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A CHARITABLE AND GIFT PLANNING GUIDE FOR THE BARBARA ANN KARMANOS CANCER INSTITUTE

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For longtime Karmanos Cancer Institute donor Kathleen Levillier, supporting cancer research is about being part of a *TEAM*.

“Karmanos is engaged in *Timely* research, they have *Expertise*, they have *Access* to labs,” she says. “*Money* is the other component, which is my small part. People often think you have to be a millionaire to make a meaningful gift, but small gifts can also accomplish big and important things.”

Kathleen, a retired salesperson for the Gillette Razor Company, has given generously to Karmanos for the past 40 years. After retiring, she became a certified tax professional and learned about the benefits of donating IRA assets to charity. She said a qualified charitable distribution from a Traditional IRA is a tax-wise way to manage retirement income.

“If you are over age 70½, you can write a check from your IRA directly to Karmanos or another charity of your choice,” Kathleen says. “There are no federal taxes on donations of up to \$100,000 per year, and you can use that donation as part of your required minimum distribution from your IRA (in the year you turn 72.)”

“I’ve made qualified charitable distributions for the past three years and plan to do this in the future. I’ve donated to Karmanos and other charities I care about while saving money on my taxes.”



Kathleen Levillier is a grateful patient and supporter.

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As a breast cancer survivor who received treatment at Karmanos, Kathleen is deeply passionate about the care we provide to patients.

“In January 2014, I was diagnosed with four kinds of breast cancer with lymph node involvement,” she says. “After having a partial and then a full mastectomy, I went to Karmanos. Dr. Lawrence Flaherty developed my treatment plan, which included chemotherapy.”

“I made more than 70 visits to Karmanos for treatment. I was a little scared before going to the infusion center for the first time. I thought everyone would look sad and sick. I was wrong. Most patients were smiling and happy. Volunteers brought us warm blankets and sandwiches. The nursing assistants were especially kind.”

Today, Kathleen is cancer-free. She returns to Karmanos regularly for checkups.

“Dr. Flaherty is the best,” Kathleen says. “He explains things in easily understandable ways. From my first appointment, he exuded a quiet confidence that I was going to be okay.”

Kathleen’s first husband also received treatment at Karmanos for lung cancer. She credits Karmanos with helping him survive an additional 28 years. Her mother-in-law and second husband also received treatment at Karmanos.

“My mother-in-law believed the doctors at Karmanos were the best she ever had,” Kathleen says. “My second husband died five months after receiving a pancreatic cancer diagnosis. We trusted our Karmanos physicians completely, even when his prognosis wasn’t good.”

Kathleen designated her most recent gifts to Karmanos to support cancer research. Her gifts are in honor of the doctors, nurses and staff who treated her.

“Karmanos doctors are elite cancer specialists,” she says. “The kindness and professionalism of the staff – from the parking lot attendants to the doctors, techs, nurses,

receptionists, schedulers and nurses – shows in everything they do.”

“I have a real sense of belonging at Karmanos and am grateful for the opportunity to play a part in the future of cancer care. There are many ways to support Karmanos and be part of something big. Even a modest donation from your IRA can have great meaning and purpose right away.”

Consult with a certified tax professional about the benefits of qualified charitable distributions. To support cancer research at Karmanos or have your questions about QCDs answered, please contact Denise Lowe at 248.226.2163 or lowed@karmanos.org.





THE BEST WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY

Making a difference doesn't always have to come in the form of cash or a check.

- **Stock or appreciated assets**
- **Donor advised fund**
- **Host a fundraiser**
- **IRA distribution**

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF GIVING TODAY?

These choices may provide tax advantages depending on the type of gift you make. If you take the standard deduction, you can deduct up to \$300 for cash gifts (\$600 for married couples filing jointly) to qualified charities such as Karmanos Cancer Institute. If you itemize your taxes, you can make a cash gift and receive an income tax charitable deduction for its full value up to 100% (instead of the previous 60%) of your adjusted gross income. These tax incentives are only available for cash gifts made in 2021 and do not apply to donor advised funds or supporting organizations.

In the case of appreciated assets and property, you eliminate capital gains taxes if you've owned the assets for more than one year. If you are 70½ or older, you can make a tax-free gift directly from your IRA.

DO MORE THAN YOU IMAGINED

See the impact you can make at Karmanos Cancer Institute. Contact Denise Lowe at 248.226.2163 or lowed@karmanos.org to learn more, or for help getting started finding the option that meets your needs.

Thank you for all you do to support the Karmanos Cancer Institute. You help provide the necessary resources to give our patients their best chance at a favorable outcome today — and for years to come.

LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

At Karmanos, we're doing things to fight cancer that didn't exist as far back as yesterday. While every hospital will do all that they can, we can do things other hospitals just can't.

OFFERING TOMORROW'S STANDARDS OF CARE TODAY

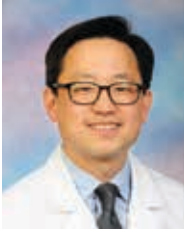
Karmanos offers more cancer treatments often not found elsewhere in Michigan. Many of the latest cancer-fighting medications approved by the Food and Drug Administration were available to our patients first.

A DESIGNATION THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Karmanos is one of only 51 National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated comprehensive cancer centers of its kind in the United States. To receive this designation, a hospital must demonstrate expertise in laboratory, clinical and population-based research. Hospitals must also provide early-phase clinical trials and conduct community outreach and educational activities.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!

Karmanos Cancer Institute would like to recognize a promotion and welcome a new staff member.



Jay Yang, M.D., has been appointed as the leader of the Hematology Oncology Multidisciplinary Team (MDT). Dr. Yang is an Associate Professor at the Wayne State University School of Medicine and Karmanos Cancer Institute. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School.

Dr. Yang specializes in the treatment of acute leukemias.

His primary research interest is investigating novel therapies for acute myeloid leukemia, acute lymphoblastic leukemia and myelodysplastic syndromes and is the principal investigator of a number of clinical trials for these difficult-to-treat malignancies. He is the director of the Hematology Course at the Wayne State University School of Medicine and the Chairperson of the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee at Karmanos.



Katie Breckenridge, M.A., CCC-SLP, comes to us from Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Martha Morehouse Outpatient Rehabilitation Clinic. There, she practiced as a Speech-Language Pathologist and worked with patients with a range of neurological diagnoses. Her experience and collaboration with a multi-team approach will be an asset to

the Head and Neck Oncology Multidisciplinary Team.

Katie finished her undergraduate degree from Calvin University in Grand Rapids and received her Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology from Western Michigan University. She is competent in evaluation and treatment of speech-language, voice and swallowing disorders, including instrumental assessment via modified barium swallow studies.

ABOUT THE BARBARA ANN KARMANOS CANCER INSTITUTE

Karmanos Cancer Institute is the leader in transformative cancer care, research and education through courage, commitment and compassion. Our vision is a world free of cancer. As part of McLaren Health Care, Karmanos is the largest provider of cancer care and research in the state of Michigan. For more than 75 years, our administrative and research headquarters along with our premier specialty cancer hospital are located in downtown Detroit. Our 15 network sites throughout Michigan and Ohio deliver market-leading cancer care and clinical trials conveniently to the communities where many of our patients live. Karmanos is recognized by the National Cancer Institute as one of the best cancer centers in the nation. Our academic partnership with the Wayne State University School of Medicine provides the framework for cancer research and education — defining new standards of care and improving survivorship.

For more information, call 1.800.KARMANOS 1.800-527-6266 or visitkarmanos.org.



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