

Timing is everything. Especially for Gerry and Barbara Rosenlund.



Gerry and Barbara enjoy attending the Chef & Child Dinner and Auction to benefit the McLeod Children's Hospital. Their motivation is four children, 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Twenty-five years ago, as Gerry neared retirement as Plant Manager at DuPont, it was providential that Bruce Barragan, former President and CEO of McLeod Health, approached him about serving on the McLeod Health Board of Trustees.

Gerry shares that during his years of board service to McLeod, he saw the establishment of a stable and dedicated administrative leadership team and medical staff. He is proud of the focus on excellence and meeting the broad-ranging needs of our region. He and Barbara would not go anywhere else for their care.

Last year, an opportunity presented itself to Gerry and Barbara that would allow them to make a legacy commitment to impact future generations served by McLeod Health.

During a conversation with Dr. Jay Pearson, Gerry and Barbara learned about the advantages of a Charitable Gift Annuity. Dr. Pearson and his wife Ellen had made a legacy gift in this manner to McLeod several years before.

The Charitable Gift Annuity program is offered by the McLeod Foundation and provides guaranteed positive lifetime returns. Certainly, the timing was right when they were looking for a return of income, as other investment vehicles available in the market provide minimal returns.

Gerry and Barbara have made McLeod Health a part of their philanthropy for decades, with a personal focus on McLeod Hospice. They value the compassionate end-of-life care available for patients and their families and have directed the balance that will remain in the Gift Annuity to support this special service.

“The process was easy,” shares Gerry. “The McLeod Foundation provided a professional consultant who walked us through the entire process. No accountant or attorney was needed.”

Barbara says, “We thought about our decision for a long time. We realized that McLeod Health was an important part of our lives. We are pleased to join other dedicated supporters as members of the Dr. F. H. McLeod Legacy Society.”

The Rosenlunds encourage others who would like to ensure a generous supplement to their income and want to help provide continued excellent care at McLeod Health to learn more about Charitable Gift Annuities.

The timing may be perfect for you, too.