



“Throw that cane away.”

Doris Barth became a generous supporter of Hospital for Special Surgery after the hospital gave her back a normal life.

An avid ice skater, swimmer and horseback rider, she first came to Hospital for Special Surgery after a skating fall made normal activity impossible. HSS surgeon Dr. John Marshall reconstructed her shattered patella.

But it was later, when he saw the then-45-year-old hobbling down a hospital office corridor with a cane, that he really took charge. “He threw away my cane,” she recalled. “Then he made me walk up the fire escape. He told me never to use a cane again. I signed up for physical therapy that day.”

A Hospital for Special Surgery volunteer for 12 years, Doris named the hospital in her will. She then established her first charitable gift annuity in 1999. Over the years, she has added nine additional annuities—donating a total of \$300,000 to Special Surgery—to provide additional support for the hospital and additional guaranteed income for herself. She has designated her charitable gift annuity to support the research efforts of HSS physicians Drs. Douglas Padgett, Edward Craig, Robert Hotchkiss and C. Ronald MacKenzie.



“He was just such an outstanding surgeon. I don’t know if anyone else could have put my knee back together.”
—Doris Barth

As a member of The Wilson Society, she met Dr. Timothy Wright at a society luncheon. Dr. Wright was the engineer who collaborated with Dr. Hotchkiss to design the prosthesis for her elbow replacement, which was worked flawlessly.

Today she enjoys a lifestyle that would have been impossible without Hospital for Special Surgery. And she recommends the hospital to everyone she knows.

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Help others. Help yourself.

The Hospital for Special Surgery charitable gift annuity

What does it feel like to be helped when you're in need and in pain? Ask Hospital for Special Surgery patient and police officer John Amici, whose excruciating knee pain kept him off the street until Hospital for Special Surgery's surgeons gave him his life back. Or Doris Barth, whose surgeon vowed she would one day walk without a cane and return to her first love, swimming. Or Emma LeBaron, born with club feet, who now, at the age of four, runs, jumps and plays with her friends without a second thought.

What does it feel like to help people in pain, people who can no longer live the lives they used to live, people who are suffering?

And what does it feel like to help those people—everyone from children, who want nothing more than to do the things other children do, to professional athletes, who need specialized care—and guarantee yourself income for life?

It feels... almost indescribable. We invite you to join The Wilson Society by establishing a charitable gift annuity with Hospital for Special Surgery.. You can receive an immediate tax deduction, ongoing tax benefits, reduced capital gains, and a generous income stream for life.

And you receive something extra: the feeling that comes from helping people who need it, and earning the appreciation and gratitude of people you've never even met.

“Like many other patients, I rely on advances in medicine to help me lead a normal life, which is why it is crucial to contribute to research at Special Surgery.”
—Valerie D'Angelo

Income stream. Tax benefits. And more.

Hospital for Special Surgery charitable gift annuity offers both tax benefits and generous, lifetime payments, while supporting a worthy cause and institution.

Here's what a charitable gift annuity can do for you.

- Ensure guaranteed income for life
- Secure partially income-tax free payments
- Provide immediate charitable tax deductions
- Reduce capital gains taxes

Here's how it works:

- You make a gift of cash or stocks to Hospital for Special Surgery.
- Hospital for Special Surgery agrees to make fixed payments to you for life.
- At the end of the agreement, the funds are available for use by the hospital.

A charitable gift annuity is particularly attractive because the rates (based on your age at the time of your gift) typically produce higher yields than the stock or bond markets. And when combined with partially tax-free payments, the effective rate of return is even higher.

If you donate securities that have appreciated, you also save on capital gains taxes.

Why now? Four reasons:

- A charitable gift annuity opened by December 31 could significantly reduce your 2009 taxes.
- A charitable gift annuity can provide a generous income stream for the rest of your life.
- Hospital for Special Surgery has seen a 60% increase in patients over the last decade, and the need to prepare for the future is unending.
- Hospital for Special Surgery is expanding to help more people enjoy active, pain-free lives..

Now, more than ever, your generosity can inspire others to do the same.

Earn a high return

| AGE | ANNUITY RATE | ANNUITY PAYMENT <i>(per \$10,000 gift)</i> |
|-----|--------------|---|
| 60 | 5.0% | \$500 |
| 65 | 5.3% | \$530 |
| 70 | 5.7% | \$570 |
| 75 | 6.3% | \$630 |
| 80 | 7.1% | \$710 |
| 85 | 8.1% | \$810 |
| 90+ | 9.5% | \$950 |

Rates may change periodically. For an illustration using the most current rates, please contact the Planned Giving Office at 212.606.1196.

A legacy of care: Hospital for Special Surgery and the Wilson Society

We invite you to join the Wilson Society. As generous donors to the hospital, Wilson Society members receive special privileges, including a subscription to the Wilson Society newsletter, invitations to special events, recognition in the hospital's annual report, and other exclusive benefits. Wilson Society members are hospital insiders, visiting the labs, consulting with the

surgeons, and experiencing a connection with Hospital for Special Surgery unavailable to anyone else.

More importantly, supporting the hospital with a charitable gift annuity and being part of the Wilson Society means you are helping the hospital continue to care for patients from all over the world.

Since 1863, Hospital for

Special Surgery has been advancing the cause of medicine, making medical breakthroughs, and giving men, women and children hope. Please consider supporting Hospital for Special Surgery and investing for your future, as well as the future of the people who count on us. Because,

when you come right down to it, what our patients are really counting on... is you.



What you're doing for others

Support Hospital for Special Surgery, and you're supporting one of the leading hospitals for orthopedic and rheumatologic research and care in the country, consistently ranked among the best by *U.S. News and World Report*, AARP and *New York Magazine*.

Last year, Special Surgery physicians performed nearly 23,000 operations, a number that has grown by over 60% in the past decade. HSS doctors also conducted more than 248,000 outpatient visits in 2008, providing relief to patients seeking treatment and assistance. In response, Hospital for Special Surgery has undertaken one of the most ambitious expansion projects in our history, adding 15 new operating rooms and other treatment and research space.

These initiatives will continue Hospital for Special Surgery's research and treatment leadership, which have evolved since the hospital's founding in 1863. During the 1960s, we became the first hospital to bring doctors and engineers together—now the standard practice for developing medical equipment. We were also the first to organize specialty clinics and sub-departments to concentrate on specific medical needs, and we pioneered the first total knee replacement. From minimally invasive surgery—our techniques reduced the average hospital stay for knee surgery patients

“We believe it is a worthwhile institution that is deserving of attention and support from people who care.”—Joan Farrow

by 40%—to computer modeling, our “bench to bedside” approach to applied research has consistently made us an industry leader.

We have only one mission: to continually advance the level of medical care we provide to our patients. You can be a part of that mission.

The Wilson Society: Making a difference

When you support Hospital for Special Surgery with a charitable gift annuity, you automatically join other generous donors as a member of the Wilson Society.

The Wilson Society honors two gifted surgeons, Philip D. Wilson and his son, Philip D. Wilson, Jr., whose history with the hospital stretches back to 1934. Wilson Society members are invited to be a part of the “behind the scenes” activities of the hospital and enjoy a special preview of scientific research, medical procedures and new facilities. In addition, society members are recognized at an exclusive members-only event every year.



Want to know more?

For a personalized illustration of what a charitable gift annuity can mean to you, or for more information about other giving opportunities, please contact Rachel Cameau, associate director of planned giving, at 212.606.1196 or cameaur@hss.edu.