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An Estate and Charitable Planning Guide for Friends of Glaucoma Research Foundation | Vol. 14 Spring 2023

Has Your Life Changed? Then So Should Your Estate Plan

With time's passage comes change: Babies are born, loved ones depart. We discover a new passion, a new cause. When changes happen, it's important that your estate plan reflects them. Here are key categories to consider:

- **Timing:** Did you write your will prior to 2001? A lot has changed in the world of estate taxes. For example, the amount you can leave to heirs without paying federal tax rose from \$675,000 to almost \$13 million in 2023.
- **Relationship status:** A change in your marital or long-term relationship means you may want to alter your will and beneficiary designations.
- **Children:** Perhaps you now have children or grandchildren, and you want to ensure you have provided for them. Or you created a will when the kids were young and they are now grown and financially stable.
- **Residence:** Legal requirements and taxes vary by state. If you've moved to a new state since creating your will, you'll want to see what impact that may have.
- **Family and friends:** Our connections with people sometimes shift over time. You may want to increase or decrease the amount left to certain individuals or add and remove them from your will or beneficiary designations.
- **Charitable causes:** If you have formed connections with certain nonprofits and want to take your support to the next level, you can set up gifts in your estate plan to ensure your values endure after your lifetime.



We Can Help

When creating or updating your will and other parts of your estate plan, we hope you consider the role Glaucoma Research Foundation has played in your life and how you can continue making a difference for years to come. Contact Nancy Graydon at ngraydon@glaucoma.org or 415-986-3162 ext. 231 to discuss your giving options.

Donor Creates Gift in Her Will to Support Research for a Cure

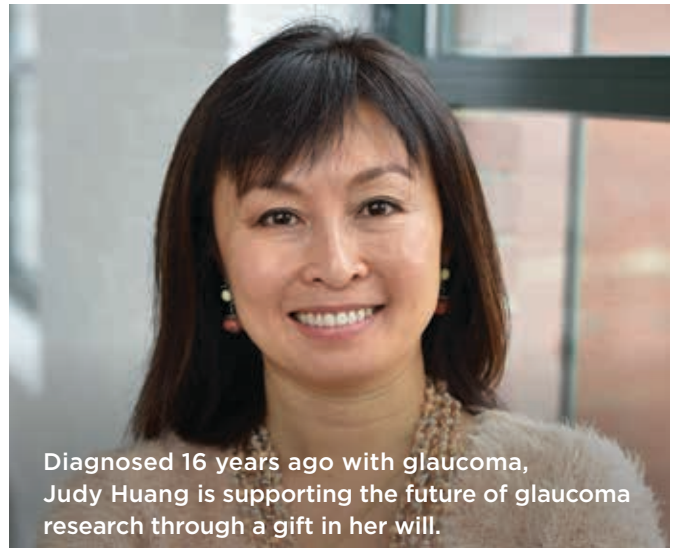
Judy Huang is a first-generation Asian American immigrant and a serial philanthropist. After becoming a successful business owner, Judy knew she wanted to shift her focus to giving back to her community.

Judy is the founder of the 889 Global Solutions Fund and the Judy Huang Scholarship at The Columbus Foundation to support students who are Asian and in financial need and demonstrate perseverance and hard work.

Judy knew as an Asian American that she had a higher risk for glaucoma. She was diagnosed about 16 years ago and turned to Glaucoma Research Foundation for help.

“The widespread nature of glaucoma also puts restraints on doctors and researchers,” says Judy. “My search for people who are doing this type of work brought me to Glaucoma Research Foundation five years ago. Supporting innovative research is the path that will bring a cure for glaucoma.”

Although Judy hopes to see a cure discovered in her lifetime, she believes in the importance of continuing to impact and give hope to others. Judy has been a longtime Catalyst Circle Donor and is a member of the Blanche Matthias Society. By including Glaucoma Research Foundation in her will, she has ensured that this important work will continue beyond her own lifetime.



Glaucoma Research Foundation is most grateful to Judy Huang and many other donors who have included GRF in their estate plans. Thomas M. Brunner, president and CEO, says that “charitable gifts made through your will or trust are a wonderful way to provide generous support to ensure the advancement of glaucoma research today and well into the future.”

Your Will Power

A gift from your will is a powerful way to make a significant impact at Glaucoma Research Foundation. To learn more about wills or other planned gifts, contact Nancy Graydon.

FREE Guide!

As life changes, so should your will. Return the enclosed reply card to receive our must-have guide, **17 Reasons to Update Your Will**.



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