



Michael Garron Hospital Foundation Professional Advisors Newsletter

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Greetings from Laura

Welcome to the Professional Advisors Network newsletter.

Did you know that November is Make a Will Month? In collaboration with the Ontario Bar Association, we're pleased to host community members for an in-person seminar on will planning. The session will take place at Michael Garron Hospital. Nandi A. O. Deterville of Deterville Law Office, a valued member of our Planned Giving Committee, will lead the session.



Over the past few months, I've met with many of you to learn how you engage clients in philanthropy and hear more about your interest in supporting Michael Garron Hospital. If we haven't yet had the chance to connect, I'll be in touch soon. And please don't hesitate to contact me directly if I can be of assistance.

All the best,

Laura

P.S. Save the date! Our annual

Professional Advisors Network Breakfast will take place on **Thursday, May 28, 2026** at Michael Garron Hospital.

Laura

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Compassionate care makes all the difference



After meeting Michael Garron Hospital's Dr. Sayf Gazala, Sandra* knew she was in the best hands. Dr. Gazala used our new da Vinci Surgical System to perform a minimally-invasive surgery that removed part of Sandra's lung, which was

affected by cancer. Associated with faster recoveries and less pain, robotic assisted surgeries like this one have become the gold standard in care.
[Read how Dr. Gazala's compassion and expertise made a difference in Sandra's journey, and how she decided to give back.](#)

*Name changed for privacy

A case study in philanthropy

"My top priority right now is taking care of my family, so my legacy gift is modest. But as I get older and my children become more independent, and I know my family's needs will be met even without my income, I hope my gift to the hospital will grow." — Scott Rands

In August, Scott shared with Legacy Giving Managers at the foundation that he made a future gift to support Michael Garron Hospital.

As a Board Member and Chair of our Planned Giving Committee, Scott understands the importance of integrating philanthropy into wealth planning. Originally, he intended to update his will to name Michael Garron Hospital Foundation as a beneficiary. However, after reviewing his options, he instead decided to designate the hospital as a beneficiary of his life insurance policy. With his family in agreement, Scott contacted his insurance administrator and requested a change of beneficiary form, naming Michael Garron Hospital Foundation alongside his wife and children. The process took just moments to complete, yet it created a meaningful legacy commitment.

When the gift is realized, Scott's estate will receive a charitable tax credit, which can help offset taxes. At the same time, his wish to leave a legacy gift to support our hospital will be honoured.

In recognition of his thoughtful planning and generosity, we welcomed Scott to the Joseph H. Harris Legacy Circle.

Updating a beneficiary designation for an RRIF, RRSP or life insurance policy can be simpler for clients than revising a will. It also allows them to seamlessly balance family and charitable priorities.

[Learn how we celebrate community members who plan to provide future gifts in support of Michael Garron Hospital Foundation.](#)

Donor Advised Funds *new resource available*

Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) are growing in popularity among Canadians. They are a simple and strategic way to give as they provide flexibility for donors to make a charitable contribution, quickly receive a tax receipt and recommend grants to their preferred charities over time.

Following DAF Day Canada 2025, there's been plenty of conversation about the growing role of DAFs in shaping philanthropy. The Canadian Association of Gift Planners (CAGP) recently released new guidelines to help donors, advisors, and charities navigate this evolving landscape.

[Click here to download the guidelines.](#)

[Thank you for being part of our community of advisors](#)



We're proud to share that Michael Garron Hospital Foundation has received the **Excellence in Legacy Giving** award from the Canadian Association of Gift Planners (CAGP).

The selection committee noted that "over a ten-year span, the Michael Garron Hospital Foundation's legacy program expanded its staffing, engagement and impact. The Hospital has deepened relationships with donors and the advisor community, while broadening engagement through new unique events and fresh marketing initiatives, including a Facebook campaign and customized communications to donors."

This recognition reflects the meaningful partnerships we've built with professional advisors like you. Thank you for helping us grow a culture of philanthropy and legacy giving that supports exceptional care for our community.

Events

In case you missed it

Our Professional Advisors Network social brought together more than 30 professional advisors to Eastbound Brewing for trivia and networking.

Coming up

Make A Will Month with the Ontario Bar Association: Community members are invited to attend a presentation by Nandi A. O. Deterville on November 25, 2025.

Professional Advisors Network breakfast: Save the date and join us at Michael Garron Hospital on Thursday, May 28, 2026.



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