

# Leaving Your Legacy

Your Charitable and Gift Planning Guide • Fall 2021

## McLeod Hospice: A Family Affair for the Becker Family

For nearly a quarter of a century, Drs. Carolyn and Mark Reynolds have been an integral part of the McLeod Health family. Mark was recruited by former McLeod Health President and CEO Bruce Barragan as the first dedicated trauma surgeon at McLeod Regional Medical Center. He was also instrumental in establishing the hospital's Trauma Services program in 1997. Carolyn has served patients in numerous roles throughout the medical system, and was one of the first hospitalists at McLeod Regional Medical Center.

While serving as Medical Director for McLeod Hospice, Carolyn's family experienced compassionate care for her mother, Eleanor Becker, which inspired their long history of support.

Carolyn shares, "The loving care our mother received at the McLeod Hospice House allowed us to be her family and not her caregivers."

Eleanor loved gardens, yet at the time of her care there were no wheelchair-accessible gardens for patients and families. Upon her passing, the family approached the McLeod Foundation with their desire to establish such a garden in her memory.

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Carolyn and family dedicating the McLeod Hospice House Sensory Garden during a butterfly release in 2008.



A stone memorial honors Eleanor Becker in the McLeod Hospice House Sensory Garden.

### Learn About "A Light for Someone You Love" Tree Lighting Endowment Inside

The endowment honors the compassionate care Eleanor Becker received at the McLeod Hospice House. With this gift, the Becker family will continue to touch other families for generations to come.

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As the region began to depend on the McLeod Hospice House, it became apparent that additional rooms were needed. The Becker family was one of the first commitments to this capital campaign, naming one of the new wings in the McLeod Hospice House addition.

The Becker family also believes their most recent commitment, a McLeod Hospice Tree Lighting Sponsor Endowment, is a way to ensure excellent hospice care for other families in the future.



*Like the Becker family, you can help ensure the future of medical excellence through your gift to the McLeod Health Foundation. Contact Elizabeth Jones, Development Officer, at [elizabeth.jones@mcleodhealth.org](mailto:elizabeth.jones@mcleodhealth.org) or (843) 777-2694 to learn about creating an endowed scholarship or making a gift in your estate plan.*

## “A Light for Someone You Love” Tree Lighting Endowed Sponsor Program

The Tree Lighting Endowed Sponsor Program is for those families and individuals who would like to provide support for McLeod Hospice in perpetuity. Their gift is recognized at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony each year, and would be used to support the mission of the McLeod Hospice program. These endowed gifts may be set up in several ways.

- 1. Current Gifts:** An outright gift of at least \$25,000 could be made with cash, appreciated stock or through the new IRA charitable rollover option. This gift could be made over a five-year pledge period. However, tree sponsorship would not begin until the pledge is fulfilled. Annual gifts could be used to sponsor until the pledge is fully paid.
- 2. Deferred Gifts:** A gift of at least \$25,000 could be designated to McLeod Hospice to fund a Tree Sponsor Lighting Endowment through a will bequest, retirement asset beneficiary designation, insurance policy or other estate commitment. However, tree sponsorship would not begin until the gift is realized by the McLeod Foundation. Annual gifts could be used to sponsor until the estate component is received.

McLeod Hospice Tree Lighting Endowed Sponsors are also recognized as members of the **Dr. F. H. McLeod Legacy Society**. The prestigious Dr. F. H. McLeod Legacy Society was founded to recognize friends and benefactors who have established endowments and/or included McLeod Health Foundation in their will, trust and/or estate plan. Members of the Dr. F. H. McLeod Legacy Society are not only an integral part of McLeod's present, but are the keys to its future.

### McLeod Hospice Tree Lighting Endowed Sponsors:

The Aiken Foundation  
Teresa and James Anderson  
John S. DeBerry, Jr.  
Francie and Joe Dunlap, Jr.

Cathy and Mark Fox  
Amy and Dudley Harrington  
Mary Jane and Evans Holland  
Mary Wallace and Chris Moore

Kaye and Julius Parris  
Carolyn and Mark Reynolds  
The Estate of Linda Russell  
Marie Saleeby



## Your Life's Work

Why do you give? Do you want to make a real difference? Is your generosity a reflection of your values, or a way to inspire others to give? Whatever the reason you support McLeod Health, your kindness helps us care for a wide range of patients from children struggling to survive serious illness and cancer patients looking for hope to minimizing the pain and suffering of those in Hospice.

Because of your connection to our region, it is natural that you would like compassionate medical excellence to be available well into the future. How? By making a future gift as part of your legacy.

### Create Your Legacy at McLeod Health

You can continue your generosity long after your lifetime. **Some options include:**

- **Percentage giving.** Through your will, you can designate percentages of your estate as you see fit. For example, designate 5% of your total estate to McLeod Health Foundation, while leaving 95% to loved ones.

## Honor Someone Special

Making a gift in honor of someone else keeps that special person's memory alive through your generosity to a shared cause.

- **Blended giving.** Give an outright gift of cash or other assets today, combined with a future gift, such as naming McLeod Health Foundation in your will.
- **Beneficiary designation.** A simple form is all it takes to name McLeod Health Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement plan assets, unneeded life insurance policy or donor advised fund.

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*Your life's work (and subsequent legacy) is your opportunity to make a statement. Whatever the reason behind your giving, we are here to help you fulfill your goals. Contact Elizabeth Jones, Development Officer, at (843) 777-2694 or [elizabeth.jones@mcleodhealth.org](mailto:elizabeth.jones@mcleodhealth.org) with any questions.*



# End-of-Year Planning Tips

Check these off your to-do list to end the year on an organized note.

- ☐ **Update your will or living trust.** Review your will or trust for any life change such as a birth, death, marriage or move to a different state.
- ☐ **Review your retirement plan beneficiaries.** Remove any beneficiary on your life insurance or retirement plans who is deceased or is a former spouse, and consider adding a charitable organization like McLeod Health Foundation.
- ☐ **Review your life insurance policy.** If you have a policy that is no longer a significant piece of your estate plan, consider making a gift by assigning ownership to McLeod Health Foundation or making us the beneficiary.
- ☐ **Durable power of attorney.** Make sure your durable powers of attorney for financial matters and health care are current. A copy of the financial power

of attorney should be given to your family members, while a copy of your health care power of attorney should be provided to both family members and health care providers.

- ☐ **Safe-deposit box.** Catalog the contents of your safe-deposit box. Give a written copy to a trusted family member and note any items you are holding for someone else.
- ☐ **Bank or brokerage accounts.** Name designated heirs or McLeod Health Foundation as a recipient of bank or brokerage account proceeds at your death.\*
- ☐ **Charitable contributions.** If you have included a gift to McLeod Health Foundation in your estate plan, review the details of your gift and let us--and your loved ones--know of your intentions. This will guarantee that your wishes are carried out after your lifetime.

*\*State laws govern payable-on-death accounts and transfer-on-death accounts. Please consult with your bank representative or investment advisor if you are considering these gifts.*

## Who is on Your List?

*As we approach the end of the year, we are happy to help ensure that you can support McLeod Health Foundation and also get the most benefit. Please feel free to contact Elizabeth Jones, Development Officer, for free resources.*

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