



Your Legacy Lives Here

Plan for today. Support your community tomorrow.



Shaping the Future of Local Health Care

At Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, we believe that planning ahead is one of the most meaningful ways to care for your loved ones *and* for your community.



Where Your Gift Goes

Thanks to the strength of our endowment fund, all of our administrative costs are fully covered. This means 100% of your donation goes directly to patient care, life-saving equipment, and vital improvements that benefit Lions Gate Hospital and other publicly-funded health care facilities on the North Shore.

This guide introduces simple, yet powerful ways to support local health care, whether through donating securities, giving from your retirement funds, or leaving a gift in your will. However you choose to give, your generosity ensures exceptional care remains available to everyone in our community for generations to come.

Your Impact on Local Care

Since 1981, caring donors like you have helped shape the future of health care at Lions Gate Hospital and across the North Shore. While government funding supports essential services, your generosity helps us go further. It allows us to invest in advanced medical equipment, upgrade hospital facilities, and deliver care that improves lives every day.

Specialized Care at LGH

Lions Gate Hospital is a regional hospital that provides a comprehensive range of life-enhancing and life-saving services including:

- **Division of Neurosurgery**
One of only five specialist neurosurgical centres in BC providing advanced treatment for brain and spine conditions.
- **Community Oncology Clinic**
The latest treatments, research and wrap-around support for thousands of patients each year.
- **Level 2 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit**
Providing care for our newest patients.
- **Regional Advanced Stroke Centre**
In-house technology and expertise to provide emergency stroke care.
- **Level 3 Trauma Centre**
Equipped and ready to treat patients with life-threatening injuries.
- **Intensive Care Unit & High Acuity Unit**
Individualized clinical care for seriously ill patients.

Other services available include labour and delivery, surgical services, neurosciences, outpatient care and neuro and physical rehabilitation.

Supporting Local Services

Thanks to donor generosity, publicly-funded facilities across the North Shore are a part of our mission.

- **Long-Term Care and Assisted Living**

Cedar Garden, Cedarview Lodge, Evergreen House, Berkley Care Centre.

- **The HOPE Centre**

Offering in-patient and community-based treatment services that improve access to mental health and substance use care for young people and adults.

- **North Shore Hospice & Every Day Counts**

Providing compassionate care in the community, from early palliative support to end-of-life hospice care, for people living with serious illness.

- **West Vancouver Adult Day Program**

Practical, supervised support for adults and seniors through social and therapeutic activities.

Together, we're supporting progress and innovation when and where it's needed most.



A Gift in Your Will: Planning for Tomorrow

“Including Lions Gate Hospital Foundation in my Will felt like the most meaningful way to give back to a hospital that’s always been there for my family.”

— Legacy Donor

Help Enhance our Community

Including a gift in your Will is a powerful way to shape the future of health care on the North Shore. Your generosity helps ensure that exceptional care, innovative programs, and vital equipment continue to be available today and for future generations.

Tax Advantages for Your Estate

A charitable gift in your Will can provide significant tax relief. Your estate will receive a donation receipt that can be applied to up to 100% of your net income in the year of your passing. Any unused credits may be carried back to the previous year, maximizing the impact of your gift and reducing taxes owed.

Start Planning

- 1. Start the conversation.** Talk with your legal or financial advisor about your wish to include a gift to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation in your Will.
- 2. Decide what feels right.** Choose the type of gift that works best for you, whether it’s a set amount, a percentage of your estate, or a specific asset. Consider if you’d like your gift to support a specific area of care.
- 3. Get the right wording.** Use our sample wording or contact us for support to ensure your intentions are clearly outlined.
- 4. Update your documents.** Work with your advisor to update your legal documents to reflect your wishes.
- 5. Let us know.** We would be honoured to know about your gift and will never ask for financial details. Sharing your intentions gives us the opportunity to welcome you to the Legacy Society, thank you, understand your wishes, and recognize your future generosity in a meaningful way.

How Your Gift Will Be Used

Unless you have specific intentions, your gift will be invested where it’s needed most to support the most pressing health care priorities in our community. This ensures that your legacy will have a significant and lasting impact on the most vital care needs, now and for years to come.



A Community That Cares

Join the Legacy Society

When you include Lions Gate Hospital Foundation in your Will, you become part of the Legacy Society, an extraordinary group of donors who are shaping the future of health care beyond their lifetime.

Membership Benefits:

As a society member, you will be:

- Welcomed into a special community that shares your commitment to exceptional health care.
- Invited to exclusive gatherings where you can connect with fellow donors, staff ambassadors and the Foundation team.
- Recognized (if you wish) on our Legacy Donor Wall, a lasting tribute to your generosity.
- Inspired by knowing your gift will make a meaningful difference for patients and families in future years.

Whether you choose to be publicly recognized or prefer to remain anonymous, we are truly honoured by your support.

Thank you for envisioning a healthier future and for helping make it possible.



YOUR LEGACY
2025 / MAKE A DIFFERENCE BEYOND YOUR LIFETIME

The hospital for here.

July Savage, President and CEO of LGHF, accepts a house key from long-time donor Peter Ziske.

Charity Begins at Home

Some Foundation supporters make regular donations for decades, others make gifts of stock or leave a gift in their will. Long-time donor Peter Ziske has taken a different path to making sure his assets will be used to support the mission of the Foundation.

He decided to transfer his most valuable asset – his home – to the Foundation in the house.

His extraordinary donation follows a lifelong career in the construction industry as a bricklayer in his apprenticeship. Over the years he built up his masonry contracting business and became a sought-after expert in the field.

While several past donors have left their homes to LGH Foundation, Peter's unique arrangement enables him to live in his home while the title is transferred to the Foundation. Once Peter no longer needs it, the property will be sold to the Foundation.

"This is an extremely generous and thoughtful gift and we're honored that Peter has such trust in us," says July Savage, President & CEO of LGH Foundation. "Like many long-time residents of the North Shore, Peter's home became a very valuable asset and we're grateful that he's chosen to share his good fortune to benefit our whole community."

Independent advice essential

By working closely with his lawyer, an agreement was created that gives Peter peace of mind and the freedom to stay in his home while ensuring that the Foundation is the eventual sole beneficiary of the proceeds from the sale of the house.

In addition to receiving a charitable donation receipt, Peter has been able to clearly outline...

with the Foundation. He has chosen to direct a portion of the sale proceeds to support the Foundation's priority needs, while another portion will be used to establish an endowment fund dedicated to supporting North Shore Hospital staff and patients.

Alongside his wife Renate, Peter supported numerous health-related and environmental causes. As he began to consider his legacy, he wanted to do the most impactful thing he could for a number of years, and we've seen the difference donor support has made to the hospital," he says.

"I wanted my wishes – and those of Renate – to be fully understood and settled while I'm still here and able to make these important decisions."

Ways to Give

There are several meaningful ways you can support the work of the Foundation including:

- Monthly donations
- Leaving a gift in your will
- Endowment funds
- Gifts of stock
- Naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, RRSP, RRIF or TFSA

For more information, please reach out to Carolyn Anderson, Director of Planned Giving at: carolyn.anderson@gvch.ca or 604.994.5897



How to Include a Gift in Your Will

After ensuring your loved ones are cared for, leaving a gift in your Will to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation is a thoughtful way to make a lasting impact on health care in our community.

When planning a legacy gift, it's helpful to understand the types of charitable bequests you can consider. Below is a simple overview of the most common options, along with sample wording to support your planning.

Choice for Charitable Gifts:

SPECIFIC GIFT

Designates an exact amount or asset (such as cash, property, or stock) to be donated to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation. This type of gift is fulfilled before residuary gifts.

RESIDUAL GIFT

Enables you to leave a portion of your estate after all debts, taxes, and other specific gifts have been settled, providing flexibility as your estate's value changes.

How to Direct Your Gift:

UNRESTRICTED

Gives the Foundation the flexibility to direct your gift to where it is needed most, supporting the most urgent health care priorities at the time.

RESTRICTED

Allows you to direct your gift to an area that is meaningful to you, such as a department, program, equipment, or a facility. We encourage you to speak with us before finalizing your plans to ensure your gift can be used as you envision.

Sample Bequest Language

- *I give to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, Charitable BN# 119020907RR0001, (\$_____ or _____ % of the residue of my estate) to support the greatest needs of the hospital as determined by the Board of Directors of Lions Gate Hospital Foundation.*
- *I give to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, Charitable BN# 119020907RR0001, (\$_____ or _____ % of the residue of my estate) to be used to support (insert purpose – for example, the purchase of medical equipment).*

Foundation Information

Registered Charitable Name:

Lions Gate Hospital Foundation

Address:

231 East 15th Street,
North Vancouver, BC V7L 2L7

Charitable Registration Number:

11902 0907 RR0001

Need Help?

We're happy to help ensure your intentions are clearly stated. If you'd like assistance with the wording for your gift or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Contact:

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Gifts of Stock

Maximize Your Impact, Minimize Taxes

Donating appreciated securities, such as stocks, bonds or mutual funds, is one of the most tax-efficient ways to give in Canada. When you donate securities directly to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, you eliminate the capital gains tax and receive a charitable tax credit for the full market value of your donation. This allows you to make a larger impact while providing valuable tax savings.

How to Make Your Gift

1. Call us, visit lghfoundation.com, or scan the QR code below to download our Letter of Direction.
2. Instruct your broker to transfer appreciated securities directly to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation.
3. We will sell the securities and issue a tax receipt based on the shares' closing price on the date they are received.
4. Your gift is exempt from capital gains tax, and you can use the donation tax credit to offset other taxes payable.



YOUR BENEFITS

- ✓ No capital gains tax on the donated securities
- ✓ Tax receipt based on the share's closing bid price on the date we receive them
- ✓ Your impact will be greater

ELIGIBLE SECURITIES

- > Publicly traded shares
- > Bonds
- > Mutual fund units

Gifts of Stock

Did you know that donating appreciated securities can benefit both you *and* Lions Gate Hospital?

Example: 15 years ago you invested \$10,000 in a stock that is now worth \$50,000



Sell your Shares and Donate the Proceeds

CURRENT VALUE OF SHARES	\$50,000
ORIGINAL COST OF SHARES	\$10,000
CAPITAL GAIN	\$40,000
TAXABLE PORTION OF CAPITAL GAIN	\$20,000
TAXES OWED	\$10,700

GIFT TO LGH	\$39,300
DONATION TAX CREDIT	\$20,959

Donate your Shares Directly to LGHF

CURRENT VALUE OF SHARES	\$50,000
ORIGINAL COST OF SHARES	\$10,000
CAPITAL GAIN	\$40,000
TAXABLE PORTION OF CAPITAL GAIN	\$0
TAXES OWED	\$0

GIFT TO LGH	\$50,000
DONATION TAX CREDIT	\$26,683

LGHF GETS MORE, YOU GET MORE!

For illustration only; not intended as legal or financial advice. Please consult a qualified professional. Based on a 53% tax rate.

Gifts from Your Registered Funds



Gifting your RRSP or RRIF

Retirement savings like RRSPs and RRIFs are often among the most heavily taxed assets in your estate. By naming Lions Gate Hospital Foundation as a direct beneficiary, you can reduce or eliminate taxes on these funds and create a vital legacy that strengthens health care in your community.

An Easy and Meaningful Way to Give

Designating LGHF as a beneficiary is straightforward. Simply ask your financial institution for a Beneficiary Designation Form and name Lions Gate Hospital Foundation as a full or partial beneficiary of your RRSP or RRIF.

Benefits of Donating Registered Fund Assets:

- You retain full control and access during your lifetime.
- Your designation is flexible and can be updated at any time.
- Your estate will receive a charitable tax receipt, helping to offset taxes owed.
- Gifts made this way avoid probate and estate administration fees.
- More of your legacy supports local health care rather than being returned to the government.

Did you Know?

- If your spouse is the named beneficiary, your funds can transfer to them tax-free
- If no beneficiary is named, the funds will be added to your estate, may be subject to probate, and will be fully taxable

3 SIMPLE STEPS TO LEAVE A GIFT FROM YOUR REGISTERED FUNDS



Step 1

Request the
Beneficiary
Designation form



Step 2

Name Lions Gate
Hospital Foundation
as beneficiary



Step 3

Submit the form
to your RRSP/RRIF
provider

Gifts of Residual Interest

Donate Your Home, Retain the Right to Live in It

Your home is a place of comfort, security, and personal history, and it can also become a lasting legacy. By irrevocably donating your property to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation while retaining the right to live in it for the rest of your life, you can make a significant impact on health care in our community without sacrificing the comfort and security of your home.

Ownership transfers at the time of your gift, but you keep the right to live in or use the property for life, or for a set period, before the Foundation assumes full use to support vital health care initiatives.

Benefits:

- **Tax Benefits:** Receive a charitable tax receipt for the current value of the residual interest, which can be used to reduce your taxes during your lifetime.
- **Continued Use:** Retain the right to live in or use the property during your lifetime.
- **Reduce Costs:** Remove the property from your estate, lowering probate fees and other costs.

How It Works:

1. **Valuation:** The property is appraised, and the value of the residual interest is determined.
2. **Legal Documentation:** Legal documents are prepared to formalize the arrangement and to transfer the property's title while retaining your life interest.
3. **Future Impact:** Upon your passing, the sale of the property will support the Foundation's health care initiatives.

If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to discuss this option further.



A Lasting Tribute



Your thoughtful support not only enhances patient care today but also creates a legacy that will touch countless lives in the years ahead. We are honoured to celebrate your impact and ensure your contribution is recognized by the hospital.

Donor Recognition Walls

Throughout the hospital, thoughtfully designed donor walls celebrate those whose contributions help make exceptional care possible. We recognize donors based on cumulative giving, as a lasting tribute to your support:

Visionaries

\$1 million and above

Benefactors

\$500,000 - \$999,999

Leaders

\$100,000 - \$499,999

Patrons

\$25,000 - \$99,999

Supporters

\$5,000 - \$24,999

Friends

\$1,000 - \$4,999



Naming Opportunities

Gifts of \$100,000 or more may be recognized through the naming of select spaces within the hospital. These meaningful acknowledgments serve as an enduring symbol of community impact.

We would be honoured to work with you to identify a recognition opportunity that reflects your values and vision.



Enduring Impact

Endowments — A Permanent Legacy

With a minimum gift of \$100,000, you can establish a named Endowment Fund that will support health care priorities close to your heart — today and for generations to come.

Your contribution is carefully invested in honour of your wishes, with the income directed toward your chosen area of support. It's a meaningful way to preserve your values and honour your family's name while strengthening the future of care in our community.

Chair's Circle

The Chair's Circle recognizes donors whose lifetime giving has reached \$100,000 or more. These community leaders play an essential role in shaping the future of health care on the North Shore.

Chair's Circle members are invited to an annual gathering and are recognized in our Outlook newsletter, which highlights their ongoing leadership and commitment to exceptional care close to home.



Dr. Puneet Bains,
Medical Oncologist
at LGH

We're here to support you and share information about the impact your gift will have and how we can recognize your generosity. We also respect those who prefer to give anonymously. However you choose to give, your support makes a lasting difference. Thank you!



Newly gowned Chair's
Circle Members

Planning Together for a Healthier Tomorrow



Thank you for considering a gift that will make a lasting impact. Whether you're just exploring options or ready to take the next step, we can answer your questions and ensure your wishes are clear. We are here to support you every step of the way. Your gift isn't just a contribution; it's a lasting reflection of your values and vision for the future.

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