

A LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Donors who remember the Major Hospital Foundation or Major Hospital in their wills are eligible for membership in the William S. Major Society.

Supporting local healthcare in Shelby County is an important and worthy endeavor, and it's easy to accomplish with either a simple will or an elaborate estate plan.

A good local hospital strengthens the county's economy and improves the health and well-being of its residents. Members of the William S. Major Society can leave that legacy for our community.



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ABOUT THE WILLIAM S. MAJOR SOCIETY

Of The Major Hospital Foundation



Major Mansion. circa 1900

**Leaving a Legacy
to Support
Healthcare at
Major Hospital**

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MAJOR HOSPITAL, TODAY

WITH HIS DEATH IN AUGUST OF 1915, WILLIAM S. MAJOR MADE A GIFT TO THE CITY OF SHELBYVILLE THAT WOULD IMPACT THE CITY, COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREA RESIDENTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THE GIFT CAME THROUGH HIS ESTATE AND WAS GENEROUS BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS. MR. MAJOR'S WILL SPECIFIED THAT, AFTER THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE, FRANCES CORY MAJOR, THEIR HOME WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE CITY OF SHELBYVILLE FOR A LONG-NEEDED HOSPITAL.

WILLIAM S. MAJOR KNEW THAT A STRONG HOSPITAL HELPS BUILD A STRONG COMMUNITY, AND HE TOOK IT UPON HIMSELF TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY GROW THROUGH HIS OWN GENEROSITY.

THE WILLIAM S. MAJOR SOCIETY WAS CREATED TO HONOR MR. MAJOR FOR HIS COMMUNITY-ALTERING GIFT AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE HOSPITAL IN THEIR OWN WILLS. AN ESTATE GIFT TO THE MAJOR HOSPITAL FOUNDATION IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO CREATE AN INDIVIDUAL LEGACY FOR THE MAJOR HOSPITAL COMMUNITY—A LEGACY THAT WILL HELP STRENGTHEN THE HEALTH AND VITALITY OF OUR COMMUNITY AND ITS RESIDENTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

Supporting the Major Hospital Foundation Mission

Your estate gift will support the Major Hospital Foundation Mission, which is to:

- Promote the improvement of the facilities and services of Major Hospital;
- Provide financial assistance for the improvement of the health, safety and general welfare of Major Hospital patients;
- Aid and promote education and scientific research in the advancement of knowledge relating to the discovery, prevention and treatment of disease;
- Aid and promote the care and treatment of the sick, aged and helpless patients at Major Hospital.



Major Mansion becomes Major Hospital

The original Major Mansion, pictured at left, stood on the ground that is now the hospital parking lot. In 1916, when a public memorial service was held for her husband, Mrs. Major made a tentative offer to turn the house over to the city as soon as it was ready to build the hospital. She wanted to see it as a memorial to her husband while she was still living. On October 20, 1922, Mrs. Major deeded her property to the City of Shelbyville. The deed was not recorded until December 31 at her request because she wanted it recorded on the anniversary of her marriage to Mr. Major.

The first addition to the hospital was started on June 6, 1923 and was completed in April, 1924. Two new wings were added in 1960. Then, in 1981, the original home and the 1924 and 1960 wings were torn down, and a new, modern facility was built. Mrs. Major lived in the hospital until her death on Christmas Day, 1929.

_____ Yes, I am interested in learning more about the William S. Major Society and may wish to join.

_____ I would like more general information about The Major Hospital Foundation.

You may contact me as follows:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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