



Kaylynn and Darrell Schroeder at the 2025 Donor Appreciation Event at RUH.

Planting Seeds for a Gift That Lasts

Giving back to their community has always been important to Kaylynn and Darrell Schroeder. While they've lived across Canada as Kaylynn filled executive roles, they've kept one key part of their rural roots with them wherever they go — a spirit of community involvement and care for others.

"We came from a place where community was important, where everybody pitched in — for the sports day, the curling rink, the skating rink," says Kaylynn, who grew up outside of Yorkton and Darrell, who grew up and later farmed near Chamberlain.

For more than 20 years, the couple have supported health-care philanthropy, learning where help is needed most. Kaylynn served on the RUH Foundation's Volunteer Board of Directors for many years, including serving as board chair in 2022-23.

As a result of this involvement, in 2023 the Schroeders chose to recognize Royal University Hospital (RUH) Foundation as a beneficiary in their Wills.

"What gives me comfort in the gift that we're giving is our faith in the Foundation to steward that money properly, and make sure things get

done the way they need to. The Foundation has earned our trust," says Kaylynn, who served on the RUH Foundation board for nearly a decade.

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—Kaylynn Schroeder

In addition to their legacy gift, the Schroeders decided to make a major contribution to RUH with a gift that will fund the first dementia-friendly hospital ward in Canada.

The decision was motivated by their own experiences with loved ones experiencing dementia, and a desire to support others going through this.

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A visit to the hospital confirmed the need for this type of dedicated space at RUH, adding that their goal is to support both patients and their families, as Darrell says, “to make their lives a little easier.”

Even though they may never meet these families, they have a philosophy of giving that considers how others can benefit from what they are able to contribute. Kaylynn shares a quote that has inspired her over many years. “I continue to be inspired by D. Elton Trueblood’s quote: ‘It takes a noble man to plant a seed for a tree that will someday give shade to people he may never meet,’” she says.

When you meet the Schroeders, you’re left with a deep appreciation of their kindness and care for others — even those they don’t know.

“We may never know them, and we don’t need to know them. We just need to know that they’re okay,” says Kaylynn.

Planned giving is one powerful way to share this type of generosity with others.

“I think leaving a gift in your Will is the easiest way to give back,” says Kaylynn. The Schroeders say that starting the estate planning process early let them influence how their gift would be used and shape the impact of their contribution, while giving them the satisfaction of knowing how these funds would be used.

“Coming forward early lets the Foundation know the gift is coming and work with you to channel it in the right direction.”

—Kaylynn Schroeder

Planning ahead also helps loved ones during what is already a difficult time and ensures there are no surprises — “so nobody has to guess.”

RUH Foundation thanks the Schroeders for their generous support — through both volunteer service and philanthropy — and helping strengthen dementia care at RUH.

If you’d like information on how to leave a gift in your Will, or to support other priorities at RUH, please contact Candace Boersma, Legacy Giving and Donor Relations Officer, at 306.655.6501 or candace.boersma@ruh.org.

Honouring Their Legacy

Over the past year, RUH Foundation has been honored to have received estate gifts from individuals who were previous annual or monthly donors, a grateful patient or a loved one of someone whose life was saved at RUH. We honour these individuals whose legacy gifts have recently been realized (January 1 – December 31, 2025).

Thank you!

Wayne Babiuk
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Create Your Lasting Impact at Royal University Hospital

When people think about supporting health care, they often picture annual donations or special campaign gifts, which are important, but one of the most powerful — and enduring — ways to strengthen health care happens quietly, often behind the scenes: through estate gifts.

Estate gifts, sometimes called legacy or planned gifts, are commitments made through a Will, trust, or beneficiary designation. While they may not make headlines right away, their impact on health care at Royal University Hospital is profound, far-reaching and deeply personal.

Many estate gifts begin with gratitude. Gratitude for a nurse who went above and beyond. For a physician who never gave up. For a breakthrough that offered more time, more hope, or a second chance.

An estate gift transforms that gratitude into action. It ensures that exceptional care continues — so that future patients and families experience the same compassion, innovation and support when they need it most.

These gifts provide RUH Foundation the freedom to think boldly and plan for the long term. They help fuel medical research, advance new treatments and bring life-saving technologies to the bedside.

By planning a gift today, donors ensure that extraordinary health care will be there tomorrow and for many tomorrows to come.

If you have been touched by the care you or a loved one received, we invite you to consider making that care part of your legacy. A gift in your Will or estate plans — of any size — can help ensure that healing, hope and compassion are there for future generations.

To learn more, or to have a confidential, obligation free, conversation about legacy giving, please contact Candace Boersma, Legacy Giving and Donor Relations Officer of RUH Foundation by calling her at 306.655.6501 or via email at candace.boersma@ruhf.org.

Your generosity reflects what matters most to you — and together, we can create a lasting impact at Royal University Hospital.

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We would like to thank the following Royal Legacy Giving Society Members who have graciously notified RUH Foundation that they have made provisions in their estate plan through Wills, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts and other means to create a legacy of giving to RUH Foundation that will continue long into the future.

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Thank you!





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—D. Elton Trueblood

To learn more about how to include RUH Foundation in your Will, please scan the QR code, visit ruhf.org/planned-giving/ or contact Candace Boersma, Legacy Giving and Donor Relations Officer, at 306.655.6501 or candace.boersma@ruhf.org.

You're under no obligation when you call.



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