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**CENTURIES  
OF CARE**  
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 Saskatoon City Hospital  
**FOUNDATION**

## The Centuries Of Care Legacy Society

**A gift in your Will to Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation is a promise to provide health, hope and love to your neighbours, forever.**

Welcome! Imagine you are here with us at City Hospital. The kind and compassionate support of caring neighbours like you is felt here every single day. Every day, with your support, we provide holistic healthcare delivery from prevention through to post-treatment care.

Today, I'm inviting you to imagine the future of our Hospital. With your future support, we will invest in the most innovative technologies and expand our courageous approach to exploring better and simpler ways to deliver healthcare for the best possible outcomes for tomorrow's patients and families. And we want you to be part of this story.

On these pages, we are sharing with you stories of some of our loyal and cherished donors who have made a gift to our Hospital in their Will. We hope you enjoy reading these stories, and reflecting on your own story about what matters to you most.

You are invited and encouraged to connect with us anytime for a confidential conversation.

Yours, for the health of our neighbours, forever,



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## “Helping now, helping forever”

### Gwen and Lionel's Story:

I worked as a nurse at City Hospital in the 1970s, and I had both my kids there. Lionel and I have also both experienced excellent care since. Lionel had both knees replaced. I found a lump in my breast in 2018 and have been treated at the Breast Health Centre.



We believe strongly in supporting the Hospital Foundation. I know first-hand that staff need and deserve the best equipment and updated training. In fact, that's precisely how they can deliver terrific care to people like us. When I was in nursing, you really didn't have much to work with. But today, when we can give and help provide life-saving and life-improving equipment, that feels really good. And I look at the whole picture: when we all help out, the Foundation can buy new equipment, train staff, predict what they have to spend, and they can know they have a combination of reliable funds and also have enough for urgent needs.

Lionel and I both agree that once you start giving, it's so easy to keep giving! We donate every year and we also have left a gift in our Will. We like to give both ways—we like to see how we are helping right now, and we also know that we'll continue to help after we're gone. Lionel and I are so blessed, and our faith tells us to share what we have.

**Every bit counts. You have to realize that even if you give or leave what might seem like a little bit to you, it all adds up.**



## “We trust this Foundation”

### Randy and Sherri’s Story:

Growing up in a trades family my dad always taught me to help others when they ask for help. So, I’ve always been that guy who loved fixing things and helping our friends and family. Sherri and I are both very passionate and dedicated to helping and volunteering in our community when we can. It feels so good to put your time and energy into volunteering together with

other great people to build the strongest possible community. Saskatoon is a big small town and the community really stands behind making it the best place to be, we couldn’t be more proud to be part of it.

And City Hospital is close to our heart because it saved my life. When I was 25 years old, I had a blood clot in my leg after a work accident. I got very sick, very suddenly, and the next thing I knew I was in a high-speed ambulance to City Hospital. I received 24-hour care for 2 days and the whole experience was amazing.

This Hospital is second to none. Our staff are fantastic, our facilities are clean, bright and beautiful. As a volunteer, and now Board Chair, it makes me very proud to hear people share stories and rave about the care they and their loved ones get here.

Sherri and I maintain insurance premiums on a policy that we’ve donated to City Hospital Foundation, and indicated that we want our gifts now—and in the future—to be used where it is most needed. **We trust this Foundation, and we know that the staff and Board leadership will make the right decision for how to best spend funds.** I’ve seen for myself how the Foundation and Hospital collaborate—the Hospital comes forward with what they need, little things and big things, and we work together to make the best possible investments to help the most patients we possibly can. I encourage you to help too. When you give to the future of our Hospital, you’re making a difference for our city in the right way.

### Valerie’s Story:

City Hospital is a thread that connects the story of my whole life. I was born at City Hospital! I trained at the School of Nursing, and at that time, we lived right there in the residence and would walk next door to the Hospital. It was a home to me.

Nursing is my heart and soul. And City Hospital is our community, family Hospital and always has been. I worked 20 years in the emergency department, as a general duty nurse, assistant head nurse and head nurse. I’ve also worked in our community in cancer care, long-term care and palliative care. And I’ve been a patient at City Hospital. I’ve had the experience of going through the Breast Health Centre and having surgery at City Hospital and my care was exceptional. I give because it’s important to do my part, show my appreciation for the care I received, and for my rewarding career.



You just never know when you’re going to need our Hospital. Every one of us plays a part in helping our Hospital. When you’ve had the experience of really good care, you know how much it matters now and into the future. That’s why I have also left City Hospital Foundation in my Will. When I served on the Board, my respect and admiration for City Hospital only grew. Every year there is an important advancement like bringing in more specialists, developing more precise procedures, purchasing new equipment—all to meet the needs of our patients. **Giving in my Will means I’ll continue to play my part, in some way, forever.** I believe our experiences are our greatest voice, and I hope by sharing my story someone else will consider what they can do for our beloved Hospital here at home.

## “Nursing is my heart and soul”

### Olga's Story:

To honour our beautiful daughter and the remarkable care she received from City Hospital, my late husband Ludwig and I felt strongly that we wanted to provide specific support to the Hospital in her name. We set up an endowment to fund excellence in pediatric eye care, which was one of Connie's weaknesses. We are very proud to fund a visiting ophthalmologist every year to come to City Hospital and provide teaching to ophthalmologists and orthoptists here in Saskatoon. We started the lecture series in 2002 and I am pleased to know the lecture series is now in its third decade.

It was my husband's wish that the lectures carry on: he believed, as I do, that medical advances were proceeding so quickly, and we were very impressed with the learning. It feels good to know that our ophthalmologists will learn new techniques and build relationships. When Connie passed she left her own legacy with a gift in her will to the family endowment with City Hospital Foundation. And it makes me feel close to Connie and to my husband to know that, in her name, we are helping other little children. **Helping others is the greatest gift.**

## "In loving memory of our daughter, Connie"



## "Giving to live our values"

### Adrian and Olive's Story:

When he was a soldier, my father stepped on a land mine and was critically injured. It was a miracle he survived, and after he had years of rehabilitation and multiple operations on his arms, his legs and his eyes. But as a kid, I never saw him as incapacitated in any way. He did everything: he was an avid golfer, a talented furniture maker and he and mum were gold medalists in ballroom dancing.



Olive and I took a tour of the rehab centre at City Hospital and we saw the same spirit: people trying tenaciously to get back to where they have been, with the help and support of excellent medical staff. Especially after the Humboldt Broncos bus crash, supporting rehab at City Hospital felt right to us. Anything we can give to help people regain independence, we are proud to do.

**We've realized that there comes a point in everyone's life where you have to decide what's going to happen with your estate when you are gone.** You have to consider what really matters to you. What strikes a chord with you? What mattered in your life and in your family? Olive and I have guiding values from our work as teachers: humanity, compassion and justice. And all of those values come to life through our giving to City Hospital.



## “I never saw a frown”

### Laura’s Story:

I spent exactly 32.68 years teaching, mostly grade 1 and 2, including working with primary schools in Botswana and teachers in Grenada. But the most wonderful experience I’ve ever had was the care I received at City Hospital after I fell and cracked my pelvis. From the moment I arrived, I felt that everyone’s goal was to get

me better. I felt so much encouragement and love. I was never criticized. I never saw a frown.

One morning, after I’d been walking a bit, but not far, it was time for breakfast. One of the nurses wanted me to walk by myself to the dining room, which was further than I had been able to go. It was the best breakfast of my life—so wonderful and rewarding!

**I have City Hospital in my Will because it means that much to me. It feels good to know they’ll have a little more money to be able to continue their good work.**



### Rose’s Story:

I’m 100. Well, closer to a hundred and one. And I give to City Hospital to honour and remember my family, George T. Jarman and my beloved son Zenon G. Kotelko, who I love dearly. **This is our Hospital and I’m proud to give what I can now, and also make sure that City Hospital stays this great for the next 100 years.**

For me, supporting the Hospital is simple. It’s about our health. It’s about your health. When you’re sick, where do you go? If we take care of it, our Hospital will just keep getting better. And you know that we’ll always need new equipment, and medical staff will always need to keep up to date. That’s why I give.

## “When you’re sick, where do you go?”



## What's Your Story?

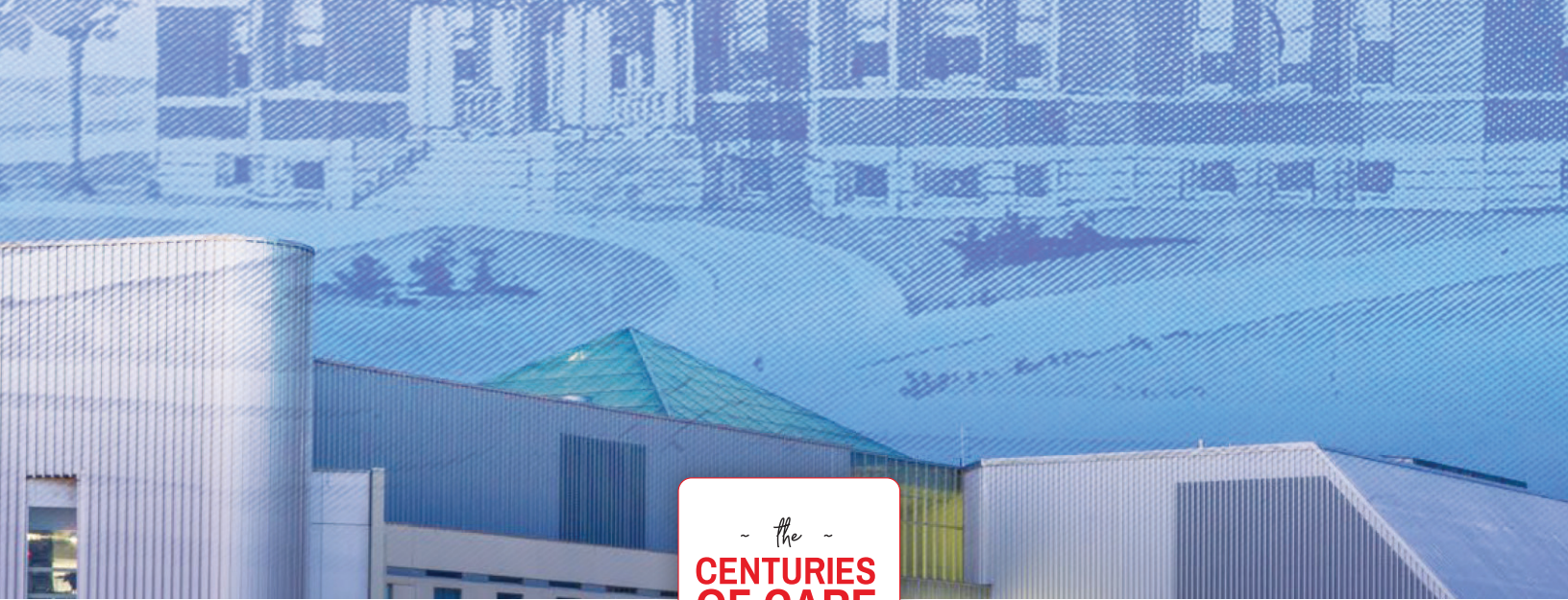
Thank you for taking the time to learn more about how you can help support the health of our Hospital—and our neighbours—forever with a gift to the Foundation in your Will. I love speaking with donors like you, hearing your stories and your hopes and dreams for the future of our Hospital. I consider myself a giving matchmaker—I love hearing about what you want to make possible with your giving, and then match that up with our incredible and inspiring programs here at City Hospital. You are welcome and encouraged to contact me anytime for a confidential conversation to learn more about legacy giving with City Hospital.

Thank you!

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## Our Promise To You

- A gift in your Will to Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation is a promise to provide health, hope and love to your neighbours, forever. We are honoured that you are helping secure the future health of our community with a gift in your Will.
- Your Will is an intensely personal document. We promise that every conversation we have with you about your Will is confidential. We respect your privacy.
- We understand and support the notion that your loved ones come first.
- You are encouraged to contact us for a conversation about our areas of work that interest you most, and how you can ensure your gift supports our work in the most effective way possible.
- We would like to know if you have made a gift to City Hospital Foundation in your Will so that we can plan ahead, and also so that we can recognize your generosity. Whether you choose to tell us or not is entirely your decision.
- We will provide you and your loved ones with special opportunities to learn about our work in any ways that are meaningful to you.
- We are proud of our effectiveness and efficiency. We will apply both to your gift.
- We deeply appreciate the confidence and trust you have in City Hospital Foundation.
- We will respond immediately to your questions or concerns. You can contact Nicole Semko or anyone on the Foundation team, at any time for a confidential conversation.



**When you let us know that you have joined our Legacy Society,  
we are pleased to offer you benefits which may include:**

Invitation to our annual donor reception and other SCHF events

Featured profile article in *Well Aware* magazine

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