

A Grateful Patient Honors His Health-Care Hero

Don Loesch was diagnosed with Stage 4 bladder cancer eight years ago. “I couldn’t believe what I was hearing and I thought my quality of life was never going to be the same,” he says.

Fortunately for Don, John Muir Health urologist Brian Hopkins, M.D., is a pioneer of a revolutionary surgical procedure known as neobladder reconstruction that allows for a high quality of life by replacing the bladder using sections from the patient’s intestine.

Following his operation, Don wanted to do something to honor Dr. Hopkins and make a lasting impact for other patients facing cancer in the future. However, he didn’t know how he could make a meaningful gift and still enjoy his retirement.

To accomplish his goals, and with the guidance of his advisors, Don named John Muir Health as a beneficiary of a Charitable Remainder Trust. Because of his decision to invest the trust in municipal bonds, Don will receive tax-free income for all of his retirement years, and upon his passing, the full amount invested will be distributed to John Muir Health’s Cancer Institute in honor of Dr. Hopkins.

“I’m alive today and cancer-free because of John Muir Health,” Don says. “In fact, they saved my life twice and I have the quality of life I hoped for because of Dr. Hopkins’ expert care and compassion.

Gifts like Don’s will enable John Muir Health to continue to provide exceptional care to every patient who comes through our doors.



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To learn more about gifts that pay you income for life, please contact Mike Crvarich, Vice President of Legacy Planning.

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Charitable estate planning can be financially beneficial for families and individuals of various ages and income levels. Find out what planning a legacy gift to John Muir Health can do for you and your loved ones—now and in the future.

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- Retained Life Estate
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