legacy donors.

There are thank you and recognition opportunities for legacy donors – should you wish, of course – such as:

- Listing your name on our Society of Care Wall (at Winchester District Memorial Hospital or at the new Dundas Manor).
- Including your name in the WDMH Foundation Annual Report to the Community.
- Special stories about you and your legacy gift in our newsletters, on social media, etc.

These opportunities not only thank and acknowledge you and your commitment to local health care but may inspire others too. These opportunities are never mandatory.

If you have chosen to quietly leave a legacy gift to the WDMH Foundation, thank you! We hope you realize and are proud of the incredible impact you and your legacy will make! We understand if you do not want to publicly share your gift details, but we hope you will let us know so we may thank you privately and discuss with you the special and personal impact you want for your legacy gift. Your privacy will always be respected.

As with all gifts to the WDMH Foundation, you can decide whether your legacy gift will support Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Dundas Manor – or both



In recognition of those who have shown outstanding support of WDMH in the past and in honour of those who plan to give in the future, we thank you.

If now feels like the right time to plan your legacy gift to the WDMH Foundation, we encourage you to discuss your interests with Erin. She will be honoured to help you find answers to your questions, and to help you plan your legacy gift to suit your wishes and your personal, financial, and tax circumstances. Your questions and any information exchanged will be held in the strictest confidence.



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