

## Wally and Teresa Boice Remember The Foundation in Their Will

From their steadfast support of the Masonicare Annual Appeal and Holiday Appeal to their decision to name The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut (MCF) as a beneficiary of their Will, Bro. Wally Boice and his wife, Teresa, are true friends of Masonicare.

For Wally, a retired vice president and branch manager of the former Connecticut National Bank, that friendship was born out of a longstanding commitment to Masonry.

“One day,” Wally recalled, “back in the early 1960s, my stepfather said to me, ‘If you ever want to join the Masons, I’ll pay your way.’ I said okay, but didn’t take him up on his offer. When he passed away a short time later, I remember telling my mother about how he had always wanted me to join the Masons. I thought, maybe I should do it. So I did. I’ve been a Mason for 45 years.”

A Past Master at America-St. John’s Lodge No. 8 in Stratford and Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Bro. Wally is a member of numerous Masonic organizations including the Sphinx Shrine, the Legion of Honor, the Lafayette Consistory of Bridge-

port, the Garibaldi Masonic Club of Stratford, and the Baldwin Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

He and Teresa are also members of the Order of the Eastern Star, where she is a Past Worthy Matron and Wally is a Past Grand Patron. Teresa is a member of the Daughters of the Nile and, along with Wally, was on the Connecticut Board of Directors of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

A native of Springfield, MA, Teresa was working in a Bridgeport department store when she first met Wally, a Stratford boy whose stepfather ran the store’s luncheonette. They each happened to be getting something to eat in the restaurant when a mutual friend introduced them. They were married on January 14, 1950 and have lived in Stratford ever since.

Today, the Boices consider themselves fortunate to have a large extended family that includes two daughters, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren all living in Connecticut.



**Bro. Wallace (Wally) Boice of Stratford, and his wife, Teresa, continue a tradition of supporting The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.**

Wally and Teresa had two objectives when they were planning their estate: to provide financial security for each other and their loved ones, and also to benefit a cause in which they believe. And, Wally said, making a bequest to The Foundation was surprisingly simple. “I just met with my lawyer and dictated what I wanted the Will to say. He did the rest.”

With their gift, the Boices became members of MCF’s Baldwin Society, which recognizes generous individuals and organizations that have contributed \$10,000 or more to The Foundation’s Endowment Fund over a 12-month period.

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## For This Jester, Helping Masonicare Is No Joke



**Bro. Russ Haugh** feels that charitable gift annuities are an ideal way to benefit Masonicare.

A deep commitment to the ideals of Masonry, and some good advice from a close friend, convinced Bro. Russ Haugh that he should establish a charitable gift annuity with The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut (MCF).

“My friend, Art Tinsz, is very active with the Masons,” Russ recalled, “and he encouraged me to consider the gift annuity as a way to help Masonicare. He told me about how I would get a good rate of return, based on my age. Also, my family has strong ties to Masonry. My younger brother was a Mason, as are both of my sons.”

Russ, 86, has also witnessed firsthand how donor gifts benefit the patients and residents served by Masonicare. Following an operation in 2005, he requested to go to Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford for rehabilitation and has nothing but positive things to say about the experience.

“I was very happy with the care I received there,” he said. “I enjoyed it. Even the food was good. I tell everyone I know, seniors especially, that

Masonicare is a great organization.”

A Mason since 1973, Bro. Russ is affiliated with Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 in Manchester and holds memberships in several other Masonic organizations, including the Scottish Rite of Hartford and the Sphinx Shriners. He also belongs to the Omar Shrine Club, the Oasis Club, the Sphinx False Alarmers, the Legion of Honor, and the Royal Order of Jesters, Hartford Court 141.

The son of Irish immigrants, Russ was born and raised in

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East Hartford, CT

Manchester where he and three siblings grew up in a two-family house on Hemlock Street. He attended Manchester High School before enrolling in a cooperative education program that combined classroom learning with hands-on instruction in trade school.

In 1941, he took a job at aircraft engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford. In all, he spent 45 years with the company, his tenure interrupted only by a three-year stint in the Naval Armed Guard, a branch of the U.S. Navy that placed guns and personnel on merchant vessels to

defend against enemy attack. He drew the “sweet” assignment of serving aboard a cargo ship that ran sugar from Cuba to New York.

In 1953, Russ and his late wife, Margaret, relocated from Manchester to East Hartford. He has lived there ever since.

With his generous gift annuity, Russ became a member of Masonicare’s Cleveland Society, which honors donors who have given at least \$10,000 in the form of unrestricted funds.

“If I donate \$10,000 to Masonicare,” Russ explained, “based on my age, I could earn back nearly half of my contribution over the next five years. That’s good for everybody. If you’re looking for a way to promote the gift annuity, there it is.”

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### Current Gift Annuity Rates

Single Life	
Age	Rate
65	5.3%
75	6.3%
85	8.1%
90 and Over	9.5%
Two Lives JOINT AND SURVIVOR	
Ages	Rate
65 - 65	4.9%
70 - 70	5.2%
80 - 80	6.1%
90 - 90	8.3%

## Display Honors The Foundation's "Stars of Giving"



Donors who have contributed more than \$1 million to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut are recognized on a new board at Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford.

They are the “Stars of Giving” and their contributions to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut (MCF) have benefited countless residents and patients throughout the Masonicare continuum. MCF has recognized the extraordinary generosity of these individuals and organizations on a new donor recognition board at Masonicare Health Center.

Each donor has a personalized star on the board, which is displayed prominently on the first floor of the Wallingford facility. The stars come in two sizes: one for donors who have contributed between \$1 million and \$2.5 million, and a larger star for those whose gifts exceeded \$2.5 million.

To date, these treasured friends of The Foundation have historically contributed a combined \$50,548,270, which includes bequests and trust distributions, as well as outright gifts from Masonic organizations and living donors.

Donors honored with standard-size stars include Angus M. and Lillian A. Cleveland, Heloise Driessens, Thomas Hovanesian, Jeanne S. Jones, Henry H. and Edythe M. Knapp, Michael and Olga Krasnovsky, Gerta K. March, Esther Marks, Anton Nedwied, and Henry C. Wright.

Donors honored with larger stars include The Eastern Star Charity Foundation of Con-

necticut, The Essex Society, The Grand Lodge of Connecticut, A.F. & A.M., Ferdinand and Dorothy Hartog, Rhoda Hellman, George and Dorothy Kish, Harry W. and Ruth L. Rankin, Wilfred Schlegel, and Leslie G. Wright.

“These donors are all outstanding philanthropists,” said Jennifer King, MCF President. “Each of them believed passionately in the work of Masonicare, and chose to make significant leadership gifts to the Foundation to further Masonicare’s mission of caring for Connecticut’s seniors. They serve as an inspiration for the thousands of donors who contribute what they can to MCF each year.”

## Leaving A Legacy: Bequests to MCF

A gift in your Will, also known as a “bequest,” is a wonderful way to support The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut and a powerful statement to others of your belief in the mission of Masonicare.

Charitable bequests are also fully deductible for federal estate tax purposes. Working with your advisor, you can best decide what makes sense in light of your total assets and your need to provide for other beneficiaries. Some of the types of bequests are:

**Pecuniary Bequest** - This is a bequest of a specific dollar amount. For example, “I give and bequeath the sum of \$25,000 to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, Inc., located in Wallingford, Connecticut.” This amount will not fluctuate if your estate increases in value after you have signed your Will.

**Percentage Bequest** - This is a bequest of an amount equal to a fixed percentage of the value of your estate at the time of your death. For example, “I give and bequeath to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, Inc., located in Wallingford, Connecticut, an amount equal to 10 percent of my adjusted taxable estate (as defined for federal estate tax purposes).” While the percentage will stay fixed, the amount ultimately passing to The Foundation will depend upon the value of all your assets passing under your Will upon your death.

**Residuary Bequest** - This bequest directs that The Foundation receives all or a portion of the balance of your estate after all necessary costs and pecuniary bequests have been met. For

example, “I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, Inc., located in Wallingford, Connecticut.”

By working with your attorney to include a bequest to The Foundation in your Will, you will enhance the lives of residents and patients of Masonicare for years to come.

If you would like more information on charitable bequests, please contact Jennifer King at The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut at (203) 679-5555.

If you have already named the Foundation in your Will, we thank you and would be grateful if you would let us know of your intentions!



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“You could say it’s a generous gift,” Wally said, “but to me, it’s just a gift that I can afford and one that probably comes from the heart. I’m not a millionaire by any stretch of the imagination. But when *everybody* gives, and you put everyone’s gifts together, *that’s* special.”

Wally cites the remarkable growth of Masonicare at Ashlar Village in Wallingford as an example of what donations can make possible. Since it opened in 1984, Ashlar Village has grown into one of the state’s premier retirement communities.

“Look at the size of it now,” he marveled. “It’s unbelievable.”

Thanks to the support of people like Wally and Teresa, all of Masonicare’s affiliates continue to provide seniors with the care they need and deserve.

### Leaving a Legacy to The Masonic Charity Foundation of CT

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut deeply appreciates gifts of all kinds. Should you wish to remember The Foundation in your Will, we encourage you to provide the following bequest language to your attorney:

*“I give, devise, and bequeath \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (sum of money), or \_\_\_\_\_ % (percentage) of my estate, or all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, Inc., located in Wallingford, CT.”*

Bequests provide important revenue in support of the mission of Masonicare, enabling us to provide the highest quality healthcare programs and services to our residents and patients regardless of their ability to pay.

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