A will enables you to provide for your heirs, remember loved ones and support organizations or causes that were important to you during your lifetime such as The Huntsville Hospital Foundation.

Benefits for You

- 1. Tax Advantages Your estate will receive a tax receipt or the entire amount of the gift.
- 2. Control You may change your will at any time.
- 3. Simple Easy to arrange. Simply ask your lawyer to add a codicil to your current will or include The Huntsville Hospital Foundation when creating a new will.
- 4. Flexible The designation is revocable and can be changed if your financial circumstances alter.
- 5. Cost Effective There are no extra out-of-pocket costs.
- 6. Peace of Mind You can arrange your gift and know it will occur just as planned.
- 7. Memorialize Your bequest can create a lasting memorial for you, your family or anyone you may wish to honor.
- 8. Opportunity An opportunity to make a significant gift.
- 9. Recognition Your gift can be honoured during your lifetime, should you wish. How does it Work?

A gift in your will is deemed to have been made in the year of your passing. Currently, your executor (trustee) can apply the estate's charitable contributions to offset up to 100% of the person's income in the year of death, and any unused tax credits can be carried back one year to help offset taxes paid in the previous year. As of 2016, the trustee will be able to allocate available tax credits against the taxation year of the estate in the year of death, any earlier taxation year of the estate, or the individual's last two taxation years before death.

This type of gift can help ensure the maximum amount is passed on to your heirs by offsetting taxes. To create a bequest gift in your will, simply have your lawyer add a codicil to your existing will or include a codicil in any new will being created. Often, your lawyer will not charge to create a codicil especially if you provide your intention and the wording.

Types of bequests include:

- Specific Gift: The Huntsville Hospital Foundation receives a specific asset such as named amount of
 cash, an identified parcel of real estate or a piece of artwork. For gifts of securities, it is best to give
 your executor the power to choose what should be donated rather than naming any security
 specifically. This enables better tax planning and precludes the possibility of the gift lapsing in the
 case that the securities named have been sold.
- Residual Gift: The Huntsville Hospital Foundation would receive all or a percentage of what remains in your estate after other special provisions have been fulfilled.
- Contingent Gift: The Huntsville Hospital Foundation would receive all or shares of your estate after other named beneficiaries have died.

The following sample wordings may help you.

A gift to support The Huntsville Hospital Foundation when received:

I leave to The Huntsville Hospital Foundation, 4-100 Frank Miller Drive, Huntsville, ON P1H 1H7, or its successor, (state share or percentage of estate, a specific amount of money, the specific securities you wish to leave, or a specific item or items.) I direct this money be used as the Foundation chooses (or state program or area of work you wish to support.)

A gift to support The Huntsville Hospital Foundation in perpetuity:

I leave to The Huntsville Hospital Foundation, 4-100 Frank Miller Drive, Huntsville, ON P1H 1H7, or its successor, (state share or percentage of estate, a specific amount of money or the specific securities you wish to leave). I direct this money be kept and invested in perpetuity with income generated to support healthcare needs as the Foundation chooses (or state program or area of work you wish to support.)

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