

# Update: Financial Planning and Charitable Giving

## Gift of \$1 Million to Canadian Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research



*Donald Sutherland; Barbara Kaminsky, CEO, Canadian Cancer Society (BC and Yukon Division); Judi Draper (Joanne Phillip's sister); Bonnie Sutherland (Joanne's friend and executrix); and Ron Draper*

Although Joanne Phillips passed away from breast cancer in April 2002, she has left a legacy—a record-setting \$1 million donation to the Canadian Cancer Society in a bequest targeted for breast cancer research.

From an early age, Joanne participated in community service and charitable giving. “She was an amazing woman,” says friend Bonnie Sutherland. “She lived a life of helping others.” Bonnie and Joanne were co-founders of the Afretech Aid Society, which provides books, computers, and other needed materials for schools in Africa.

“This is the largest estate gift we have received for breast cancer research,” says Barbara Kaminsky, CEO of the Canadian Cancer Society, BC and Yukon Division. “Currently, one in nine women will develop breast cancer during their life. Research is needed to change this statistic and the manner in which the disease impacts people’s lives.”

Although gifts in Wills to the Canadian Cancer Society have been on the increase, the use of funds is not always designated. Sutherland explains that Phillips understood the devastating impact of the disease firsthand. It was

## Letters

**Attention: Wayne Braid,  
Executive Director**

**Re: Excellent service from a  
Notary Public**

I am writing to inform The Society of excellent service I have received from a Notary Public in British Columbia.

I am a law student at the University of Victoria, and have been a client of Sabrina Hanousek at Kitto & Best Notaries Public in Victoria. Ms. Hanousek has always been extremely helpful in assisting me by notarizing documents and providing me with a greater understanding of the role of Notaries in the province.

I believe Ms. Hanousek is a strong example of the important and positive contribution that Notaries can make within our communities.

Sincerely,  
*Kent Glowinski*

very important to Phillips that vital breast cancer research continue so other women would not have to endure her experience.

Phillips’ estate has also designated a gift of \$1 million to the Variety Club – The Children’s Charity of British Columbia.

In BC and the Yukon, the Canadian Cancer Society has a presence in over 100 communities, with more than 17,000 volunteers, serving over 100,000 people. ▲

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