

The Ultimate Gift is...



- *a charitable donation made through a Will Bequest;*
- *a convenient way to make a lasting gift to the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation;*
- *an opportunity to reduce Estate taxes and, at the same time, leave an enduring Legacy knowing it will make a difference for your loved ones and community for generations.*

The Ultimate Gift is... A Promise for Tomorrow

A Will Bequest – *the ultimate charitable gift* – is the most basic and essential beginning to Estate Planning and a convenient way to make a charitable gift to the STEGH Foundation. It can be a piece of property, sum of money, or a portion of your Estate. Upon receipt of your gift, the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation will issue a tax credit that may result in significant savings for your Estate.

By letting us know that you have included the STEGH Foundation in your Will:

- 1 We can help ensure your Will is worded correctly to clarify your intentions so your gift is used as you wish and directed to the area of patient care you have chosen to support.
- 2 We can share the good news of your support with our health care professionals, motivating them in their life-saving work. Hearing about new donations also motivates others to make a commitment.
- 3 We can send you information and updates on the work of the Foundation. With permission, we will recognize you as a member of our Amasa Wood Legacy Society.

For more information on how your Legacy gift can support patient care at the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital, please visit our website at www.stegh.on.ca/foundation or contact:

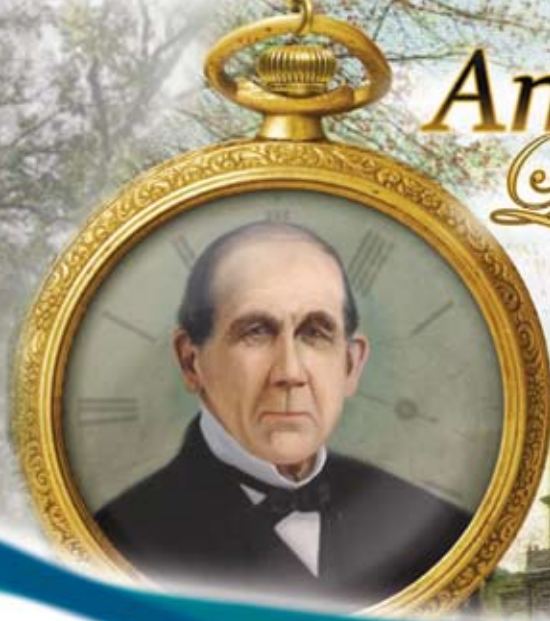


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Amasa Wood Legacy Society



Recognition through the Amasa Wood Legacy Society pays tribute to each donor who has confirmed a Legacy gift to the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation and is named in his honour.

With permission, the names of Amasa Wood Legacy Society donors will be listed on our Gifts Over Time donor wall located in the Hospital's Atrium and published in Foundation materials. Our donors can choose, of course, to be thanked privately instead. Members will be invited to an annual luncheon where they will have the opportunity to hear about the latest achievements in patient care at our Hospital.

Brief Biography - Amasa Wood (1811-1899)

Amasa Wood moved from the Brockville area to the Talbot Settlement with his family in 1816 where he was raised on a farm approximately one mile east of Burwell's Corners. At the age of 12, Amasa began earning money to help support his family by delivering mail on horseback between London and Chatham for the Stowbridge Stage and Mail Line. An early introduction into merchandising followed with an opportunity to work at Colonel McQueen's general store and, with his aptitude for business, Amasa became a successful merchant and trader in Fingal. At the age of 26, he married Elizabeth Fowler and raised a family. In 1850, he began a second career in securities and real estate which spanned the counties of Elgin, Kent, Norfolk, Middlesex and Huron. During his lifetime, Amasa was reputed to be the wealthiest man in Elgin County and successful in life through his, "shrewdness, business tact, industry and vigor." In his retirement (approximately 1877), he moved from Fingal to St. Thomas.

In addition to his success in business, Amasa Wood was well known for his many acts of philanthropy and regarded as a "fountain of kindness." His greatest charitable work, however, was considered to be St. Thomas' first hospital, the Amasa Wood Hospital, which he founded and built as a gift to the citizens of St. Thomas in 1892.



Will Confirmation Form

A gift in your Will is a simple way of investing in the future growth of the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital through the Foundation and will help support patient care. If you have, or intend to, provide a Bequest in your Will, please complete this Will Confirmation Form so that we can say 'thank you' today for your *Promise for Tomorrow*.

- I have already included the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation in my Will. Please send me additional information.
 I intend to include the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation in my Will.

Information About You

name (Mr./Mrs./Ms.) _____

address _____

city _____ province _____ postal code _____

phone (home) _____ (work) _____

signature _____ date _____



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