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**GOLD COAST
HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION**

A Gift in your Will

Your guide to leaving a gift in your
Will to Gold Coast Hospital Foundation



Our story

Gold Coast Hospital Foundation is a not-for-profit registered charity dedicated to improving health care across the Gold Coast. Each year, the Foundation's services support thousands of patients and their families who are suffering physically, emotionally and financially due to serious illness, disease and injury.

Established in 1994, the Foundation raises urgent funds to help deliver the very best medical care for patients at Gold Coast University Hospital, Robina Hospital and all Gold Coast Health public clinics such as family and child health, post-operative care, rehabilitation and mental health.

The Foundation's fundraising efforts are only made possible thanks to the continued support of generous individuals, families and businesses in the community. So much has been achieved for countless patients, but with your help, we can do so much more.



The importance of leaving a gift in your Will

A gift in your Will to Gold Coast Hospital Foundation is one of the most thoughtful and significant ways to leave a lasting legacy for future generations. Whatever the size or form of your bequest, it will enable the Foundation to further its impact and provide world class health care services and facilities for babies, children and adults – now and into the future.

The committed support of people just like you helps fund:

- Vital support services for patients and families
- Lifesaving medical equipment
- Innovative medical research
- Education, training and scholarships for Gold Coast Health staff
- Improved hospital facilities and patient spaces

A gift for future generations

Your gift to Gold Coast Hospital Foundation in your Will can ensure the next generation have access to the best team of doctors, nurses and other medical professionals when they urgently need it. It will give every patient the greatest chance to recover and return to their family even faster.

A bequest can provide lasting support for a range of health areas such as:

- Premature newborns
- Paediatric care
- Emergency and trauma response
- Oncology
- Palliative care
- Mental health
- Aged care and dementia

Leaving a gift in your Will can change lives and give you peace of mind that the health care needs of your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews will be taken care of well into the future.

How your gift will make a difference

There are a lot of ways your gift can make a very real and lasting difference to patients and help improve the hospitals and health facilities that care for them.

Specialist equipment

After entering the world by emergency C-section, baby boy Wolf Ropati was diagnosed with two rare, life-threatening medical disorders – a congenital heart condition and a bowel defect. Having already endured two urgent open heart surgeries, Wolf underwent another challenging operation on his tiny bowel at 11 months old. An expert neonatal and paediatric surgical team used specialist laparoscopic equipment measuring at just 3mm to make small incisions in his abdomen to reconstruct a passageway and opening at the end of his digestive tract. The laparoscopic surgical instruments, which were funded by Gold Coast Hospital Foundation thanks to generous community donations, allow doctors to perform minimally invasive surgery on even the smallest patients. This offers

babies and infants the best chance for faster, less painful recovery and long-term health benefits. Each year, the Foundation purchases more than 100 vital pieces of medical equipment.

Cancer Patient Transport Service

To help take the worry out of getting to and from hospital for chemotherapy, radiation therapy, tests and appointments, the Foundation provides the Cancer Patient Transport Service, which provides more than 7,000 journeys annually to help patients too ill to drive or unable to afford transport.

Emergency Accommodation Service

When Beaudesert local Josh was left fighting for his life after a serious car accident, the Foundation assisted his family with accommodation near the hospital. It meant the world to the 19-year-old's family that they could be by his side. The Emergency Accommodation Service provides emergency accommodation assistance to families displaced by unexpected medical and financial hardship.

Medical research

The Foundation has formed a new major research program in partnership with Gold Coast Health. This program will focus on seed funding innovative health and clinical research to continually advance health care services and medical outcomes for patients.



How to include Gold Coast Hospital Foundation in your Will

Including a gift to Gold Coast Hospital Foundation in your Will is simple. You can choose to leave a gift for general charitable purposes, meaning the funds are directed where needed the most. Alternatively you can outline a specific purpose for your gift to help a particular department or cause that is close to your heart.

Preparing your Will

1. Consider how you would like to share your gift
2. Contact a solicitor or other Will maker to prepare your Will
3. Phone (07) 5594 6986 to let us know you have included the Foundation in your Will

Suggested Will wording

If you would like to leave a gift to Gold Coast Hospital Foundation, please use this wording in your Will:

General Charitable Purposes – a gift to where it is needed the most

*“I bequeath percent of my residual Estate **OR** the sum of \$ [choose one alternative] to Gold Coast Hospital Foundation, Gold Coast University Hospital, Level 1 Hospital Boulevard, Southport, Queensland, 4215 to be used for its general charitable purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the secretary, trustee or other officer of the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation is sufficient release for the executors of the Estate without seeing to the final distribution of the funds.”*

Specific Purpose – a gift to a specific department/disease/research field

*“I bequeath percent of my residual Estate **OR** the sum of \$ [choose one alternative] to Gold Coast Hospital Foundation, Gold Coast University Hospital, Level 1 Hospital Boulevard, Southport, Queensland, 4215 to be used for [insert gift restriction] or similar health treatment, condition or research and I declare that the receipt of the secretary, trustee or other officer of the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation is sufficient release for the executors of the Estate without seeing to the final distribution of the funds.”*



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to Gold Coast Hospital Foundation, which will help
thousands of patients now and into the future.

**Our Philanthropy Manager or CEO would be
happy to discuss any queries you may have.**

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CCV Code

Name on card

Expiry

Signature

☐ I have enclosed a cheque payable to Gold Coast Hospital Foundation

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