Supporting Caregiver Excellence

Our hospitals are more than four walls. They are made up of our caregivers. And each caregiver plays a significant role—from patient access representatives and food services assistants to nurses, physicians and other clinical staff. They regularly seek out opportunities to further their education and training, and it shows in their work. Patients and their families reap the benefits.

Caregiver education and training, a priority for PeaceHealth, is generously supported by people and organizations in our communities. Because of financial donations from donors like you, last year our PeaceHealth Oregon Foundations provided more than $326,000 in financial assistance to caregivers pursuing an advanced degree and/or obtaining further or required education and/or training.

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Another impactful way to create a strong, healthy community is by making a monthly or annual gift of cash to one of our medical centers. Visit peacehealth.org/foundation, choose your community and make your gift today.

William “Chip” Scott, a registered nurse in the Emergency Department at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, was one of the Catholic Health Association’s 10 outstanding young health care leaders recognized for caregiver excellence for 2016.
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Make a Gift to Strengthen Health Care

We can’t do it without you! The results? A stronger health care community for you and everyone who calls Oregon home.

There are several ways for you to help. One option is creating your own legacy that ensures the success of organizations like ours for future generations. A few simple, flexible options to consider include:

- **Bequests**—A gift in your will or trust allows you to defer a gift until after your passing.
- **Gifts of stock or real estate**—A gift now allows you to receive immediate income tax benefits and transfer the expense of maintaining assets you no longer need.
- **A tax-free gift from your IRA**—Are you 70½ years old or older? You can now give up to $100,000 annually from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as ours without having to pay income taxes on the money.
- **A gift of your life insurance policy**—A flexible way to ensure support for your loved ones now while making a meaningful gift to PeaceHealth after your lifetime.

Thank you for your help!

Consider giving to one of PeaceHealth Oregon Foundations’ education and training funds below:

**Cottage Grove**

- **Caregiver Education Fund** helps provide financial assistance to Cottage Grove caregivers who are pursuing an advanced degree and/or obtaining required educational certifications.

- **Shepherd Nurse Continuing Education Fund** supports the continuing education needs of nurses at the Cottage Grove Community Medical Center and its related clinics.

**Peace Harbor**

- **Caregiver Training Fund** helps provide financial assistance to Peace Harbor caregivers who need further training/education to continue employment at the hospital.

**Sacred Heart**

- **Sister Monica Heeran Nursing Education Fund** helps provide scholarships to Sacred Heart Medical Center nurses pursuing an advanced degree.

"I will graduate with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing this summer, thanks to the Caregiver Education Fund. It has been challenging because I am a mother of three and working full time. But being eligible for the scholarship through PeaceHealth gave me the nudge I needed. Thank you to the donors of the Caregiver Education Fund!"

—Heather Lyda, RN, Nursing Clinical Supervisor, PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center
A Cautionary Tale: Life Without a Will
Don’t Pass Away Without Making Your Wishes Known

Robert was a widowed father of three. His wife passed away when their children were still young, leaving everything—by default—to Robert. But years later, when Robert passed away, the couple’s three grown children discovered that their father had never created a will. This left many unanswered questions about where—and to whom—his assets and possessions should go.

Why a Will?
Passing away without a will can create havoc and dissension among even the tightest-knit families. When you don’t specify your wishes for your loved ones, they’re left to speculate about what you might have wanted to happen in the event of your passing. A will is also important to the organizations and causes you care about so that they receive the support you intended for them.

Creating a will doesn’t have to be complicated. Putting your wishes in writing ensures that the people and causes you care about are taken care of after you’re gone. A will can:

- Direct the division of your property the way you choose, not the way the state decides.
- Outline special financial arrangements for family members who are minors, have special needs or are unfamiliar with money management.
- Support charitable organizations that are important to you, like PeaceHealth.
- Identify an executor (chosen by you) who is qualified to settle your estate promptly and economically with careful attention to your wishes.
- Provide guardianship for any minor children.

Get Started Today
Ready to lay the groundwork for your future and ours? Start your journey toward making your wishes known:

- List all of your major assets.
- Decide which individuals or organizations you want to receive specific possessions or a share of your assets.
- Contact an attorney who specializes in estate planning.
- Determine who will be your executor.
- Have your attorney draft your will.
- Sign and date it before witnesses. (In some states, it must be notarized to be valid.)
- Keep the document in a safe place and make sure others know where it is and have access to it.

Need Help?
If you need help getting started or have questions about how you can include PeaceHealth in your will, please contact us. We’d be happy to help!

What Stage Is Your Plan?
Whether you are considering a will or need to update an existing one, our resource will guide you through every stage of planning. Simply return the enclosed survey to request your FREE copy of Your Will Planning Timeline.
Giving When It’s Hard
The Art of Charity in Uncertain Times

If you’re feeling uneasy about the state of the country today, you’re not alone. With new leadership, change is inevitable, and what was policy four years ago could change tomorrow.

In these changing times, you might be wondering how—or if—you can continue to support charitable organizations like PeaceHealth without tapping into the funds you need to live day-to-day.

Through a special future gift that you carefully plan, you can choose a method of giving that protects your family’s needs and offers greater tax savings. Because planned gifts are not typically made from your current income, they are especially appealing during times of change.

Here are a few ways you can give to PeaceHealth in the future:

• **Include us in your will or trust.** This is an easy and flexible way to extend your support. You can give a specific amount or leave a percentage of your estate. As little as one sentence in your will is all it takes to complete your gift.

• **Donate retirement plan assets.** By making a simple designation to PeaceHealth on your plan’s beneficiary designation form, you can save your heirs from a significant tax burden while supporting the healing mission of Jesus Christ.

• **Donate a life insurance policy.** You can donate a no-longer-needed policy or simply name PeaceHealth as the beneficiary.

If you’d like to learn more about the various ways you can make a planned gift to PeaceHealth, please visit peacehealth.planmygift.org today.

The PeaceHealth Mission
We carry on the healing mission of Jesus Christ by promoting personal and community health, relieving pain and suffering, and treating each person in a loving and caring way.

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