couple leaves a legacy

Peter and Crystal Metz were married 21 years when Crystal passed away at Legacy Hopewell House Hospice after a lengthy illness.

During Crystal’s final 23 hours, she was cared for by Legacy’s compassionate hospice staff. For the first time in the 13 years of her illness, Peter no longer worried that he was giving her the correct dose of her medication. He knew the hospice staff was managing her pain, so he could focus on sharing their last hours together.

During this most difficult time, the peaceful and caring environment put him at ease. For this, Peter was extremely grateful. He knew he couldn’t give away a large sum of money at the time, so he arranged for a future gift by including Legacy Hopewell House Hospice as a beneficiary of his life insurance policy.

Sadly, Peter died four years later. However, his legacy will always live on through his generous gift. Hospice gifts ensure that future patients benefit from not only high-quality, end-of-life care, but also bereavement programs, respite care, interpreter services for their families and other special programs like Pet Pals, which assists hospice patients with their pets.

make a powerful impact with a simple gift

All it takes is a few minutes and a simple form to make Legacy Health a beneficiary of your life insurance policy, bank account or your IRA. Please contact Kathy Lynch Hostetler at 503-276-9496 for assistance with your plans.
celebrating medical milestones

at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center

In 1959, Arthur Devers, a successful Portland businessman, left a gift in his will of more than $1 million to establish an eye clinic for all Oregonians, regardless of their ability to pay. Fast-forward 60 years, and Legacy Devers Eye Institute is a world-renowned center for eye care, research and education.

"My life is so rich and full! And, my heart is grateful for the gift of sight, which allows me to see everything so clearly and beautifully."

— A grateful patient

This year also marks 20 years since Legacy Transplant Services was established at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center. With more than 1,100 kidney transplants completed, this program has been a medical pace-setter — performing the first laparoscopic kidney donation in Oregon and being the first transplant program in Oregon to offer its recipients the option of paired donation through the national kidney paired exchange registry. It is also the first kidney transplant center in Oregon to offer nondirected living donations.

Helping Legacy Good Samaritan lead the way in eye and kidney care are two trailblazing physicians — James T. Rosenbaum, M.D., and William M. Bennett, M.D. — both of whom will be retiring the end of this year.

Dr. Rosenbaum — Chief of Ophthalmology and the Richard Chenowith Chair at Legacy Devers Eye Institute — is the only practicing rheumatologist in the world to head a department of ophthalmology. An internationally honored physician, his unwavering passion for advancing the treatment of eye disease has helped Legacy Devers set today’s standard for eye care.

Well-known as an active clinician, researcher and educator, Dr. Bennett is a leader in kidney transplantation, with over four decades of experience. He is currently the medical director of transplantation and director of renal research at Legacy Good Samaritan.

Please help us honor these two medical pioneers by ensuring high-quality care is available to our communities for generations to come. Philanthropy is vital in advancing the treatment and prevention of both eye and kidney disease. Anyone can make a planned gift — whether your estate is worth $100 or $1 million — gifts of all sizes make a difference.

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