How to Become a Founder

It’s easy to become one of these farsighted, influential individuals. If you already have a will, you can add a gift of any size to us through a very simple amendment called a codicil. We can give you sample codicil language you can send to your attorney to make the process smooth and simple.

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How to Make Your Permanent Mark on the Future

Now is the time to make a mark on the future by becoming a member of the Founders Society. Over the years, Delaware Hospice has evolved from caring for individuals at the very end of life to providing care and support to entire families who are dealing with a serious illness. Through all our programs and services: Delaware Transitions, Delaware Palliative, Delaware Hospice, Delaware Hospice Center, Katybug, Bereavement and New Hope, Delaware Hospice has responded to the changes in healthcare and the community’s need for a continuum of care.

More and more friends of Delaware Hospice are choosing to leave a lasting legacy by making a gift through their will or estate. Some of the most impactful gifts we’ve received—the kind that really make a difference for future generations—come from planned gifts. Whether you want to support a specific program or provide general support, your legacy is vital to Delaware Hospice’s future evolution and growth.

Leave a Lasting Legacy with the Founders Society
Without a valid will in place, you leave it up to the courts to decide how to distribute your assets. But you’ve worked hard to achieve what you have, whether it’s a little or a lot, and you deserve the right to say what happens to it. A will gives you the control you deserve. Writing a will isn’t difficult and it’s well worth the time. It’s also a great opportunity to leave a legacy gift to organizations you care about, like Delaware Hospice.

What Counts as a Bequest?

You can give (“bequeath”) many different kinds of assets—in whole or in part—in your will, including:

- A paid-up life insurance policy
- Cash
- Securities
- Real estate
- CDs
- U.S. Savings Bonds
- Artwork
- A percentage of your estate’s value
- The “leftovers” after all debts are paid and your loved ones are cared for

To Restrict or Not to Restrict?

Some Founders choose to designate their gift to a certain aspect of our mission. Others leave their gift unrestricted. Either type of bequest is welcome and appreciated. However, since it’s impossible to know what the future holds, it’s usually recommended to make your gift unrestricted so that it can be used where the need is greatest when the time comes.

Don’t be Shy

Please let us know if you decide to make a bequest to Delaware Hospice. We realize many donors wish to remain anonymous, and if this is your wish, we will absolutely guard your privacy. We will recognize our Founders Society members at events and in print (if you wish) and host special opportunities open only to our Founders. Knowing about your plans really helps us plan better for the future. It also enables us to thank you in the way you deserve and include you as a member of the Founders Society. It’s especially important to contact us in advance if:

- You’d like to make a bequest of something other than cash or appreciated marketable securities;
- You wish to designate your bequest to a specific purpose.

Bequest Lingo

Many people think a bequest is complicated. Not so! It really couldn’t be easier. Simply fill in the blanks and pass along this language to your attorney to include in your will or living trust.

I give, devise and bequeath to Delaware Hospice, Inc. located in 16 Polly Drummond Center, 2nd Fl., Newark, DE; 911 South Dupont Hwy, Dover DE; and 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE, or its successor, the sum of $_______ (or a description of the specific asset) to be used for such charitable purpose(s) as the governing body of Delaware Hospice or its successor, may decide in its discretion (or for the support of a specific fund or program).

Get in Touch!

If you believe in our mission and want to help carry it forward to the future as a member of the Founders Society, please contact us. We would be pleased to work with you and your advisor(s) to determine the gift that best suits your situation and interests.

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for more information about becoming a member of the Founders Society.