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# LIVING LEGACY



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Whether or not you already have an estate plan in place, you can provide for loved ones and maintain control of your estate while supporting your community and Morris Hospital.

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## A Wonderful Life

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— Daughters, Diane Clennon and Kathy Pershey

Gerald “Jerry” and Janet Clennon knew what they created during their lifetimes would translate into a legacy after they were gone. When Janet passed away in 2006 and Jerry in 2014, they had been blessed with eight children, 50 years of marriage, and a life built with love, laughter, hard work, loyalty and generosity. It’s become a legacy the Clennon children know their parents would look back on with pride.

As a lifelong resident of Minooka, Jerry especially took great pride in preserving the family homestead and community. This is just one reason why the family wasn’t surprised when Jerry and Janet left a bequest gift to Morris Hospital Foundation for the area of greatest need.

According to Diane “Dede” Clennon and Kathy Pershey, two of the Clennon’s children, their father loved Morris Hospital.



*Jerry and Janet Clennon, Legacy Society Members*

“He absolutely loved the nurses and always raved about the compassionate care he and mom received. He felt like it was friends and family treating friends and family,” they said. “We know for sure that this organization meant a lot to the both of them. We couldn’t be happier that one of their last wishes was to make a legacy gift to an organization they held close to their heart.”

Planning a legacy offers an opportunity to consider what is really important in life. For Jerry and Janet, family always came first. But they also knew that, with thoughtful planning, there was a way to support their family and leave a legacy at Morris Hospital. The values Jerry and Janet used to create a beautiful life will now not only live on through their family, but also through Morris Hospital.



*Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers*



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A bequest gift can be many shapes and an infinite number of sizes. What matters is that your gift fits you and your unique family and financial circumstances.

### Any Shape

You can structure your bequest to leave a certain piece of property, such as a stamp collection or a parcel of real estate. If you prefer, you can specify a certain sum of money. Or you might decide to direct that a percentage of your assets – it can be all or just a portion – go to Morris Hospital Foundation after you have provided for your family. And when you are uncertain, you can even make the bequest contingent on certain events occurring (or not occurring).

### Any Size

Many people think bequest gifts have to be large and they have to be rich to make one. Nothing could be further from the truth! All sizes of bequest gifts have been received by Morris Hospital Foundation and are greatly appreciated. Modest gifts, when added together with those from other donors, can make a big difference. What matters is that you pick the size that works for you and for your family.

*“I give to Morris Hospital Foundation, an Illinois nonprofit corporation, Federal Tax Identification Number 36-3939156 [insert here the dollar amount, piece of property, or percentage] for its general purposes.”*

**If you would like to remember Morris Hospital Foundation, here is some sample wording to share with your attorney. Contact Hannah Wehrle at (815) 705-7021 or [hwehrle@morrishospital.org](mailto:hwehrle@morrishospital.org) with any questions.**

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# A Family Friendly Way To Give

**“Family first”** is a phrase that carries profound meaning. “Family first” underscores the fundamental role that “family” normally plays throughout our lives, just like it did for Jerry and Janet Clennon. It’s also a phrase that figures prominently in estate planning, the process of determining how you want to be remembered.

You’ve worked hard to save for yourself and your family, and most likely have accumulated assets in plans such as 401(k)s and traditional IRAs. Unfortunately, retirement assets carry a heavy tax burden when they pass to family through your estate. If you are subject to maximum taxation, the combined taxes (income taxes, as well as federal and state (if applicable) estate taxes) on your IRA and similar assets can reach nearly 80%, leaving your family with only about 20% of the

original value. However, when you leave these investments to Morris Hospital Foundation, 100% of your gift is free from income tax. If your estate is subject to estate tax you would receive an estate tax charitable deduction that would eliminate the estate tax burden on the IRA.

You can make this gift by designating Morris Hospital Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement plans. This “beneficiary designation” is one of the most family friendly and simplest ways to make a gift. Keep in mind that you don’t need to make the Foundation the sole beneficiary. For example, you could name your family as a 75% beneficiary of your IRA and the Foundation as a 25% beneficiary. Alternatively, you could name Morris Hospital Foundation as a contingent beneficiary. For example, you could specify that your IRA would only pass to the Foundation if your

husband (or children, or other heirs) were to die before you. All you need to do is to request a Beneficiary Designation Form from your plan administrator and designate Morris Hospital Foundation as a beneficiary of either a percentage of your plan balance, a specific dollar amount, or subject to a contingency that you control.

A similar process exists for the transfer of other financial assets. A form known as “Pay on Death (POD)” or “Transfer on Death (TOD)” will accomplish this for you. You can use these forms for a brokerage account, bank account, commercial annuity, certificate of deposit or other financial accounts that you want to come directly to Morris Hospital Foundation upon passing and your estate will receive an estate tax charitable deduction for this gift.

## IRA Charitable Rollover Now Permanent

There is good news if you are forced to take larger minimum IRA withdrawals than you need or care to receive. Permanent changes to the U.S. tax code allow you to reduce income taxes from your IRA and support charitable organizations such as Morris Hospital Foundation.

The IRA charitable rollover is a terrific way to make a tax-free gift to Morris Hospital Foundation. Your gift from your IRA can satisfy your

Consider these requirements to make an IRA charitable rollover:

- You must be age 70 1/2 or older when the gift is made.
- The gift must come from a traditional IRA or Roth IRA account
- The gift must come directly from your IRA administrator to Morris Hospital Foundation.
- Total IRA charitable rollover gifts in any one year cannot exceed \$100,000 per taxpayer.
- The IRA rollover gift can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) if you have not already taken your RMD for the year you make your gift.
- The gift from your IRA will not be available as an income tax charitable deduction.
- The gift from your IRA will be excluded from income.



required minimum distribution without increasing your reportable income. Although you don’t get an income tax charitable deduction for the gift, you don’t pay taxes on your IRA withdrawal.

We can provide letters of instruction to send to your IRA administrator to make an IRA charitable rollover.