



*a little better
than I found it...*

planned giving at Mass. Eye and Ear



**Massachusetts
Eye and Ear
Infirmary**

“If we can help
save peoples’ eyes,
as Dr. Gragoudas
saved mine, it
is a nice legacy
to leave behind.”

— Peter Seidenberg, Eye Cancer Survivor



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It is really quite simple. People, helping people.
Making the world just a little better, one person
at a time.

At Mass. Eye and Ear, physicians, nurses and
scientists dedicate each day to improving the lives
of patients and people everywhere. The ability
to see, to hear, to speak, to taste or smell — even
to smile, these are gifts that bring joy to our
lives each day, and are often taken for granted until
they are lost.

With the help of many generous friends, Mass.
Eye and Ear is on the forefront of patient
care and research to restore these abilities, and
ultimately, to find ways to prevent their loss
in the first place.

*Please consider supporting Mass. Eye and Ear by
making a planned gift today. Your gift will help
make life better for generations of people to follow.*

how you can help

Please consider joining many patients and friends who have made the thoughtful decision to make a planned gift to benefit Mass. Eye and Ear. Gifts you might consider include a bequest (a provision in your will), life income gift, gift of life insurance, retirement plan assets, real estate and retained life estates. Two of the most popular ways to help are:

Include Mass. Eye and Ear in your will

A bequest can be arranged very simply by adding a codicil to your will. It may also reduce the size of your estate and reduce your federal and state estate taxes.

Make a gift that pays you income for life

A life income gift can pay you or a loved one income for as long as you live. By making a gift of cash, stock or other property, you may be able to make a significant contribution and, at the same time, you may also increase your annual income.



“Dr. Montgomery
not only restored
my voice, he
restored my spirit
for life.”

— Sandra Heath, Patient with rare voice disorder

sample bequest language

When planning a bequest to Mass. Eye and Ear, you and your attorney or financial planner may find the following sample bequest language to be helpful.

**“I give _____ to the Foundation
of Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary,
a charitable organization located at
243 Charles Street, Boston, MA 02114,
to be used for its general purposes.”**

If you would like to designate your bequest for a specific purpose, or explore other ways to make a planned gift, please contact the Development Office at 617-573-4168.



**“I am grateful
to the Infirmary and
my mentors at the
time of my training.
My bequest expresses
my appreciation.”**

*— B. Thomas Hutchinson, MD
President, Mass. Eye and Ear Alumni Association*

“Nothing can be done without hope and optimism.”

— *Helen Keller*



Annie Sullivan Society

When you make a planned gift to benefit Mass. Eye and Ear, you will automatically become a member of the Annie Sullivan Society. This society was established to recognize and celebrate the many thoughtful and generous individuals who have chosen to support the hospital through their wills or estate plans. Members receive recognition in Mass. Eye and Ear publications and are invited to hospital events throughout the year.

By adding your name to the list of Annie Sullivan Society members, you will encourage others to do the same. However, if you prefer to remain anonymous, your gift will be kept completely confidential.

About Annie Sullivan

Annie Sullivan was Helen Keller's devoted teacher and companion who later became known to the world as "The Miracle Worker." Nearly blind herself, Annie regained her vision only after surgery at Mass. Eye and Ear, an experience that inspired her to commit herself to teaching the blind and deaf.

*Yes, I'd like to learn more about
how I can support Mass. Eye and Ear.*

let us know

Please let us know if you have made a provision for Mass. Eye and Ear in your will or estate plan so we may personally thank you and welcome you to the Annie Sullivan Society.

If you have questions or would like to explore how you may help Mass. Eye and Ear, please contact Melissa Paul at 617-573-4168 or melissa_paul@meei.harvard.edu for a confidential discussion.

- I'd like to support Mass. Eye and Ear through:
- my will
 - a gift that pays me, or a loved one, income
 - a gift of retirement assets, life insurance, or real estate
- I have already included Mass. Eye and Ear in my will or trust.

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