

How to make a gift to Epworth in your Will



About Epworth Medical Foundation

The Epworth Medical Foundation (EMF) raises essential funds to ensure that our patients receive the best possible care.

This means ensuring they're cared for in world-class facilities by leading specialists with access to state-of-the-art equipment, ground-breaking research and clinical trials, and that patients and their families are supported by a compassionate and highly skilled team.

Our generous donor community has been helping us to provide all of this since 1920, when a philanthropic gift helped establish Epworth. Today, philanthropy underpins our simple yet unwavering commitment to provide exceptional care to each and every patient we treat.

Bequest gifts are critical in helping us provide the best patient care possible.

For many, leaving a bequest to Epworth Medical Foundation represents an opportunity to support Epworth in a greater capacity than they might be able to do during their lifetime.

Bequests are one of the most significant ways of supporting Epworth to purchase world-class equipment, upgrade our facilities and undertake research to ensure patients at Epworth receive the very best care.



Leaving a bequest to Epworth

Why bequests are so important to Epworth

By leaving a bequest to Epworth Medical Foundation in your Will, you help us plan for the future with confidence, ensuring we can provide the very best care for our patients for generations to come.

What you can do with your bequest

- You can direct it towards an area of health that is of personal interest to you.
- You can advise how you would like it to be used, for example, to fund research and clinical trials, cutting-edge new equipment or to fund a perpetual scholarship.
- You can create a permanent endowment from which dividends will be distributed every year, in perpetuity.

For more information and to have a confidential discussion about making a gift to Epworth in your Will, contact **Vanessa Dannock** on **03 9426 6572, 0408 122 599** or email vanessa.dannock@epworth.org.au

Your bequest helps Epworth give our patients world-class care

By making a gift to Epworth via your Will, you leave a legacy of care. Your bequest enables world-class care for our patients, supporting many areas including:



State-of-the-art equipment

Having the most advanced medical equipment and technology helps us to give our patients the best care and outcomes.



Ground-breaking research

Funding for research enables Epworth to conduct research into critical areas of health such as cancer, mental health and cardiac care, as well as pioneering future medical care including new equipment, technology and treatment trials.



World-class facilities

For our patients' wellbeing it is essential that we invest in the latest technologies, world-class operating facilities, and the most nurturing environments for patients and their families to rest and recover



Scholarships

More than 150 perpetual scholarships to enable our staff to be their best and give our patients exceptional care.



Compassionate care

Ensure the holistic care of our patients, because we understand that a return to health means supporting patients physically and emotionally.

A photograph of an elderly couple, Wolfgang and Janis Ott, sitting at a restaurant table. Wolfgang is on the left, wearing a grey suit jacket and glasses, holding a wine glass. Janis is on the right, wearing a patterned jacket over a black top, also holding a wine glass. The table is set with a white tablecloth, a plate of food, and several glasses. The background shows a restaurant setting with other tables and chairs.

Wolfgang and Janis Ott

Wolfgang Ott has made a gift in his Will to help care for patients at Epworth, as a mark of gratitude for the care he and his wife Janis have received at Epworth over many years.

Married for 45 years, both Wolfgang and Janis devoted many years to volunteering. Wolfgang became a CFA Volunteer for Rowville in 1962, and continued as an active volunteer firefighter for the next 23 years. After he was treated for heart problems at Epworth in 1998, both Wolfgang and Janis began volunteering for Heartbeat Epworth, something they said made them “proud of what we achieved for the cardiac facilities.”

Sadly, Janis passed away in 2012.

At Wolfgang’s request, this generous gift will be used to establish a number of perpetual scholarships to support the development and advanced education of our nursing staff, and to encourage innovation. Wolfgang believes that this in turn will help ensure that patients at Epworth continue to receive the best possible care.

Every year as these scholarships are awarded, Wolfgang and Janis will be remembered and celebrated for their generosity and foresight.

The Lockwood Society

When you leave a bequest to Epworth Medical Foundation, you are automatically invited to become a member of the Lockwood Society, a very special group of people who have also chosen to support Epworth in this very significant way. Lockwood Society members receive a number of benefits in recognition of their generosity, including:

- Invitations to exclusive events
- Opportunities to attend tours and briefings
- Personal updates on Epworth's progress
- A commemorative Lockwood Society pin

“It gives me enormous satisfaction to know that when I am gone, my donation will help my family, and help to care for other people's lives as well. I feel great comfort that my legacy will make life easier for others in need.”

Bruce Lockwood's bequest funds annual grants to outstanding doctors at Epworth to further their education and spearhead important research



If you would like to learn more about leaving a bequest, we have a range of free resources to assist you in this important decision.

These include:

- A 30-minute personal Wills consultation with a Solicitor
- Access to our Wills Planning Workshops, run by professional Estate Planners
- A copy of our Bequest Planning Guide, containing all the information you need
- A Personal Affairs Record booklet, to record a summary of your life and assets

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Alternatively, complete the form below and Vanessa will be in touch.

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