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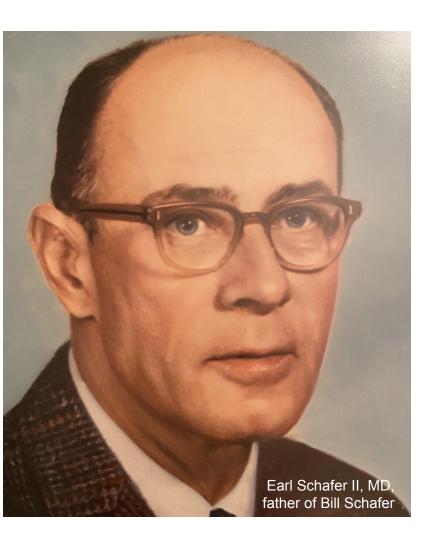
As we look to the future of health care in our community, Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist High Point Medical Center remains steadfast in its mission to provide high-quality, compassionate care to every patient who walks through our doors.

One of the most meaningful ways you can make an enduring difference is through a planned gift. By including the High Point

Medical Center in your estate plans, you can ensure that the areas of greatest need – or those closest to your heart – are strengthened for generations to come. Whether your passion lies in enhancing patient care services, supporting specific departments or expanding community health initiatives, your gift will leave a legacy that reflects your values and dedication to a healthier tomorrow.

Join us in shaping the future of health care by making a planned gift to Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist High Point Medical Center and through LegacyViews celebrating those who have done so. Together, we can create a lasting impact for the people and families we serve, now and well into the future.







Bill Schafer dedicated much of his life to caring for others.

Known for his unwavering commitment to his family, he left a generous estate gift to improve orthopedic care at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist High Point Medical Center. Fittingly, the gift honors others – his parents, Earl Schafer II, MD, and Margaret Lee Schafer.

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Bill and David grew up in High Point, where their parents had settled early in their father's medical career. Their parents had met when their mother was working as a nurse and their father was completing his medical residency at Wake Forest Baptist. Dr. Schafer became

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Bill was an art major at what was then High Point College who went on to work in graphic art, the printing industry and later as a certified nursing assistant. But his real calling was the care he showed for others.

"A friend of ours once told me, 'Of all the friends I've had in my life, your brother Bill was the most caring, conscientious and unselfish person I've ever met," David Schafer said of his brother. "Bill wasn't a high achiever in terms of his career, but he sure was when it High Point's first orthopedic surgeon and the first medical director for orthopedics at High Point Medical Center, serving from 1950 to 1980.

As their parents aged and their health concerns increased in the early 1990s, Bill returned to his hometown to help.

"Of the 4 sons, he was the most involved with taking care of both of our parents in their later years," David recalled.

Bill never married and had no children. When it came time to make his own estate plans, it was only natural for Bill to honor others, especially his parents' legacy.

"He truly wanted to help those organizations that could offer the most support to others," David said. "High Point Medical Center was an obvious choice."

Bill died in October 2019, and since then, the Medical Center has used funding from his estate to make 2 major purchases that have improved the patient experience.

The first was an O-Arm Surgical Imaging System, designed for use in spine, cranial, orthopedic and trauma-related surgeries. The system provides realtime, intra-operative imaging of a patient's anatomy, delivering high-quality images with a large fieldof-view in both 2 and 3 dimensions. The benefits include greater accuracy of spinal instruments, improved surgical outcomes, shorter surgery times and reduced radiation exposure.

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- David Schafer, Bill's brother

The second major purchase was a Hana orthopedic surgery table, used specifically for anterior hip replacements. The table helps minimize muscle damage and promote faster recovery times with reduced post-operative pain, improved component positioning and decreased risk of hip dislocation.

Over time, the Medical Center will use funds from the estate to make additional purchases that support orthopedics. David said that philanthropic leaders at the Medical Center have been very conscientious about staying within the confines of his brother's wishes.

"His will reflects the kind of unselfish person he was," David said. "He placed the dollars where they could best fill needs as he saw them. First and foremost was the hospital, because that's where dad worked. Orthopedics was our dad's life. The gifts through Bill's estate are certainly a testament to the type of person that he was in life."

Thanks to his careful planning of a generous estate gift, Bill Schafer made sure his legacy of caring for others will continue for generations to come.



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Providing Resources for the Journey

Bundle of Joy provides baby essentials and resources to families with newborn babies in the High Point area, helping mothers give a healthy start to their baby's life.

New mothers and their newborns often struggle to sustain the basic necessities during infancy. By packaging together a diaper bag full of essential items including diapers, wipes, thermometer, a swaddle, a "onesie" and more, we aim to give new mothers a head start in what can be one of the most challenging phases of motherhood. In doing this, we are able to help ensure better outcomes for the next generation at the most crucial stage of life. Bundle of Joy is committed to ensuring every mom goes home from Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist High Point Medical Center feeling safe, secure, loved and set up for success. The **Bundle of Joy** program symbolizes the community's collective embrace, a silent promise that says, "We're here for you."

We would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to founding sponsors, who through their generous support allowed the program to become reality: Audrey Congdon Harris, Megan Oglesby, Sara Yowell, David and Helen Congdon, Dr. Nido and Marianna Qubein and the Douglas S. Witcher Family Foundation.



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- > Variable payments for lifetime or specific terms up to 20 years → Rates are fixed with payment based upon market value of invested assets. If value of trust increases – so does your payment. If value of trust decreases - so does your payment



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Let's compare:

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- The older the donor(s), the higher the payout rate
- Funded with cash or appreciated securities
- ➤ Fully administered by charity
- Generally works for seniors who are risk-adverse

Charitable Remainder Unitrust

- > Funded with cash, appreciated securities or real estate
- Additional contributions to trust are allowable
- → Requires a legal entity to establish trust agreement
- > Designed for donors willing to take investment risk in order for income to keep pace with inflation

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