

# YOUR LEGACY

A GIFT IN  
YOUR WILL  
CREATES A  
FUTURE WHERE  
ALL CHILDREN  
THRIVE



A BETTER  
FUTURE FOR  
HEALTHY  
CHILDREN  
STARTS HERE

Millie, at six weeks old, is shown here with her parents, Angel and Lizmara, and her CHOP neurologist, John Brandsema, MD. Millie was born with spinal muscular atrophy, but a gene therapy she received at CHOP halted the disease's progression and gave her a bright future.



WHAT IS A  
MEDICAL  
MIRACLE?

A VISION  
PLUS THE  
RESOURCES  
TO MAKE IT  
A REALITY.

WITH THE HELP OF SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU, the promise of hope for patients and families is made possible. Gifts in wills — of any amount — have helped fund medical discoveries and innovations that have improved pediatric healthcare and saved countless children's lives.

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) is the nation's first hospital devoted exclusively to the care of children.

Since our start in 1855, CHOP has been the birthplace for countless breakthroughs and dramatic firsts in pediatric medicine.

Our commitment to improving the health of all children has remained constant for more than 165 years, as has our vision: to make sick children well and to secure a healthy future for families.

When you include a gift to CHOP in your will or trust, or when you

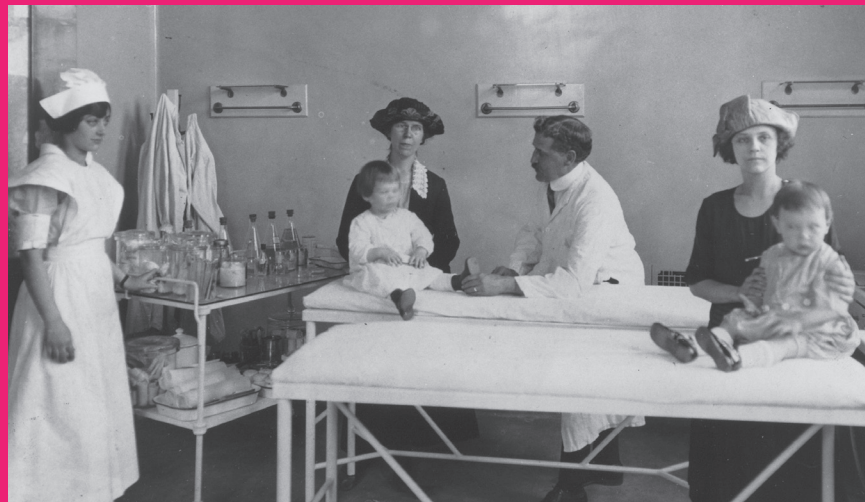
name CHOP as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or other account, you join a community of our most dedicated supporters committed to a world where all children thrive.

You will help ensure that Children's Hospital of Philadelphia remains a beacon of hope — where research leads to cures, and families find the best care for their children.

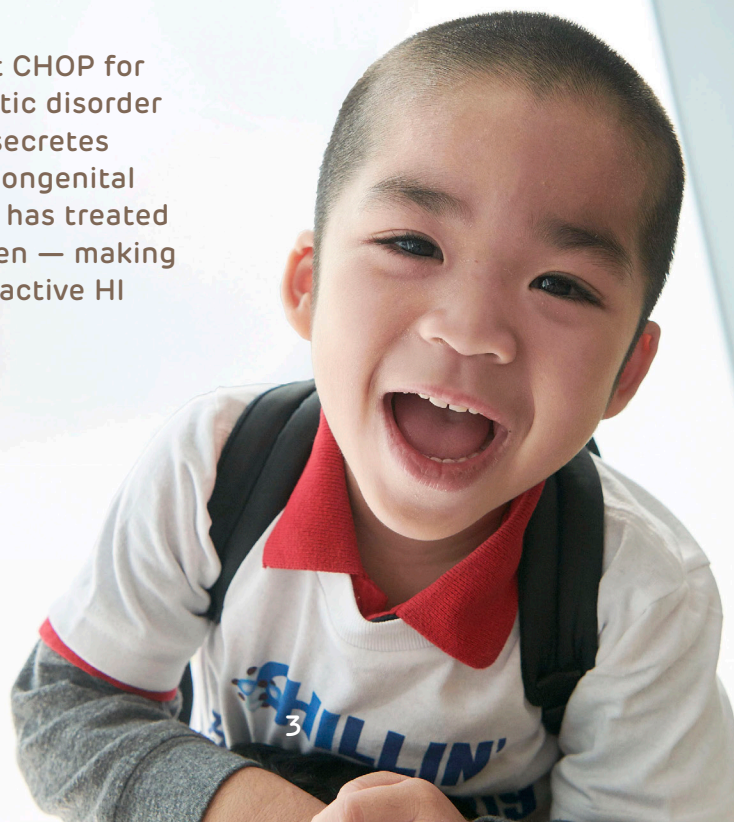
While there are many names for gifts that come to CHOP after your lifetime — legacy giving, deferred giving, planned giving — each gift represents the continuation of your philanthropy for future generations. We are here to help.

**RIGHT: A hospital clinic featured immaculate, then state-of-the-art facilities and, as always, a focus on child and family.**

**SINCE OUR START IN 1855, CHOP HAS BEEN THE BIRTHPLACE FOR COUNTLESS BREAKTHROUGHS AND DRAMATIC FIRSTS.**



Huy, age 3, is treated at CHOP for hyperinsulinism, a genetic disorder in which the pancreas secretes too much insulin. The Congenital Hyperinsulinism Center has treated more than 1,000 children — making it the largest and most active HI center in the world.



# SAM'S STORY

## THE GIFT OF A HEALTHY CHILD AND THE PROMISE OF HOPE FOR OTHERS

Sam was born with a birth defect that limited his lungs' growth. Today, he is an active 11-year-old who plays the trumpet and enjoys sports.



IMAGINE FINDING OUT that your first child will be born with a life-threatening condition: a severe birth defect in which their abdominal organs move up into their chest, threatening the growth of their lungs as they develop in the womb.

Megan and Ryan Fox lived through that anguish and found hope and help at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Richard D. Wood Jr. Center for Fetal Diagnosis and Treatment. Because of the care he received, their son, Sam, is now an active fifth-grader who plays the trumpet, basketball, and tennis.

With this life-changing experience still vivid in their minds, Ryan and Megan,

both in their 40s, decided to give a percentage of their estate to CHOP through a gift in their will. They could see the impact philanthropy had on their son's life, from his birth in the Garbose Family Special Delivery Unit to his surgery and two-month stay in the Harriet and Ronald Lassin Newborn/Infant Intensive Care Unit.

"We want to help sustain those services down the road to ensure that other families can have the same success we did," says Ryan. "And we want to set an example for our children that money is powerful if it's used in the right way."

# GIFTS IN WILLS OR BY BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

**YOU CAN SEE THE IMPACT of legacy gifts in the hopeful faces of families, the resilient spirits of our young patients, and in the fierce determination of our researchers to find cures.**

Gifts in wills, trusts, or through beneficiary designation help us fund:

- Pioneering research to find cures for pediatric illnesses,
- Family-centered care and support services,
- Community health and early intervention services to prevent illness, and
- State-of-the-art facilities that enable us to provide exceptional care.

Creating or updating your will and your beneficiary designations doesn't have to be complicated:

- Think about your loved ones and causes you'd like to support.
- Update your beneficiary designations on your financial accounts.
- Create a will that reflects your wishes and priorities.



Michaela, age 15, pictured above with her father, Richard, was treated for cancer. At CHOP's Cancer Center, physicians diagnose and treat patients using an evidence-based approach backed by the latest research advancements. The Cancer Center offers a full range of therapies, from standard treatment protocols to unique clinical trials that are only available at CHOP.

- Feel the peace of mind that comes with knowing your loved ones and favorite causes will be taken care of.

You can leave most of your resources to your loved ones and reserve a percentage for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

We welcome gifts in any amount, and you can change your mind at any time. Simply contact your attorney or advisor to discuss the best way to update your plan.

## GIFTS YOU MAKE BY SIGNING YOUR NAME

Many assets can be used to make a meaningful gift to CHOP. You do not need to update your will; you can express your values simply by signing your name, and you have the flexibility to change your beneficiary designations at any time.

These assets include:

- **RETIREMENT PLANS**, including your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), or other tax-deferred plan. If you name CHOP as a beneficiary of all or some percentage of your retirement plan account, you can leave less heavily taxed assets to loved ones, and CHOP will receive 100% of your gift.
- **LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES**. You may decide to name CHOP as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy if it's outlived its original purpose and you no longer need the policy.
- **CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT, BANK OR BROKERAGE ACCOUNTS**, and other financial accounts.
- **DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS**. You can designate CHOP to receive funds remaining in your donor-advised fund account after your lifetime.

With each of these gifts, simply ask your retirement plan manager or financial institution for the appropriate beneficiary designation form. Many forms are also accessible on your financial institution's website or through your online account portal.

## GIFTS THAT PAY YOU BACK

**LIFE INCOME GIFTS, including charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts, help create a hopeful future for children and families while offering income to you and/or a loved one.**

A life income gift may be right for you if:

- You would like to make a meaningful gift to support CHOP.
- You would like to create or retain income from the assets you would donate.
- You would like to create a legacy but would appreciate the tax benefits now.
- You would like to provide income to a loved one during their lifetime.
- You would like to make a gift now, but will not need payments until a later time, such as retirement.

Both charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts provide lifetime payments (or for up to 20 years for a charitable trust), offer immediate tax benefits, and allow you to avoid some capital gains taxes if you make your gift with appreciated assets.

At CHOP, you must be 65 or older to receive payments with a charitable gift annuity. Our giving specialists can help you understand each of these gift options and help determine if one of them is the best gift to meet your goals and needs.

## FROM VISION LOSS TO 'I CAN SEE IT!'

HANNAH SPENT HER YOUNG LIFE navigating a world where she could see very little and was preparing for a future without sight. But a gene therapy with its origins at CHOP transformed her future completely.

For 20 years, a team of researchers had been pursuing an ambitious goal: treat a rare form of blindness in children — the form Hannah had. The work required resilience and perseverance. The result was the first U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved gene therapy for an inherited form of blindness.

Hannah was the first patient at CHOP to receive the new therapy, called Luxturna. The result? The summer before she started second grade, Hannah saw a star for the first time. “I took her outside and said, ‘Hannah, can you see that little white light in the sky? That’s a star,’” says her mother, Amy. “And she said, ‘I can see it!’ She was so happy.”

Those breakthrough moments kept happening as the world revealed itself to Hannah, one star, one flower, one sunset at a time.

Hannah, age 7, was born with an inherited condition that was robbing her of her sight. A gene therapy initially developed at CHOP restored her sight, and she now can shoot free throws in her family's driveway and ride a bike around the neighborhood. CHOP's relentless drive for impact has put the hospital at the forefront of medical discovery.



HANNAH'S STORY

# THANK YOU!

You are in no way obligated to do so, but if you have already made a gift to CHOP in your will or trust, or by beneficiary designation, we hope you will let us know. We feel privileged when we get the opportunity to thank people who include Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in their plans. We would appreciate the chance to acknowledge your kindness and welcome you to the Lewis Society. Understanding your wishes also helps us communicate appropriately with you.

## OUR PROMISES TO YOU

CHOP is committed to maintaining the highest standards of ethics and continuing to be worthy of your legacy support.

- We will respect your privacy.
- We will respect your right to change your plans.
- We promise to use your gift the way you intend.

To include a gift in your will or trust, or to make a gift through a beneficiary designation, you will need our legal name and Tax ID number:

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Foundation  
Tax ID #23-2237932

If you would like to support a particular program, location, or research, our gift planning team can help.

ON THE COVER: Zuri, at age 3, receives treatment at CHOP for sickle cell disease. Researchers are investigating new ways to treat and potentially cure the disease.



**LEWIS**  
Society

From our earliest bequest gifted by the father of CHOP's co-founder, Dr. Francis West Lewis, to the many supporters since then who have included CHOP in their estate plans, these gifts — some large, some small, but all deeply meaningful — have saved countless lives.

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia honors those who have created a gift for us in their wills, trusts, or by beneficiary designations by welcoming them into the Lewis Society. This special community of supporters believes that establishing a legacy gift for CHOP is one of the most effective ways to secure a healthy future for children and families — and we are grateful.



**Lizabeth Macoretta**  
Director of Planned Giving

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Foundation  
Office of Planned Giving  
3401 Civic Center Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19104  
267-426-6472 | [MacorettaL@chop.edu](mailto:MacorettaL@chop.edu)