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News and Gift Planning Ideas for Friends of The Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society

## A FAMILY TRADITION OF GIVING

For Dr. Abram Hostetter, philanthropy is a family tradition.

At the age of 10, he sat quietly on the stairs and watched as his father, then chair of the United Way of Lancaster County, conducted a board meeting in their living room.

"My father was an example to me," he said.

When he and his wife, Pat, married, they decided to make philanthropic donations a priority. The Hostetters' generosity has impacted many throughout their lives. They are Foundation Fellows, a designation for Foundation donors who have made a lasting commitment of a planned gift. They also led the way in establishing a Charitable Remainder Trust, which will exist in and be managed by the Foundation, making a difference for generations to come. They have made annual contributions for nearly 40 years.

In addition to his generosity of resources, Dr. Hostetter has also given of his time. While running



*Abram M. Hostetter, MD*

a successful private psychiatry practice in Hershey for more than 30 years, he volunteered with many organizations, including the Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. He served as chair of the Foundation Board of Trustees from 1986 to 2002. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Physicians' Health Program.

He also served as president of the Pennsylvania Psychiatric Society, where he is a Life Fellow, and is a member of the Lebanon County Medical Society. He is a Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and served as chair of its foundation, using his experience at the Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society to help that organization establish a road to success. He also was an elder at Derry Presbyterian Church and on the board of the Harrisburg Symphony Association. And just as his father did, he served as chair of the United Way Board of Directors.

"I know that for a foundation to keep going, there have to be people who regularly contribute," he said. "That's

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# UNPACKING THE SECURE ACT

At the end of 2019, the SECURE Act (Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement) was signed into law. The new law includes provisions that may impact your charitable giving, retirement planning and existing estate plans. Here is an overview of key changes:

IRA owners who turn 70½ in 2020 or later can wait until the year they turn age 72 to begin taking required minimum distributions. They may, however, begin making tax-free qualified charitable distributions from their traditional and Roth IRAs after reaching age 70½.

The “stretch IRA” is eliminated for most beneficiaries. Previously, a younger family member could be named beneficiary of an IRA and take distributions in smaller annual amounts over their life expectancy. This allowed the IRA to continue growing tax sheltered and spread the income taxes owed on distributions potentially over many decades. With a few exceptions, the stretch IRA is now available only for surviving spouses. A non-spouse generally must distribute the entire IRA within 10 years, which may result in higher income taxes.

The new law also presents a charitable opportunity. IRA owners may have all or a portion of their accounts pass to a charitable remainder unitrust that makes payments to younger family members. Not only do beneficiaries receive payments for life, similar to the stretch IRA, but when the trust ends remaining assets pass to charity. If the IRA owner’s estate is subject to tax, an estate tax charitable deduction is available for the value of the remainder interest in the trust.

For questions regarding your plans or more information, please consult your advisors. We are happy to assist in whatever way we can. Contact Lori Storm at [lstorm@pamedsoc.org](mailto:lstorm@pamedsoc.org) or call (717) 558-7861.



## Bequest Language

*“I give, devise and bequeath to The Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, located at 777 East Park Drive, P.O. Box 8820, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8820, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_ % of the residue of my estate (or otherwise describe the specific property or percentage of the estate) to benefit the Foundation’s charitable work.”*

# A NOTE OF SINCERE THANKS

As a loyal and committed supporter of the Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, we want to thank you for all you have done for us in the past. Your generosity has enabled us to serve the areas of greatest need in the physician community. In the days, weeks and months ahead, our work – and your support – will be more important than ever.

After first providing for the needs of family, friends and other loved ones, growing numbers of people are arranging long-range gifts in their wills or other estate plans. If you have made such a gift, or are considering doing so, please know such

gifts are greatly appreciated. Legacy gifts have and will continue to make a profound difference in our ability to support medical education, physician health and excellence in practice.

If you are thinking about including any charitable provisions in your plans, we hope you will consider including the Foundation in them, thus ensuring your enduring support in the future. If you have already done so, please consider letting us know so we can express our deep appreciation.

Above all, know that we are grateful for you.



## A FAMILY'S TRADITION OF GIVING *Continued from page 1*

how the foundation will survive – by having people who say, 'this is one of my causes.'"

Dr. Hostetter believes in the work being done at the Foundation, and that is why he chooses to give.

"We are licensed, competent physicians making above average income – it's our obligation to ensure that the people coming

after us have physicians who are healthy," he said. "That's what the Foundation has been working at, through the PHP and LifeGuard, and giving scholarships and loans to medical students."

If you're interested in making a lasting impact like Dr. Hostetter, please contact Manager of Philanthropy and Hospital Relations Lori Storm at (717) 558-7861.

# GIVING THROUGH YOUR WILL

A gift through your will – called a bequest – is the most traditional way to continue your support of your charitable interests, such as the Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. Here are several common forms of bequests explained:

**The General Bequest.** The most familiar type is the general bequest, which specifies that we will receive a designated sum. For example, you might make a general bequest of \$25,000. You may prefer this arrangement because it is considered a “primary charge against your estate” (which means it will almost certainly be fulfilled).

**The Percentage Bequest.** The percentage bequest states that we will receive a certain predetermined percentage of your estate (like 10 or 25 percent).

**The Specific Bequest.** When making a specific bequest, you are directing that one particular property be transferred to us, such as a certain piece of real estate, the stock from a named company or some other designated property. This type of bequest is ideal for individuals wishing to give particular stocks or a valuable art object. Note: A specific bequest can be satisfied only with the property designated. If that property has been sold or otherwise removed from the estate, the bequest will not be received.

**The Residuary Bequest.** This directs that we receive either everything remaining in your estate or a designated percentage of your estate after all necessary costs, all general bequests and all specific bequests are satisfied. This type allows you the flexibility of making several primary bequests while still giving you the assurance that we will be a secondary beneficiary of your estate. The residuary bequest has the drawback of uncertainty; i.e. we receive what is left after all primary obligations are satisfied.

**The Contingent Bequest.** As the name implies, this bequest is “contingent” on some event. Usually, you might make a primary bequest for a relative, with the contingency that if that relative is not living at the time of your death, the bequest will pass to charity. The contingent bequest is often used in the case of a husband or wife who stipulates that if their spouse is not living at the time of their death, the bequest will pass to a contingent charitable beneficiary.

We would be happy to provide you or your advisors with more information about including the Foundation in your plans.

*Our legal name:*

***The Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society***

*Our federal Tax ID:*

***37-1732501***

## FOR MORE INFORMATION



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## Mission

The Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society provides programs and services for individual physicians and others that improve the well-being of Pennsylvanians and sustain the future of medicine.