# Shaping the Future of Healthcare

Create your legacy with a gift in your will



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# Your Gifts Will Transform Care Well Into The Future

What does tomorrow look like?

It's a question we all ask ourselves from time to time. And living through a global pandemic has made us stop and think about everything we hold most dear – now, and well into the future.

More than ever, we've realized how much we rely on exceptional healthcare. We want to know that the most innovative treatments are there for us if we need them.

That's what we have at The Ottawa Hospital. We know we have access to world-class, patient-centred, compassionate care – close to home.

But how can we be sure that the same care will be available tomorrow?

How will our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren be taken care of?

The truth is, tomorrow is in our hands today.

New technology, new discoveries, and new research methods are made possible when caring donors like you decide to leave a gift in their will.

Your enduring gift can ensure The Ottawa Hospital will continue to have an impact on patient care in our community **for years to come.** 

When you decide to include a gift in your will today, you ensure your values will extend beyond your lifetime – and that you will also shape tomorrow's healthcare.

# A Gift From Julia

## A loving legacy that changes lives

My wife, Julia, and I used to joke about growing old, sitting in our rocking chairs yelling at people who drove too fast down the street. We chuckled at the idea of a life like that.

I never imagined a future with her not being in it.

I had just summitted Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, a lifelong dream, when I got the news: Julia had leukemia. I raced back home to be by her side as she started chemotherapy.

At 35 years of age, Julia received a stem cell transplant from her sister, hoping it would buy her enough time for better treatments to come along. From research we'd done about her type of leukemia, we knew that she had less than a 10% chance of celebrating her 40th birthday.

Julia was curious and always asked questions. One of her doctors described how she was looking to start a clinical trial at The Ottawa Hospital to offer breakthroughs in leukemia treatment using CAR T-cell therapies. The first big gamechanger to leukemia treatment in more than 20 years!

#### When Julia's leukemia came back **11** months after her transplant, she knew exactly what she wanted to do. She would leave a gift upon her death to The Ottawa Hospital.

Her last act would support vital research, today and into the future. We decided on a blended gift: a donation in Julia's name now from life insurance proceeds, with the rest of our gift to be given when I die. This would ensure there would be enough money to both give back and raise our youngest.



Holly Wagg and her daughter, Addison, holding a photo of Julia.

I feel peaceful knowing a gift is in my will. I know what it's like to be widowed, to watch our daughter lose a parent.

## "If I can prevent another family from going through that, my legacy is complete."

HOLLY WAGG LIVING LEGACY DONOR

# How Do I Make A Gift In My Will?



# What types of gifts can I make in my will?

Most people opt to make one of two types of gifts: residual or fixed sum.

A residual gift allows you to give a share or a percentage of whatever is leftover in your estate to charity. With a fixed sum gift, you choose a specific amount to donate.

## The type of gift you elect to make is a deeply personal choice.



There are just a few pieces of information you need to leave a gift in your will to The Ottawa Hospital.

This applies if you're making a will for the first time, or drafting a codicil to attach to an existing will.

#### You'll need to include the following:

**Legal Name:** The Ottawa Hospital Foundation

Charitable Registration Number: 86904 2747 RR0001

Address: 737 Parkdale Avenue, 1st Floor Ottawa, ON K1Y 1J8

We recommend you consult with a legal professional, and any other professional advisors, when including a gift in your will.

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

## Who can leave a gift in their will?

Anyone! Nearly 1.5 million Canadians have left a gift to charity in their will. A gift in your will is your final opportunity to make a lasting gift to a cause you care about.

## How can I leave a gift in my will and still provide for my loved ones?

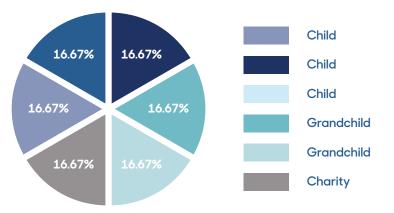
One way to think about this is to divide up your estate into percentages. For a moment, think of your will like a pie. You can choose to leave a slice to each of your children, another to your grandchildren, and another to a cause you care deeply about.

"You may have no idea how much leaving a gift in your will to charity could affect the amount of tax you pay to the government on your estate.

As a Financial Advisor, I try to show the positive tax impact and significant family benefits of a planned gift to charity.

In every case, your family AND your charity are taken care of. In the end, both become shared partners in your legacy."

> PETER B FRASER ASSOCIATE PORTFOLIO MANAGER, MANULIFE SECURITIES INCORPORATED AND LIFE INSURANCE ADVISOR, CARDINAL PLANNING

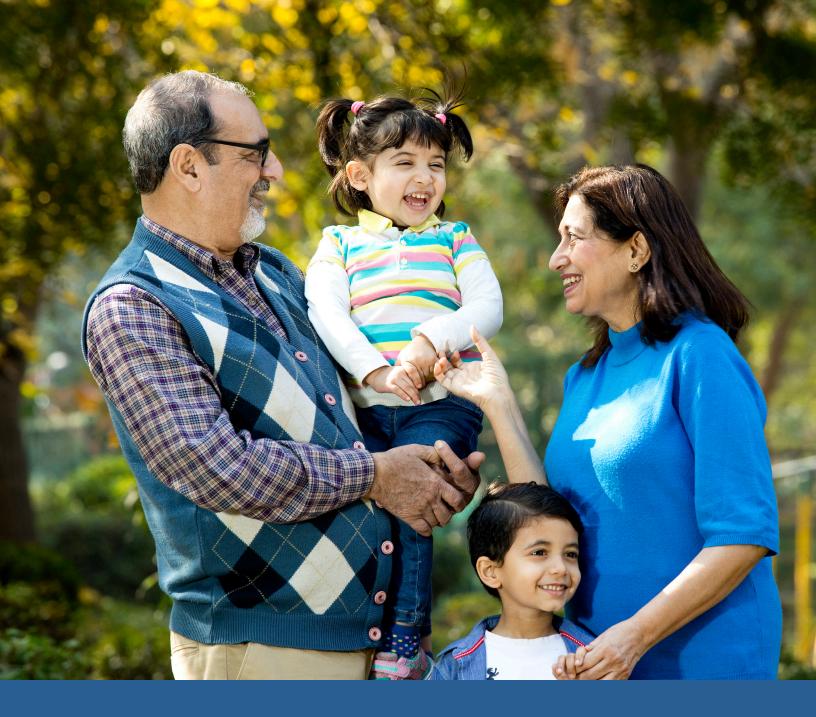


## What if I already have a will?

You can certainly include The Ottawa Hospital in your will, even if it's already been written. You can use a legal document called a codicil to update your will at any time.

# Do I have to let you know about my decision?

You're under no obligation to share that you've left a gift in your will with us. If you do choose to communicate that you've included The Ottawa Hospital in your will, it enables us to plan much more effectively for the future. More importantly, it gives us the opportunity to thank you personally for your commitment to healthcare and to ensure that your legacy is never forgotten.



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We're available to speak with you anytime about leaving a gift in your will to The Ottawa Hospital. You can call or email us: legacy@toh.ca or 613-761-4295 To find out more information about Planned Giving, please visit our website: **TOHLegacy.ca** 



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