

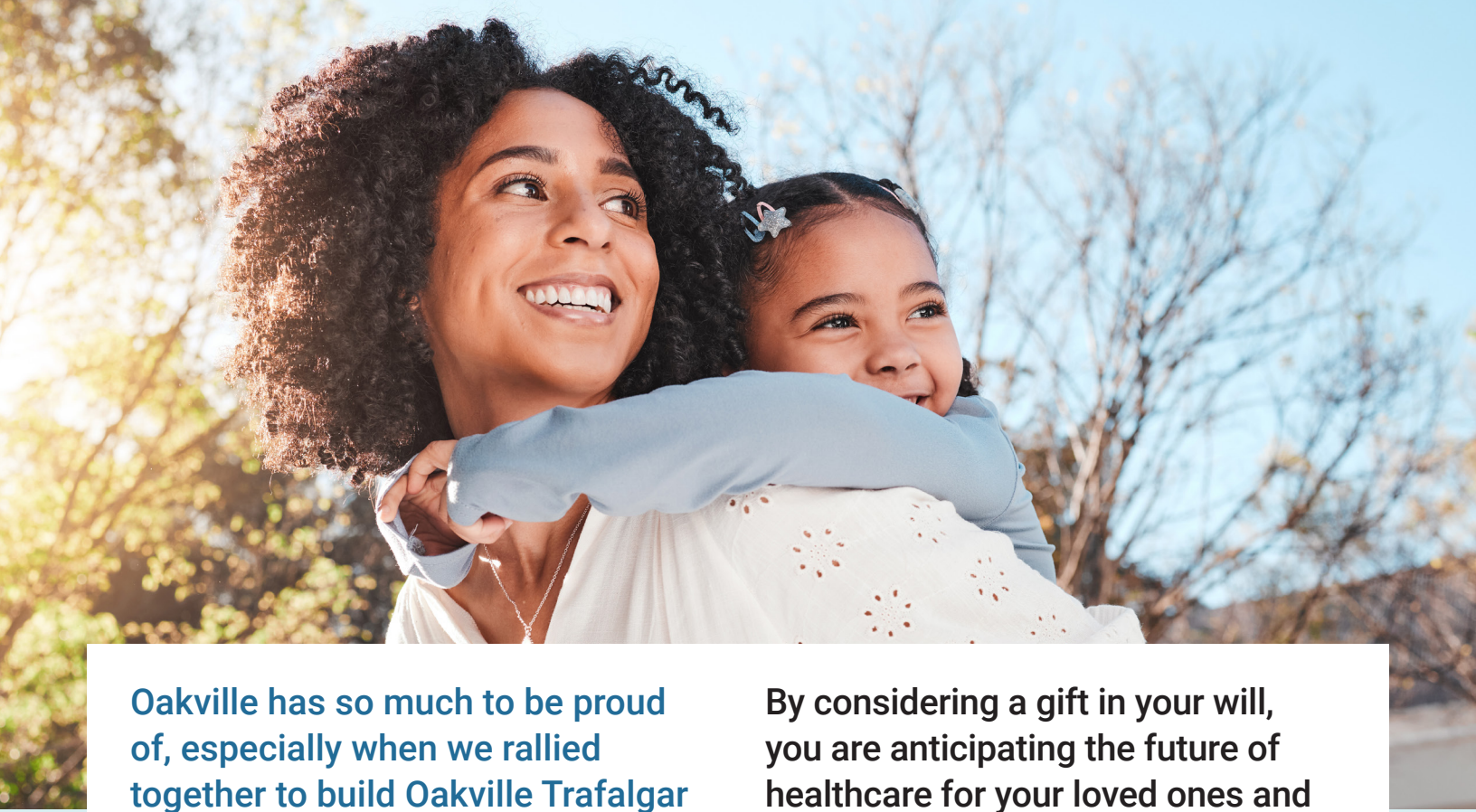


Oakville  
Hospital  
Foundation



*Your Legacy, Your Story*





Oakville has so much to be proud of, especially when we rallied together to build Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) which opened its doors nearly a decade ago. Our shared belief in the future of healthcare for our community made this achievement possible.

After all, healthcare forms the foundation of a strong community, one where we look after each other in good times and bad. In Oakville, we do just that and it's one of the many things that makes our community so special.

At the Oakville Hospital, we're committed to building on this foundation. We focus on addressing the emerging needs of our growing town to ensure everyone has access to healthcare close to home.

By considering a gift in your will, you are anticipating the future of healthcare for your loved ones and neighbours. Your legacy gift will resonate with future generations, becoming an integral part of Oakville's history.

Thank you for considering this meaningful contribution.



*Mary*

**Mary McPherson**

CEO, OAKVILLE HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



**Your legacy gift will guide  
healthcare years from now**

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### **20 YEARS AGO...**

A patients' hospital stay  
for hip and knee surgery  
averaged a week.

**Today, many operations  
are day surgeries.**

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### **5 YEARS AGO...**

A patient in emergency  
could wait to get  
an ultrasound.

**Today there are  
bedside ultrasounds.**

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### **1 YEAR AGO...**

Tests were delivered  
between hospital  
sites by car.

**Today time-sensitive  
tests are delivered by a  
drone to bypass traffic.**

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**Our vision together  
for the future...**

## **WHAT IS A LEGACY GIFT?**

A gift in your will is the most thoughtful gift you will ever give. Your will is a reflection of the values you hold dear and a statement to the world about who you are and how you wish to be remembered.

Years ago, thoughtful individuals chose to include a gift in their will to support the future of healthcare — the very healthcare you receive today. By doing the same, your gift can ensure future generations will benefit from the same exceptional care and medical advancements. How do you want to be remembered?

## **WHY LEAVE A LEGACY?**

Your will is more than just a legal document — it captures the story of your life. It's a testament to the people and causes that have deeply touched you. There are likely a couple of causes that you feel passionate about and that you trust to do good work, now and in the future. One of those may even include your local hospital.

By including a gift in your will, your story continues through the lives you'll impact for years to come. Your legacy can shape the healthcare of tomorrow in your community.



## Rob & Ruth's Story

### "GRATITUDE IN GIVING"

On our 50th anniversary, we found ourselves reminiscing about our lives. We've lived in Oakville for 30 years, raised our family here, and cherish being part of this community.

As our children grew, we came to realize just how integral the hospital had become to our lives.

Recognizing this, we began making gifts to the hospital foundation and involved our children in these conversations, sharing with them why the hospital was so important to us. We wanted to instill in them the values of gratitude and giving back – life lessons we hope our grandchildren will also remember us by.

Our children were supportive when we told them we were including the hospital in our wills; it was a natural extension of our commitment. Updating our wills was surprisingly simple and we were reassured to know we can make changes if needed. It's comforting to know that our legacy can help provide the same great care for our community, in the next 50 years. It's the right thing to do.

**Rob & Ruth Stapleford**

*Rob + Ruth*



## *Carol's Story*

**"MAKE OUR TIME ON  
EARTH WORTHWHILE"**

Art history classes taught me that artists flourish with the support of patrons, allowing them to create without financial concerns. The same concept applies when it comes to my philanthropy. Donations help the hospital be the best it can be – so it can focus on caring for those in need, including everyone in my family. I feel it's a valuable investment.

My earliest donation to OTMH was providing baby outfits for the neonatal program after the birth of my daughter. We received superb care! Throughout the years, we have continued to rely on and are grateful for the hospital.

I firmly believe that one doesn't need to be wealthy to support our hospital now or in the future. OTMH is a vital service in our city, one that we can all support according to our abilities.

My children recognize that my contributions today and in my will, reflect my gratitude to everyone who has influenced and enriched my life. My legacy gift will support the hospital so that it can continue to provide great care to future generations, the kind of care I feel so fortunate to receive today. As my dad said, "Make a donation that will make our time on earth worthwhile."

**Carol Fahey**

*Carol*





## COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **“I have family to care for.”**

We completely understand that your family and close friends are your first priority. It's only natural.

However, many people who support the hospital do so because of the profound impact it has had on their lives. Whether it's saving a life or providing compassionate care in times of need, these memories often inspire them to give back.

You might wonder how to include everyone. The good news is that there are charitable gift options that can actually reduce the taxes your estate will pay, potentially allowing you to give more to both your family and the causes you care about. By reviewing these options, you might find that you can leave a meaningful gift to the hospital while ensuring your family is well taken care of.

If you'd like more information, we're here to help you explore these possibilities.

### **“We're not rich.”**

You may be surprised to know we receive gifts of every size, and all are appreciated and needed. Each gift supports the purchase of the latest equipment – all to bring the best care close to home. Your generosity, no matter the amount, has a profound impact on our community.

### **“I don't know any lawyers”**

If you need help finding a lawyer, we suggest asking family and friends for recommendations or checking the Law Society of Ontario for a list of qualified lawyers.

### **“I may change my mind”**

We understand that your circumstances may change, and it happens from time to time. Through consultation with your lawyer, you can adjust your will at any time.

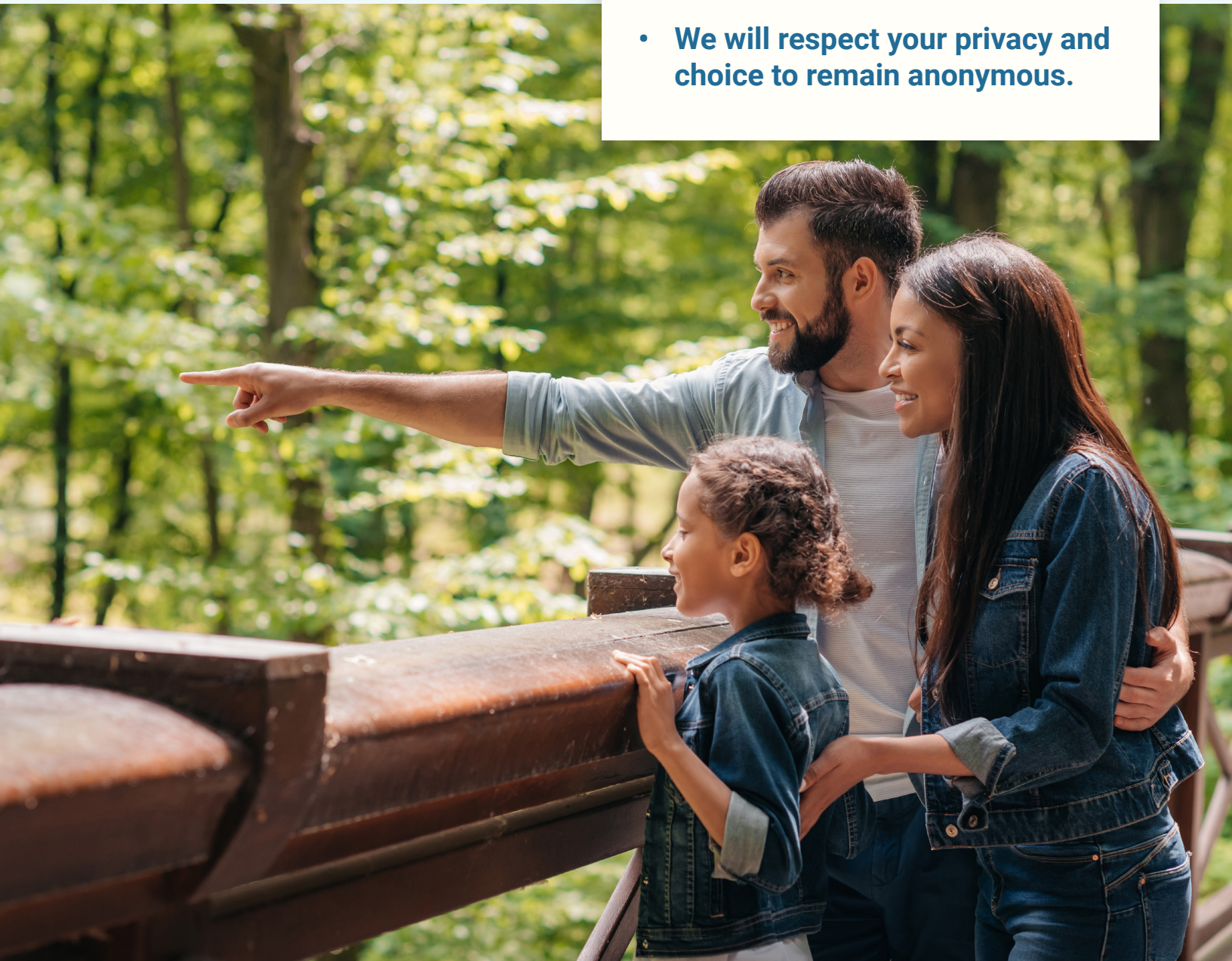


# Our Commitment to You

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Estate planning is a deeply personal decision. We're here to have meaningful discussions tailored to your unique goals, so your legacy reflects what matters most to you and celebrates a life well lived.

- **We will ensure your wishes are honoured with care and respect.**
- **We will work closely with you in choosing a meaningful gift.**
- **We will steward your gift to ensure the greatest impact at the time it is received.**
- **We will respect your privacy and choice to remain anonymous.**





## YOU'VE DECIDED THAT A GIFT IN YOUR WILL FEELS LIKE A GOOD FIT.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Ask for our Gift in Wills information sheet, to discover options to maximize your giving for everyone, while saving on taxes.

As always, we encourage you to discuss your plans with your family and advisors to find the best balance for your loved ones and the causes you care about.

We would love to welcome you as a member of Friends of Tomorrow where we can assure your generosity is thoughtfully recognized and aligned with your wishes.

Most of all we look forward to getting to know you and hearing your unique story.

Your legacy matters to us.



*Deborah*

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