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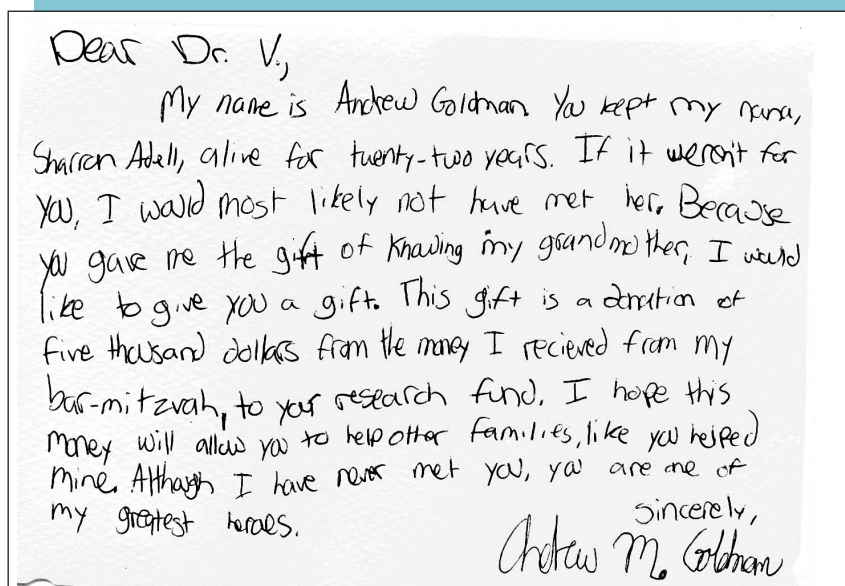
## TEEN DONATES \$5,000 TO KARMANOS IN MEMORY OF HIS GRANDMOTHER



Dr. Vee and Andrew Goldman

Although he's too young to have an estate plan, 13-year-old Andrew M. Goldman recently donated \$5,000 he received from his bar mitzvah to the Institute. In a letter to Dr. Vee, Andrew wrote, "You kept my nana, Sharron Adell, alive for 22 years. If it weren't for you, I would most likely not have met her. Because you gave me the gift of knowing my grandmother, I would like you to have this gift."

He requested that his bar mitzvah money go toward funding cancer research to help other families like his.



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You have worked hard to accumulate assets throughout your life. When you create a will, you have the ability to determine how those assets are distributed at death. To learn how to make effective bequests, send for our free brochure by completing and returning the enclosed reply card.

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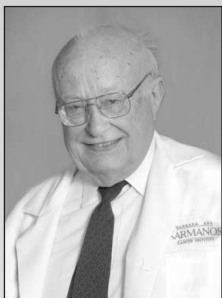


# PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

A CHARITABLE AND GIFT PLANNING GUIDE FOR THE BARBARA ANN KARMANOS CANCER INSTITUTE

SPRING 2007

## KARMANOS NAMES PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY AFTER DR. VEE



Vainutis K. Vaitkevicius, M.D.  
"Dr. Vee"

**The mere mention of his name, Vainutis K. Vaitkevicius, M.D., always leads to kindhearted stories about the beloved physician affectionately referred to as "Dr. Vee." His commitment to his patients and a future free of cancer is legendary.**

The newly named "Dr. Vee Legacy of Hope Society," formerly known as the Legacy Society recognizes planned giving donors, while bringing hope to the fight against cancer. The generous support received helps the Karmanos Cancer Institute provide the best care possible and conduct advanced cancer research, both of which are critically important to Dr. Vee and the Institute.

"Dr. Vee is an internationally acclaimed oncologist, teacher, researcher and retired president of the Karmanos Cancer Institute," said John C. Ruckdeschel, M.D., the Institute's current president and chief executive officer. "His concern and compassion for his patients and his unending passion for his work will live on through this Society. We are honored to have him, and all that his reputation embodies, associated with the Institute

and others who aspire to find a cure for such an insidious disease."

Pat Hartmann, a current member of the Dr. Vee Legacy of Hope Society and Institute board member supports the name change, "My husband, Jan and I are very pleased Karmanos is honoring Dr. Vee's legacy and the hope he has given cancer patients everywhere. We have provided for Karmanos in many ways because we have personally seen the positive impact this type of support has had on patient care and research."

Dr. Vee expressed his gratitude to Karmanos. "I am humbled by this kind gesture and hope that I can help inspire others to support the Karmanos Cancer Institute," he said. "Our collective commitment will have a tremendous impact on the future of thousands and thousands of lives."

Those who include the Karmanos Cancer Institute in their wills or estate plans automatically become members of the Dr. Vee Legacy of Hope Society.

If you'd like to send an e-mail message to Dr. Vee or receive information about planned giving, e-mail [DrVeeLegacy@karmanos.org](mailto:DrVeeLegacy@karmanos.org).

DR. "VEE" VAINUTIS K. VAITKEVICIUS

# Legacy of Hope

PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY

## *Become a Member of the Dr. Vee Legacy of Hope Society*

The Dr. Vee Legacy of Hope Society recognizes individuals who have generously benefited the Institute through planned gifts. Planned gifts can be made in memory of loved ones and restricted for particular areas of cancer research or care. It is an important way to benefit the Institute while eliminating estate and gift taxes.

To be recognized in the Dr. Vee Legacy of Hope Society, simply inform us on the enclosed reply card that you have included Karmanos in your will or estate plan.

For more information please contact Mary Alice Bankert at (313) 576-8108 or bankertm@karmanos.org, or Lynn Fisher at (313) 576-8119 or fisherl@karmanos.org.



Gertrude E. Stutzer

Mrs. Stutzer made a bequest in her will directing half of her estate to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, having a tremendous impact on the Institute's work. Mrs. Stutzer passed away in May 2006. She was a longtime employee of General Motors Corporation. She enjoyed gardening and traveling with her late husband, Earl.

## BEQUESTS—CREATE A LASTING LEGACY THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

**An estimated 70 percent of all U.S. households contribute to one or more charitable organizations each year. The number of people leaving a bequest or a memorial in their wills, however, hovers at a mere eight percent. These types of charitable giving opportunities allow individuals to be associated forever with a favorite cause—while reaping significant tax benefits.**

Charitable bequests typically enjoy unlimited deductions from federal and state inheritance taxes. Tax laws vary by state, however, so seek professional advice on the tax benefits of making a bequest. Regardless of the tax implications, this form of philanthropy lets you leave a lasting legacy and offers tremendous personal satisfaction. Bequests are gifts made through a will or living trust to provide support for your favorite charitable organization(s). You can leave a specific asset or amount, a percentage of your estate or the remainder of your estate after you have taken care of other beneficiaries. You may leave your bequest unrestricted or designate it for a specific use. Any bequest provision can be modified in your will or living trust during your lifetime to change the legacy you will be creating.

Let's assume you have decided to make a bequest to Karmanos Cancer Institute. There are several bequest options to consider:

**Specific bequest.** You give a specific dollar amount or a specific asset from your estate, such as stocks, bonds, real estate, or mutual fund shares.

**Residuary bequest.** This bequest directs that either all or a percentage of your estate's residue—what is left after the other terms of your will have been satisfied—be paid to the charitable organization.

**Contingent bequest.** You direct that a charitable organization receives all or some of your estate dependent upon a specific condition. For example, you might state that a particular charitable organization will receive the residue of your estate only if a particular loved one such as your spouse doesn't survive you.

## RESEARCH KEY TO DEVELOPING NEW SCREENING TOOLS

**Restricted bequest.** You may wish to restrict your bequest for a specific purpose or to support a specific program.

Bequests provide you with a number of avenues for creating a legacy that defines your personality and commemorates your life.

### *To Make a Gift*

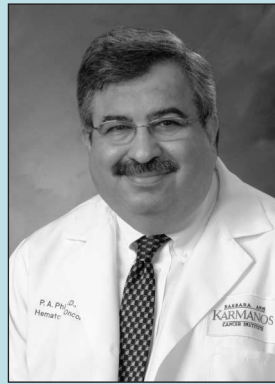
The following language may be used to designate Karmanos Cancer Institute in your will.

*I bequeath the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_*  
*(or) \_\_\_\_\_% residue of my estate*  
*to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer*  
*Institute, located at 4100 John R,*  
*Detroit, Michigan, 48201.*

Consult with an attorney to be sure you have a properly drafted legal document. For more information, call (313) 576-8108 or (313) 576-8119. Your inquiry is confidential and places you under no obligation.

### USE YOUR IRA TO MAKE A CHARITABLE GIFT

Remember that if you are over 70½ years of age, you can make a tax-free gift from your IRA through Dec. 31, 2007. Contact the Office of Planned Giving at (313) 576-8108 or (313) 576-8119.



Dr. Philip Agop Philip,  
M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.P.

The American Cancer Society reported last year that the number of cancer deaths in the United States from 2002 to 2003 declined for the first time in more than 70 years. More good news was recently announced: Cancer deaths again declined for the second consecutive year.

Karmanos physician-scientists credit the good news to a combination of prevention, improved detection and

more effective treatments—accomplishments directly related to research efforts over the past two decades.

Colorectal cancer showed the largest decrease in the number of deaths. According to Philip Agop Philip, M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.P., team leader of the Gastrointestinal Multidisciplinary Team at Karmanos, “Currently, only one in five people with colorectal cancer are diagnosed at an early stage, and 90 percent of those people survive, demonstrating why effective and accessible screening is absolutely critical.”

Research is key to developing early screening tools. “It is important to recognize the significance of advances in cancer screening and treatment and understand that a commitment to research saves lives,” says Stephen Ethier, Ph.D., Karmanos’ Deputy Director and Associate Center Director of Basic Science. “Continued funding is critical to maintain this momentum, particularly in the fight against ovarian, lung and other cancers that are currently detected in later stages.”

Many planned giving donors have designated their estates to research efforts at Karmanos, including the development of cancer screening tests. Thanks to the philanthropic support received from generous endowment, annual and planned gifts, Karmanos is among the nation’s best cancer centers, with world-class researchers, physicians and educators.

**Hear cancer. Think Karmanos.**

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