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## Endowment gifts serving patients of the future

Tomorrow's patients owe their care, in good part, to those who give today. And if they could somehow stand face to face with their benefactors, they would meet Ron and Ruth Baker. For the past 15 years the Bakers have made significant gifts to HonorHealth Foundation that specifically support the Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center Endowment and the HonorHealth General Endowment.

When the Bakers first retired to the Valley in 2003, among their first priorities was to find new physicians in an unfamiliar city. Ron's cousin, Jim Bruner, connected them to HonorHealth Foundation.

"At the time I was not familiar with Jim's long history with the hospital system," Ron recalls. "But the Foundation took time to understand our needs and introduced us to physicians who have cared for us through a number health issues and surgeries at Scottsdale Shea, Osborn and Thompson Peak. It was not long before we became intimately acquainted with the high quality of care given by both the doctors and the hospitals."

As residents of north Scottsdale, Ron and Ruth took interest in HonorHealth's plans for a Thompson Peak campus and soon they were serving on an Advisory Council.

"I was impressed early on with the professionalism of the Foundation and hospital staff," says Ron. "They truly listened to and acted on the feedback from Council members." The Bakers became active in supporting the Thompson Peak expansion, hosting gatherings at their home to introduce neighbors and friends to the opportunity to impact healthcare in their community. Their personal gift was honored with the naming of the Thompson Peak Meditation Chapel, in memory of two of their daughters who had passed shortly after birth. "It was gratifying to visit the room during the grand opening of the hospital."

Still today, Ron speaks admiringly of the hospital.

Visit the [HonorHealthFoundation.org](http://HonorHealthFoundation.org) website to [read the rest of the Baker's story!](#)

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## You've got mail

The Foundation has made heart and vascular care a priority focus based on the growing need in the Valley. We recently mailed a letter to tell you about the innovative patient care and technology we are expanding at the [HonorHealth Cardiovascular Center of Excellence](#).



Our goal is to advance the well-being of those we serve and we need your help to do it. As your local nonprofit community healthcare system we offer six hospitals throughout the Valley, offering exceptional clinical care. Currently, five of HonorHealth's hospitals have achieved Magnet status, which is the gold standard for nursing care and an honor earned by only 6% of the nation's hospitals. For you and your family it means 3,400 exceptional physicians ready to provide compassionate care when you need it most.

In Arizona, heart disease is the leading cause of death in adults. Your gift will support advancements such as three new HonorHealth heart labs, an Electrophysiology Lab where arrhythmia patients can receive pioneering care and new robotic technology to provide more minimally invasive procedures. All of these additions translate to exceptional and transformational heart and vascular care for patients.

Your generosity is the heartbeat of Arizona. Thank you for [giving](#) today, it makes an impact.

## October is National Estate Planning Awareness Month

Estate planning is for *everyone*. Being prepared with an estate plan is a meaningful gift you can leave your heirs.

A will may be the centerpiece of your estate plan but there are additional documents that make up a well-crafted plan:

1. **Last will and testament and/or a trust** to formalize your wishes on how your assets are distributed upon your passing and designating beneficiaries such as heirs or charitable foundations
2. **Durable power of attorney for your finances** assigns an agent to oversee your financial issues if you are unable to
3. **Durable power of attorney for your healthcare** assigns an agent in the event you are medically incapacitated
4. **Living will or advanced directive** formalizes your wishes regarding medical care in the event you are terminally ill



There are many estate plan options, as you can see in the below table. Talk to your financial advisor for the plan that best meets your needs.

Considering the future also causes you to think about the legacy you want to leave in the world, as Rex and Margie Porter did.

“Over the years, Honor Health has provided us with excellent healthcare and we want to help ensure everyone has the same opportunities as we’ve had,” they told us. “We chose HonorHealth Foundation because we want to make a difference in healthcare options and the lives of others for years to come.”

For unbiased information on how to create or update your estate plan, download the free HonorHealth Foundation [Estate Planning Guide](#).

What are your giving priorities?	Consider this
Make a significant future gift without impacting your current spendable income	Charitable bequest
Leave a legacy gift while retaining financial flexibility; reduce estate taxes for your heirs	Beneficiary designation
Give generously while providing a reliable income today; avoid or defer capital gains tax and provide tax benefits to your heirs upon your passing	Charitable remainder trust

Support the HonorHealth program of your choice and reduce your taxable income	Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) through an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) charitable rollover
Maintain your cash reserves; reduce taxable income, avoid or reduce capital gains tax	Gift of appreciated stock
Donate today to improve healthcare, reduce your taxes and receive monetary payments for life	Charitable gift annuity
Use your home or other real estate for tax savings and even income	Charitable gift of real estate



### **A heartfelt congratulations to chief operations officer Kim Post**

Please join us to congratulate Kim Post, executive vice president and chief operations officer at HonorHealth, for being selected by the Arizona Capitol Times as one of the "2021 Women Achievers of Arizona" in the healthcare industry!

The Arizona Capitol Times celebrates the accomplishments of women in a variety of fields annually. Kim and her fellow women leaders navigated unprecedented challenges over the past year to support Arizona communities and prepare our state for a brighter future.

Congratulations, Kim! Thank you for



### **The date has changed for our Phoenix 10K race**

Hit the pavement with Arizona's original road race. This year HonorHealth Foundation is the presenting sponsor of the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual 3TV Phoenix 10K and Half-Marathon. This family-friendly walk and run is a great way to sprint into a healthy holiday season!

*The race date has moved to November 14, 2021*, so you and your family still have time to [register](#) or get involved. With four races, 16 age groups, two divisions plus a contest, the Phoenix 10K has a place for runners of every age and level of experience. There are also volunteer opportunities so you can be a part of the action without working up a sweat!



your steadfast leadership inside the HonorHealth network and beyond. Click to view the full list of [award recipients](#).

Choose from a [5K](#), [10K](#), [Half-Marathon](#) or the [Mollen Mile](#).

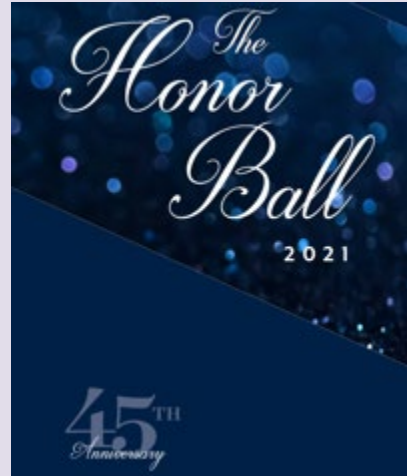
We hope you'll [lace up](#) and join us on November 14th.

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## A night to remember

The holiday season is in full swing and [The HonorBall 2021](#) will help deliver hope and healing to patients throughout the new year.

This year's elegant, black tie event will raise funds to expand HonorHealth's impact, touch more patients and deliver hope for new treatments. Proceeds will benefit heart and vascular care, cancer research, comprehensive neurological care and a newly established Ellen and Howard Katz Family Patient Assistance Endowment. We hope you have secured your ticket or your table and have held the date, Saturday, December 4, to join us for a night of transforming lives. The deadline to RSVP is November 19.



With its rich 45-year legacy, this gala attracts the Valley's most generous and supportive community leaders who understand that philanthropy is central to innovation, advanced technology and vital programs and services in healthcare today.

For more information, tickets or sponsorship opportunities, please [email](#) us or call Margaret Leichtfuss at 480-587-5000.



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