
Leave
a Legacy of
Healing



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Dear friend of Fistula Foundation,

Something wonderful has been happening recently. A growing number of individuals and families have worked directly with us to write Fistula Foundation into their will. We are honored by these selfless acts of generosity. And I wanted to share their beautiful perspectives with you.

As you read this, I hope you'll give yourself some time to reflect on why you first decided to strengthen our mission, helping give the precious gift of fistula surgery year after year to thousands of women whose bodies have been broken by childbirth. Nothing beats that, if you ask me.

As a Fistula Foundation donor, you enable us to change lives. **I hope you'll consider a special type of gift, a Legacy Gift, leaving a legacy of healing in the future for the women still waiting to be restored.**

If Fistula Foundation is one of your top charities, and you'd like to see us remain strong long into the future, I invite you to consider directing your Legacy Gift to our permanent endowment, established thanks to a generous Legacy Gift from an anonymous donor.

I look forward to receiving your note back, to let me know that you've made this incredibly special gift decision. And also, please keep in mind that our staff member, Melissa Johnson, is available to work directly with you, explain your options and facilitate the process. Connect with Melissa by phone at 866-756-3700 (toll free in the U.S.) or 408-249-9596 or via e-mail at melissa@fistulafoundation.org.

On behalf of all the women waiting, thank you so much.

Warm regards,

Melissa L. Johnson
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We hope you'll consider a legacy gift.

As a Fistula Foundation donor, you help end the suffering caused by the childbirth injury of obstetric fistula. We share your belief that no woman should endure a life of misery and isolation simply for trying to bring a child into this world. And we thank you for the lives you continue to enable us to change.

Recently, a growing number of our donors have worked directly with us to write Fistula Foundation into their will. And while some wonderful donors choose to make a charitable gift of a specific amount, others decide that Fistula Foundation will receive all or a percentage of what they own. If we are one of your favorite charities, we'd be grateful if you'd consider making us part of your will. Your Legacy Gift could be your largest gift ever to Fistula Foundation.

Would you like to keep this special institution strong long into the future? Consider directing your Legacy Gift to our permanent endowment, established thanks to a generous Legacy Gift from an anonymous donor.

If you've made this incredibly special gift decision, won't you please let us know?



“I made my first gift in 2009 to Fistula Foundation. As I learned more and more about its extraordinary work, the Foundation became one of my top charitable causes and I agreed to join the Board of Directors. Eventually, I took steps to include a charitable gift in my estate plans for Fistula Foundation.

The substantial bequest I’ll leave to the Foundation reflects how very much I respect the staff and its work. I want Fistula Foundation to be around for a very long time as the global leader in fistula treatment.”

— Mal Warwick



“My heart breaks knowing there are women in this world who are suffering from obstetric fistula. I learned of this watching Dr. Catherine Hamlin on the Oprah show in 2004. From that moment on, I promised myself that I would do everything I could to help these women. I am part of the Love A Sister Program. I have also pledged a substantial sum for the Fistula Foundation in my estate plans.

I am humbled by the work of the Fistula Foundation in countries like Kenya, the Congo, Afghanistan and in Ethiopia, where it all began. May God wrap his wings around all of those who are changing the lives of these women everyday.”

— Donna Collins



Kit and Lorraine Brazier
with Rascal, their faithful
Golden Retriever

“My theory is: “support the Fistula Foundation now and “later”. My wife, Lorraine, and I have supported The Foundation with a monthly contribution for several years. We have also directed money from our trust to The Foundation upon our passing.

As a prostate cancer survivor myself who is modestly inconvenienced as a result of surgery, I feel that I can better understand the terrible physical and emotional trauma that is caused by obstetric fistulas.

A medical procedure that only costs on average \$586 can change a woman’s life forever. She can be accepted once again by her family and her community. She is no longer an outcast who must suffer from a life of isolation, misery and humiliation.

I trust Kate Grant to run an honest, lean and tight ship. I like the Foundation’s focus and their relationships with other NGOs which have developed over the years. As they say, “time marches on.” Do not wait. Give monthly and “later.”

— Kit Brazier



“As an ob/gyn physician I understand the scourge and tragedy of vesico-vaginal fistula. I have supported the Fistula Foundation for years, and I want to continue to do so even after I’m gone! So I have included a bequest to the Foundation in my will. My executor knows about my wishes, and I feel good about my decision!”

— Robert S. Smith M.D.




“My Dad passed away three years ago and I was the executor of his estate. It became immediately clear to me how very important it was and is to determine before death where your assets are going to go. If you don’t make a will the state can possibly get everything. Because of the lessons I learned in handling my Dad’s estate I made my own will. I wanted to be sure that my assets went where I wanted them to go.

Some time ago I learned of obstetric fistula and the awful consequences that followed for women who could not get medical care for this condition. I was deeply moved and began donating to the Fistula Foundation in 2004.

This year, in making my own will, I decided to assign a generous portion of my estate to the Fistula Foundation. The idea that by sharing some of my blessings I could help to alleviate some of the terrible suffering in the world appeals to me deeply. I spoke to the staff at the Foundation about my intentions and they helped me through some very simple paperwork and it was done. So easy. You don’t even need a will made. You can just assign a beneficiary (a T.O.D. or “transfer on death.”) for whichever account you choose to donate.

If I can offer any advice it would be to decide now where your assets are going to go now and not later.”

— Gordon Marsh



One woman:
One surgery
at a time.

You can help more women like this fistula patient. Here she is, moments before her surgery in Kenya. This woman was restored thanks to gifts like yours.

You're helping a special institution that has grown so strong, in fact, that we're now doing more fistula surgeries than any organization in the world. You believe as much as we do that restoring health and dignity are priceless gifts for the world's poorest women who are largely forgotten and have no voice.

But there remains so much to do, because for every one woman we succeed in treating each year, there are 50 untreated women still waiting. Thank you for deciding to make such a special gift in the future for the women still waiting to be restored.



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Please let us know how we can help you.

- I'm interested in making a legacy gift to Fistula Foundation but I need more information. Please send me more details.
- I would like to write Fistula Foundation into my will. Please contact me to explain my options and facilitate the process.
- I've already written Fistula Foundation into my will. Please contact me so that I can provide more details.

You could also name Fistula Foundation as owner and death beneficiary for your retirement or investment fund, life insurance or donor-advised fund. And if this is the option you've chosen, please do let us know.

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