

Gifts that last forever..

One of the easiest, most meaningful and enduring legacy gifts is to include a bequest to York Hospital in your will. By remembering York Hospital in your will, you can impact your community's healthcare in a way that endures far beyond your lifetime. This is one way that permits you to plan in the present to meet your own needs and those of your heirs, while investing in York Hospital for future generations.

A bequest may be structured in a number of ways:

- A specific dollar amount or specific holding of your estate;
- A percentage of your estate;
- A portion or all of the remainder of your estate following the satisfaction of other bequests, or
- A combination of the above.

The following language is recommended when preparing your will:

For an unrestricted bequest: *"I give to York Hospital, a Maine charitable organization, the sum of \$_____ (or in the case of property, describe) to be used for the benefit of York Hospital in such a manner as determined by York Hospital."*

If you have already prepared your will, and now would like to include York Hospital as a beneficiary, a simple statement, or *codicil*, can easily be added.

An outright charitable bequest through your will to York Hospital is not subject to federal estate or gift taxes, and is deductible in calculating your taxable estate. There is no limit on that deduction. Be sure to check any applicable state laws for restrictions that may apply.

As with all forms of planned giving, professional advice is important. We will be pleased to work with you, or with you and your advisors, in developing a plan tailored to your desires and requirements.

Your Legacy...

"To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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What will your
Legacy
be?



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Creating a healthier tomorrow *Today.*

As you plan for your future, you are making a number of important decisions. One of those carefully planned decisions may be to leave a legacy gift – a meaningful gift that will endure beyond your lifetime for the benefit of others - to a charitable organization like York Hospital.

The motivation to give a legacy gift to York Hospital comes from many places...gratitude for an exceptional experience, belief in a vision of loving-kindness, faith in a mission to ensure healthcare for all, or a desire to make a difference in the community by helping those in need.

Whatever your motivation, you can be assured that your legacy gift will impact the lives of future generations of children, families and seniors in our community who count on York Hospital to be here for them.



You don't have to be wealthy to make a valuable contribution to York Hospital.

There is a prevalent belief that legacy gifts come only from people of wealth. Nothing is further from the truth. Many of York Hospital's benefactors have been rich only in terms of their caring, commitment, and conviction.

Through carefully planned wills and other types of planned legacy gifts, they have been able to care for their loved ones and also provide crucial support for York Hospital. Often, a legacy gift, if planned in advance, can offer income and tax advantages that will allow you to make a far larger gift than you felt possible.

York Hospital *Legacy Society*

A CHANCE TO SAY THANK YOU

Since 1906, our community's generosity has played a crucial role in helping us meet our mission of providing the best medical services and the highest quality, most sensitive care to our patients and their families.

In recent years, York Hospital has received a number of very significant and meaningful bequests. These gifts came unexpectedly from the estates of grateful patients. Sadly, we never had the opportunity to thank these people personally, or to celebrate their generosity with them.

The **York Hospital Legacy Society** was created by the Board of Trustees to recognize, honor, thank and embrace all individuals and families who make a legacy gift, such as a bequest, to benefit York Hospital and help us meet the future health needs of our community.

BECOME A MEMBER

Please let us know if you have included York Hospital in your will or estate plan and haven't told us. To recognize your commitment to us, we'd like to welcome you to the **York Hospital Legacy Society**. Join other friends and benefactors who through their foresight and thoughtfulness will forever hold a special place in the York Hospital family.



Lifetime Membership

The York Hospital Legacy Society welcomes and cherishes all who include York Hospital as a charitable beneficiary in legacy gift vehicles such as:

- Through a bequest in your will;
- Through the establishment of a charitable gift annuity;
- Through a creation of a named endowed fund;
- Through other forms of deferred gifts such as charitable trusts, insurance policies, etc.

Society members are recognized and listed in our printed philanthropic publications. Memberships can remain anonymous; the preference of our members will be honored and respected. Additional benefits to our society include:

- Invitations to York Hospital celebratory events and activities;
- Timely notification for participation in estate planning seminars, health care lectures, educational events and other informational forums;
- Newsletters, articles, and other updates on Hospital activities.

Please contact Sue McDonough in the Fundraising office at York Hospital at (207) 351-3522 for further information on how to join the York Hospital Legacy Society.