

What does it mean to leave a legacy?

It means putting your footprint on the future, knowing your life mattered and your contribution to future generations will be greatly multiplied. Sharing the fruits of your labors with your community can change lives and save lives.



Legacy Circle Members

- Beulah Baker • Neva Besse
- Scott & Judy Borchardt
- John & Diane Bracken
- Richard & Frances Breitweiser
- James Delange • Ruth Dusing
- Barbara Eaglin • John Gaulrapp
- Maxine Hall • James and Carmen Haskell
- Joe and Ann Henderson • Glen Hoover
- Judy Irvin • Helen Lahman Towne
- Althea Larson • Rose Le/stein-Orenstein
- Charles Phillip Leinbach
- Dr. Joseph & Brenda Neiweem
- Mary Maxine Redmond • Verna Reiff
- Emil Ryberg • Robert W. Stevens
- Laura Teach • Mary Elizabeth Tuttle
- Donald "Bud" & Rosemary Ward
- Verna Ward • Alice Young

Have you made a will yet?

Take that first step and talk to your attorney or financial advisor today about creating your estate plan and turning your life's work into your legacy.

Contact the CGH Health Foundation at **(815) 625-0400, ext. 5672** with any questions about naming CGH in your will or other planned gift. We will work with your advisor to honor your wishes.

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Give

TAKE THE FIRST STEP IN LEAVING A LEGACY

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Your legacy of a life well lived could leave a lasting footprint that will be remembered by those whose lives you touched.

Through a planned gift to CGH Medical Center/CGH Health Foundation, you can make an enduring impact on your community, create healthy opportunities for future generations, and leave a legacy that fosters what you value.

Your commitment to your community will allow the hospital to offer the exceptional care that every patient and family deserves. Philanthropy fulfills a desire to do good works, and the decision should be simple and joyful.



Dick and Frances Breitweiser

Dick and Frances Breitweiser were well-known community volunteers in Sterling. Dick, a longtime Sterling postmaster, was a Foundation volunteer for many years, serving as Board chair in 1992. Before Dick's death in 2012, the couple made their intentions known that CGH was included in their will. Frances spent many years teaching Sunday School at her church and was a tireless helper of her friends and neighbors.

Bud and Rosemary Ward, grain and livestock farmers from Walnut, were devoted to their community, church and area agricultural organizations. They were well-known for their caring hearts. The couple made their bequest in gratitude for care Rosemary had received at CGH Medical Center some 20 years ago.



Rosemary and Bud Ward

Mission

"Pursuing healthier lives for the people of the Sauk Valley"

The healing power of kindness is present in every gift. It is our privilege to pass this kindness on. You choose what to give, how to give, and the way your gift will be used. Your planning will provide a secure future for you and your loved ones, and at the same time create a family legacy that will last for generations.

A bequest is a tangible way you can significantly impact the CGH Health Foundation's mission. Successful gift planning allows you to make charitable contributions in ways that fully reflect personal, family and philanthropic goals, while also potentially minimizing your estate costs.

Area Couples Leave Their Mark

By including us in your long-term giving, you will become part of the CGH Health Foundation Legacy Circle recognition group of donors. The society honors individuals who have committed to a legacy gift at any level.

Two area couples are among the newest Legacy Circle members, including the late Richard "Dick" and Frances Breitweiser and the late Donal "Bud" and Rosemary Ward. They are examples of how to be both caring and compassionate in life and beyond.

Ways to Give

We would be so honored if you were to include CGH Health Foundation or CGH Medical Center in your legacy to your community, whether now or in the future.

There are so many ways to make a difference. Take the first step by talking with your attorney or financial advisor. Find out what options can meet your needs.

- A current charitable income tax deduction
- Guaranteed lifetime income for you and/or a loved one
- Savings on capital gains, income, gift and estate taxes

You may wish to contribute now or create a planned (deferred) gift that could be more substantial than what you might be able to donate as an outright gift. Through a provision in your will or living trust, you can transfer cash, securities or other property.

Another way to make a bequest is to designate the CGH Health Foundation or CGH Medical Center as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy. Your gift could be specific assets, a dollar amount or a percentage of your estate. A bequest could also be made from the residual of your estate or what is left after all gifts have been made to your heirs.

You might wish to share your intentions with CGH staff. If you do, we will keep your intentions confidential unless you'd rather we'd share the good news. Many times, the example of another bequest may be the catalyst for someone else to consider leaving their own legacy.

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