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How We Met Dr. Robert Bonow

As shared by patients and supporters Madlyn and Carlyle Daniel

“As the beat goes on in my heart, so the beat of friendship continues with a wonderful doctor at Northwestern,” said Madlyn Daniel. “My humble narrative is true testimony to why my husband, Carlyle, and I decided to dedicate our legacy to the Center for Cardiovascular Innovation within the Division of Cardiology at Northwestern.”

The Daniels recently documented a generous estate commitment to support the future of the Center for Cardiovascular Innovation at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

Over 20 years ago, Madlyn’s former cardiologist told her that she had little time to live unless she had open heart surgery on her mitral valve. That same day, she received a newsletter with a front-page photo of Robert O. Bonow, MD, then chief of the Division of Cardiology at Northwestern, with a headline about his expertise in valves.

“I was lucky to gain an appointment with this famous doctor, one of the foremost minds in cardiovascular medicine and innovation,” recalled Madlyn. “On the day of my appointment, as Dr. Bonow reviewed my case, I was in complete tears. I knew that I was in the right hands. This humble, soft-spoken doctor

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—Madlyn Daniel



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In a gesture of sincere gratitude, Madlyn and Carlyle Daniel have created a legacy gift in honor of Robert O. Bonow, MD.

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Your Will: A Reflection of Your Life

It is one of the most important legal documents you will ever create; a will dictates how you want your assets distributed after you are gone. But beyond legalities, a will is a reflection of your life. It reveals who and what mattered most to you, and it is the final gesture by which you will be remembered.

A well-planned will relieves family members from having to guess your final wishes during their time of grief, and it ensures they are taken care of in the manner you specify. When you provide for an institution such as Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in your will, you also extend your legacy to the future practice of medicine.

Here are three ways to advance medical research, education, and innovation at Northwestern through your will:

1 Specific Bequest

Leave Northwestern a specific sum of money or other asset and we will determine how to use your gift in a way that best benefits Northwestern.

2 Percentage or Residue

You may choose to leave us a percentage of your estate or the “rest, residue, and remainder” after all other bequests, debts, and taxes have been paid.

3 Life Income Plans for Loved Ones

One such plan, a charitable remainder trust, provides that the trustee hold and invest an amount you state in your will and pay a fixed or variable amount to one or more of your loved ones for their lifetimes. After that, the remainder is distributed to Northwestern.

Regardless of its structure, know that a gift to Northwestern in your will provides a brighter future for students, practitioners, and patients seeking answers.

Consult With Your Team

To determine the right gift for you—and Northwestern—consult with your professional advisers. If you are considering a gift to us, please let us know so we can ensure that your gift is used according to your wishes.



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took my hand and assured me that I would not die—I will never forget those words.”

Dr. Bonow has now been on faculty at Northwestern for

26 years. He serves as Max and Lilly Goldberg Distinguished Professor of Cardiology and vice chair for development and innovation in the Department of Medicine. In addition to numerous national and international leadership roles in his field, Dr. Bonow also served as president of the American Heart Association from 2002 to 2003. When he is not caring for patients, like Madlyn and Carlyle, Dr. Bonow is educating medical trainees and conducting scientific investigations in cardiology outcomes, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, heart failure, and valve disease.

“Madlyn and Carlyle’s generosity in my honor is truly humbling, and their commitment to the future of the Center for Cardiovascular Innovation at Northwestern will have a tremendous impact,” said Dr. Bonow. “Cardiovascular research at Northwestern is at the forefront of its field. Our talented team is forging ahead with groundbreaking discoveries that will ultimately change the face of patient care.”

“Contemplating the universe, Albert Einstein wrote: ‘Could so great a symphony as this have no conductor?’ Dr. Bonow views the human body as a symphony, with the heart as its conductor, beating rhythmically in time,” said Madlyn.

“For over 40 years, he has dedicated himself to keeping the music of life beating for thousands of people here and around the world. We are among those people, and we know that his determination has paved the way to healthy



Honor Someone Special

If you are looking for a way to honor someone at Northwestern who has made a difference in your life or that of a family member, consider a legacy gift in his or her name. Whether a doctor, professor, or classmate, a legacy gift in someone’s name is an extraordinary way to honor your relationship and make a difference to the future of medicine.

hearts. We all owe our lives to his selfless work,” they said.

In 2015, when the time was right, Madlyn received open heart surgery while under Dr. Bonow’s care.

“It is with deep respect and personal gratitude that we thank the doctor who guided me through recovery from open heart surgery,” said Madlyn. “It was an easy decision to join the growing group of people who feel that medical innovation and modernization are a worthwhile endeavor.”

“My mended heart continues to conduct my personal symphony thanks to Dr. Bonow’s commitment and kindness,” she continued. “The beat of both my heart and our friendship continues, and we recognize it by leaving our legacy in his honor.”



Madlyn and Carlyle Daniel are helping to advance the future of cardiovascular research and the resulting innovations that save lives. You can, too. Contact Development and Alumni Relations at 312-503-8933 or medgiving@northwestern.edu to start planning your Northwestern legacy.



Give in Their Name

Create a lasting tribute to someone special by making a gift in their name to Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Learn the details in our new guide *Give From the Heart With a Tribute Gift*. Return the enclosed reply card to request your copy today.

Recognizing Tomorrow's Legacies Today

The Henry and Emma Rogers Society comprises 1,900 Northwestern alumni and friends who realize the importance of planning for the University's future. We are thrilled to recognize those who have informed us that their estate plan includes Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

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- Todd and Dea Barnett
- Randall T. Bellows, MD, and Jayne H. Bellows
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This list reflects individuals who have shared their estate plan with Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine between September 1, 2017, and July 26, 2018. We have made every effort to provide accurate information. If you note an oversight, however, please call Sarah Kalsbeek at 312-503-3459.