



“To honor my mother...”

When David Young first began working in the Purchasing Services Department at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, a postage stamp cost less than a quarter and a gallon of gas was 89 cents.

As the price of these items increased substantially over the years, so did the value of David’s stock and IRA investments. Shortly before he retired in 2018, after almost 31 years with MD Anderson, David started to wonder who would get that money when he died.

“I’m not rich, but I started these investments back in the ’80s, so they’ve grown,” says David. “I thought, ‘Why not leave it to MD Anderson?’”

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FROM THE LEGACY SOCIETY

I am honored to greet you as MD Anderson’s new senior vice president and chief development officer.

Ever since I started my fundraising journey, I have been fascinated with the potential of committed individuals, joined in common purpose, to make their world better. As someone who lost both my parents and two grandparents to the scourge of cancer, I am deeply committed to you and to MD Anderson’s mission to end cancer.

In this issue, we explore tax-efficient ways through which all of us can make a difference. In particular, I think you will find the sections on supporting us through your IRA and/or through a gift of stock interesting.



On behalf of the 22,000 dedicated employees of MD Anderson, thank you for your care and support!

Darrow Zeidenstein

Darrow Zeidenstein, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President
and Chief Development Officer

David decided to make a legacy gift in honor of his mother, who had been a patient at MD Anderson and died of bone marrow cancer at age 60.

“She used to tell me how nice everyone at MD Anderson was and how well she was treated,” David says. “I had the same experience as an employee. It was a fantastic place to work, and my coworkers were like family to me. That’s a real blessing.”

David wanted to leave his non-IRA stock to MD Anderson and his two IRAs to his cousin to help provide for her son and grandson, who both have health issues. But MD Anderson’s Office of Trusts, Estates & Gift Planning suggested to David that his cousin’s tax load would be lower if she instead received the non-IRA gift.

So, David named MD Anderson a 100% beneficiary of both IRAs. Upon David’s death, MD Anderson will also receive a legacy gift of 20% of his non-IRA stock, with the remaining 80% going to his cousin.

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“It doesn’t have to be a lot. Whatever you can spare helps,” he says. “If you have a loved one who passed away from cancer, give in their honor like I did for my mother.”

David is an avid collector of LIFE and other magazines. A history buff, he enjoys looking back through the old issues.

Just as his collection extends the historical record for generations to come, David’s contribution to Making Cancer History® — through three decades of service to MD Anderson and as a generous member of the Legacy Society — will leave its mark far into the future.

“I’m sure my mother would be proud,” he says.

A lifesaving legacy

During his lifetime, Monroe Dunaway Anderson, banker and businessman, created the MD Anderson Foundation. Two years after his death, his foundation provided funds for the establishment of what is now The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.



MONROE DUNAWAY ANDERSON | FOUNDER

Building on the legacy of that initial estate gift, the MD Anderson Legacy Society was created to honor and thank those, like Mr. Anderson, who have named MD Anderson in their estate plans.

To qualify for membership in the Legacy Society, simply include MD Anderson in your estate plan.

The benefits of an estate gift are immeasurable and enable you to support the ongoing research and other lifesaving programs at MD Anderson. Creating a legacy of giving beyond your lifetime requires wisdom, vision and a plan tailored to your unique circumstances.

The Office of Trusts, Estates & Gift Planning is available to assist you in creating a plan that best expresses your desire to benefit MD Anderson’s mission to end cancer.

 To join the Legacy Society, visit mdandersonlegacy.org

A gift from your IRA

If you are age 70½ or over, consider a tax-free charitable distribution from your IRA. The distribution (annual aggregate limit \$100,000) counts toward your required minimum distribution (RMD), and no tax is due! It must be a direct transfer to MD Anderson — contact us for helpful information that your IRA custodian needs to make the transfer.

A word about required minimum distributions

Under the SECURE Act passed in December 2019, RMDs must begin at age 72; nonetheless, a donor can make a charitable distribution from an IRA beginning at age 70½ and pay no tax on the distribution. Donors who turned age 70½ in 2019 or before remain subject to the rules in place before the SECURE Act was passed and must take a distribution in 2020.

Remember that when you receive a distribution, it is subject to tax. But a direct transfer from your IRA to MD Anderson (subject to the limits already described) counts toward your RMD, and you pay no tax. The full amount of the transfer supports our mission to end cancer.



Another option is to name MD Anderson the beneficiary of an IRA. The funds are still available to the donor until their death, after which MD Anderson receives the funds in the IRA account — an amount that will not be reduced by taxes. It's as simple as contacting your custodian.

Legacy donors can designate their gifts to help fight cancer in a way that is most important to them.

SECURE Act 2020

The SECURE Act — which stands for “Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement” — was passed by Congress in December 2019 and will significantly impact retirement plan accumulations and distributions for the immediate future. Two especially important provisions are:

- The required minimum distribution age is extended to 72 beginning in 2020.
- The “stretch” provision, once available for an IRA beneficiary’s lifetime, has been reduced to 10 years.

For those who are charitably minded, transferring an IRA or retirement plan to a charitable trust could have enormous benefits for family and charity.

Contact us to learn more and see if this option might be right for you.

The information contained herein is offered for general informational and educational purposes. You should seek the advice of a financial planner or attorney for applicability to your situation.

➤ To learn more, call **866-928-9494** and ask to speak to one of our knowledgeable planned giving officers or email plannedgiving@mdanderson.org



Appreciated stock: make the most of your gain

If you own stock that is worth more than what you originally invested, a gift of appreciated stock held more than one year can:

- Eliminate or reduce capital gains taxes
- Generate a significant income tax charitable deduction for those who itemize
- Provide a tax-wise way to meet philanthropic goals

Planning tip 1: To avoid the capital gains tax on a gift of appreciated stock, the stock must be transferred directly to MD Anderson. If you sell the stock and then make a gift of cash, you still pay capital gains tax on the stock's appreciation.

Planning tip 2: A deduction for a charitable contribution of non-cash property (such as stock) is limited to 30% of the donor's adjusted gross income in a single year. However, should your gift exceed this annual limit, you can carry over the excess deduction for up to five years.

When considering a gift of stock, remember that the greater the stock's appreciation, the greater the capital gains tax savings.

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Is it time to update your will?

Although your will doesn't have an expiration date, it's best to consider revisions after life experiences like:

- The birth of a grandchild
- Moving to another state
- Changes in marital status
- Tax law changes
- Retirement
- Changes in value of your assets



With careful planning, you can leave a gift through your will to MD Anderson and other charities, and take care of your family and loved ones at the same time.

 Contact us at **866-928-9494** or
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to receive a brochure on
Planning Your Will