

Former QEII patient and his wife invest in a brighter future in health care



Sometimes one person impacts the life of another without ever knowing them.

This happens every day at the QEII Health Sciences Centre. A mother living with epilepsy goes home to her child, cured of her seizures. Another wakes up after receiving a heart transplant. Lives are saved because of advances in research, education, technology and equipment supported by generous community donors, like Barry and Vivien Marvel.

Barry and Vivien immigrated to Canada in the 1970s from the United Kingdom. After spending two years in Montreal, they called Halifax home, settling into their careers. Both retired now, they get their enjoyment through travel, which they're able to do in good health.

The couple became QEII Foundation donors after Barry received ACL knee surgery at the QEII several years ago.

"Every level of care I received was incredible – from the consultation, to the operation and the aftercare. QEII staff are very thorough," he says.

Barry was also treated for prostate cancer at the QEII. He had a prostatectomy and radiation therapy to follow.

Through Barry's positive experience as a patient at the QEII, he and Vivien discovered a shared interest in health care and they decided to leave gifts in their wills to the QEII Foundation, as an investment in the health of their community.

"Without good health life would not be how you would want to live. Good health lets me control my life," he says.

When a person leaves a gift in their will, they've made a decision that will change lives. Every day, the generosity of community donors is felt by those who receive care at the QEII and their loved ones.

There are many ways to give. A gift in the will (also known as a charitable bequest), is just one.

Gifts to the QEII Foundation can be directed to any specific area in the QEII Health Sciences Centre. No matter what area of health care stirs your heart or resonates with your personal story, you can impact the future of health in your region. For more information on leaving a gift in your will, please contact us at 1 888 428 0220.

Many supporters of the QEII Foundation have made a gift in their will or estate plan.

Would you consider such a gift?

If so, the following legal language should be discussed with your lawyer:

1. A **specific bequest** directs a specific property or dollar amount to the charity: *"I hereby give to (the QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation), 500 shares of ABC stock..."*.
2. A **residual bequest** designates all or a portion of whatever remains after all taxes, debts and expenses have been paid: *"I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation, a percentage of the remainder of my estate (for its general purpose)"*.

For more language options, information on preparing your will, or to receive a copy of the **Estate Planner**, please contact Katharine Berrington, Charles O'Neil or Lori Scott (1 888 428 0220) or visit QE2Foundation.ca/will.

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- including the QEII Foundation in my will
- gifts of securities
- planning my estate
- using my RRIF to arrange a donation
- I have already remembered the QEII Foundation in my will