

Deborah Hospital Foundation Receives \$1 Million for Deborah100: The Campaign

Heritage Circle Society member Hilda Groth appreciates longevity more than most. Having turned 97 this year, Hilda celebrated this milestone by making a \$1 million gift to Deborah100: The Campaign, in recognition of Deborah's 98th birthday.

"I am honored to announce my family's \$1 million gift to Deborah Hospital Foundation on Deborah's 98th Birthday," said Hilda. "We support Deborah as a demonstration of gratitude to an organization that feels like part of my family. It is one of many ways to stand behind an organization that has obligingly, helpfully, and so diligently cared for me, my family, my friends, and the greater community for so long. Like so many others whose lives have been saved at Deborah, we are indebted to them. I hope that even in these difficult and uncertain times others will do what they can to support Deborah100: The Campaign."

When asked, why give now when you already made a provision in your Will to Deborah Hospital Foundation, Hilda offered, "Why wait? I am 97, and have all that I need to see me through. Besides, it is important for Deborah to have access to these funds to get the project started. I am not looking for any accolades but I do want be around and take part in all the exciting activities surrounding this incredible expansion project."

The gift by Hilda to Deborah100 supports our \$65 million multi-year initiative to; build a patient tower with 36 private inpatient suites, renovate all existing inpatient rooms to private, construct a new pharmacy 'clean room', technologically upgrade three cath labs, upgrade and replace a Stereotaxis machine used during robotic ablations, and construct a multi-purpose cardiac procedural lab. The project is scheduled for completion in 2022 to coincide with Deborah's 100th Birthday.

Deborah President and CEO Joseph Chirichella noted: "The Groth family gift is especially significant to us, underscoring that our place at the forefront of groundbreaking medical care is greatly appreciated by our patients. This gift represents the sense of family, compassion and kindness that is also embedded in our founding mission 'there is no price on life'. We deeply appreciate the long relationship we have had with the Groth family, and are thankful for their generosity that will further elevate care in the region."