

- » receive potential income and estate tax advantages
- » select a charitable gift plan that provides income to you during your lifetime

Allow Us to Recognize Your Legacy

If you want to help the Friends of Mercy Foundation support Mercy Hospitals to provide compassionate care to those in need for future generations, please tell us your intentions!

We want to thank you now, on behalf of all the people who will be touched by your generosity in future years.

With your permission, we recognize all irrevocable planned gifts with a permanent listing on the donor walls located in the lobbies at Mercy Hospital Downtown and Mercy Hospital Southwest, as well as recognition in our publications and web site.

You will receive a distinctive Adelaide's Circle of Caring membership keepsake. Members also receive invitations as distinguished guests at special Friends of Mercy programs and events.

Please contact us if you are interested in a no-obligation consultation on planned giving, including options that can provide you with lifetime income and tax savings.



Mercy Hospital Downtown



Mercy Hospital Southwest

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Adelaide's Circle of Caring



Mercy Hospital circa 1913

Your invitation to help care for our future, just like Adelaide.



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Adelaide's Circle of Caring — Building for the Future

Adelaide Karpe was eternally grateful for the care that Mercy Hospital provided to her critically ill husband in the 1970s. In appreciation and with the vision of ensuring that the same caring environment continue long into the future, Adelaide left a valuable piece of farmland to Mercy Hospital and the Friends of Mercy Foundation.

Adelaide's Circle of Caring honors her legacy and serves to encourage estate gifts. These gifts will allow Mercy Hospital to continue to provide quality, compassionate healthcare for many years to come, just as Adelaide's gift has done.

Adelaide's Circle of Caring brings together those thoughtful supporters who have included the Friends of Mercy Foundation in their estate plans or have established an irrevocable gift today; helping Mercy meet the future healthcare needs of our community.



An Invitation To Become a Member

Adelaide's Circle of Caring membership is open to all who have made a provision to include the Friends of Mercy Foundation in their wills or living trusts. Membership is also open to donors making a planned gift to support the critical mission of Mercy Hospitals.

You are invited to join Adelaide's Circle of Caring. By becoming a member, you will join other visionary individuals who have made the gift of a lifetime so that generations yet to come can be assured of high quality, compassionate healthcare.

Making a Legacy Gift is Easy

Giving is the purest form of kindness. When you make a gift to the Friends of Mercy Foundation, not only is your life enriched, but it is also a commitment of Human Kindness to future generations. There are a number of ways to make a gift and, at the same time, ensure your own financial future.

Examples of Planned Gifts Include:

Wills, Trusts and IRAs

A bequest to the Friends of Mercy Foundation in your will or living trust, or as an IRA beneficiary, allows you to retain your assets during your lifetime and/or the life of your spouse. You can allocate a specific asset, total dollar amount, or percentage of your residual estate and also include instructions for the specific use of your gift. With an IRA gift, you reduce your income tax exposure.

Charitable Remainder Trust

A charitable trust is a powerful planning tool that helps you create lifetime income for you and/or your spouse. It can include your heirs as well. Thereafter, the Friends of Mercy Foundation can receive the remainder of the assets. You can name other charities as well.

Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity is the gift that gives back. It provides a way to make a gift to the Friends of Mercy Foundation and receive an income for yourself or others. By giving cash or appreciated securities to the Friends of Mercy Foundation, you can receive an annual fixed percentage rate of return for life. It's as easy as a bank CD and it supports the Friends of Mercy Foundation while providing you with a lifetime income.

Other Gifts

There are many other charitable gift options such as appreciated real estate that you can consider when joining Adelaide's Circle of Caring. You should consult with your financial advisors in making a gift that meets your unique needs and wishes.

Whatever you choose, by including a provision for a gift to the Friends of Mercy Foundation in your estate plans, you can:

- » make a lasting contribution to the future of health care in our community
- » provide for your heirs, while supporting a community treasure that will benefit future generations

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