Dear friends,

You are part of a dynamic group — the Vanderbilt University Medical Center community. Many friends of the Medical Center, like you, help make great results possible by supporting our personalized patient care, game-changing research and world-class training. This newsletter will share stories and updates from the Medical Center, as well as information about advancing our vital mission through gift planning.

Each person has a meaningful reason for making a gift. Whether you are a patient, a patient’s family member or close friend, or someone who understands how essential high-quality health care is to our society, you’re someone who cares about others and you want to make a difference. In addition, there are many people who honor a family member with their gifts. It is a wonderful tribute that also reflects your values and life story.

As with many things today, planning a long-term gift to charity takes attention and time. You may have concerns about your needs, family and finances. That’s where our Gift Planning team comes in. We understand these issues and are experts in gift planning. We can offer guidance and alternatives that help you reach your philanthropic goals in tax-smart ways.

You are important to our team, and we are committed to serving you as part of the Medical Center family. With the right approach, everyone can make a meaningful impact through long-term gifts. You may be surprised at what you can accomplish and how it will make you feel!

Sincerely,

Tim Kaltenbach
615-875-5037
giftplanning@vumc.org
VanderbiltHealth.org/giftplanning
Three Questions to Simplify the Gift Planning Process

Gift planning, including creating a will, can feel like an overwhelming task. But there are a few questions you can ask yourself to take account of your concerns, priorities and goals that will help simplify the process.

These include:

1. **Whom would I name to serve in certain roles in my estate: executor/personal representative, power of attorney for financial matters, power of attorney for health issues?**

   They need not be the same people and, because the responsibilities are different, it may be best to have different people handling them.

2. **What are my biggest worries as I think about planning my estate?**

   These will depend on your circumstances and might include preserving or passing on a family business, protecting the estate from lawsuits or creditors, providing for children from a prior marriage, or anticipating a disagreement among family members.

3. **What are my priorities as I think about planning my estate?**

   Perhaps the question to ask yourself is, “What is most important to me?” It may involve providing for your children or helping your grandchildren with their education. It may be taking care of extended family or friends who have become like family. It may be making a difference through a gift to one or more charitable organizations or by making a memorial gift in honor of a family member.

   The more you can identify areas of concern or explain why you have made certain choices, the better able your attorney is to prepare a plan that is right for you.

---

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Recent legislation resulted in changes to charitable IRA rollovers (QCD). Find out more: VanderbiltHealth.org/giftplanning.

---

**HOW TO INCLUDE VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER IN YOUR PLANS**

A commitment to the future of health care goes far beyond the walls of the hospital. It will have a life-changing impact on patients, their families and the communities Vanderbilt University Medical Center serves for generations to come. You can provide lifesaving care by remembering the Medical Center in your long-term plans.

- Name the Medical Center as a beneficiary of your will, living trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy or donor-advised fund
- Create a gift that provides you or a loved one with lifetime income
- Make a gift of securities or real estate

To include the Medical Center in your will, please note that the legal name is Vanderbilt University Medical Center and the tax ID number is 35-2528741.

Learn more: VanderbiltHealth.org/giftplanning
Elizabeth “Betsy” Barbour’s husband, Richard, underwent a life-changing double lung transplant at Vanderbilt University Medical Center after years of declining health due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The procedure allowed him to live life to the fullest for another five and one-half years.

Grateful for his care team at the Medical Center and having made connections with others who were awaiting transplants, Betsy wanted to continue the support the couple had begun during Richard’s life for other patients. With the guidance of Vanderbilt University Medical Center Development staff, Betsy was able to create a fund that would help lung disease research and assist patients undergoing the challenges of having a transplant.

The fund provided a way to have a long-term impact on health care and help other patients — and also gave the Barbour family an opportunity to honor Richard through these gifts.

Betsy found a meaningful way to give back that recognized her husband’s care and honored the other families they met along the way. By doing so, she joined a community of physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other supporters who each want to ensure the same care is available to others now and in the future.

“I doubt that Richard would have guessed that giving to Vanderbilt on this level could be an option for us.”
Many people like you who care about Vanderbilt University Medical Center’s mission to provide personalized, leading-edge health care are joining the Canby Robinson Legacy Circle.

Through gift planning options, these individuals are committed to making a lasting impact on the Medical Center’s vital work for our community and well beyond.

You, too, can take advantage of smart ways to help patients and influence the future of health care by becoming a member of the Canby Robinson Legacy Circle.