



The Kanemoto Families . . . Towering *Compassion* and *Service Above Self*

The Kanemoto's legacy of philanthropy in Longmont is legendary. When Jane, Joyce and Ed were interviewed recently for *The Summit*, they explained that their family has always been extremely grateful for the way they have been treated through the years. "We feel an obligation to give back in appreciation for the community support the family has received, support when American citizens of Japanese descent may have been perceived as adversarial, and for the patronage and success of the family businesses." According to a City Proclamation recognizing Jimmie Kanemoto's induction into the Boulder County Business Hall of Fame in 1996, Jimmie had been in the Longmont business community since 1935 when he and his brother George became partners in farming. Their farming expertise lead to the design and patent of an irrigation device which was then followed by the founding of the Kane Manufacturing Company in 1960. They initiated their efforts into land development eventually annexing the property now known as Southmoor Park to the City.

The Kanemoto Family has been a vital part of Longmont United Hospital's creation and ongoing development. Jimmie worked tirelessly along with other community leaders on the original fund drive committee that raised money for the new hospital which opened in 1959 and is currently celebrating its 50th Anniversary. The Kanemoto Families continue to give generously and have named patient rooms in the bed tower and the new emergency department. Ed served on the Hospital Board as a Director and Chairman and currently serves as a Foundation Trustee. The family was recently accorded the Foundation's highest honor, membership in The Heritage Society.

The Kanemoto's numerous gifts to the Longmont community are *extraordinary*. A small sampling includes: 1961 donated land for school administration building; 1962 donated land for fire station on South Pratt Parkway; 1966 donated 10 acres for Burlington School and 6 acres for Kanemoto Park, home of the Tower of Compassion; 1968 donated Old Burlington School for Buddhist Temple; 1971 donated land to build Episcopal Church; 1987 donated land along St. Vrain River for Longmont Greenway. These wonderful gifts are in addition to the numerous business ventures and developments that the Kanemoto Families have created and developed. Indeed, it's hard to drive around Longmont without encountering something the family is responsible for. We are fortunate to live in a community in which the Kanemoto's have played such an important role. The community is grateful for all of their contributions which make Longmont a better place to live. Although some members of the family are more visible than others, they all subscribe to the following creed which describes their philosophy of living and giving back:

"Compassion is living a life of Love, Empathy and Understanding and Gratitude of all things, and Giving Selflessly of oneself for the happiness of all beings."

Board Retreat Creates Unity, Sense of Mission

The Longmont United Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees held a planning session at Guaranty Bank's Conference Room on September 16th. **Darrell Hammond**, a long time Longmont resident and owner of Higher Ground Consulting, LLC, facilitated the retreat. The retreat was designed to reset Board *roles, goals and responsibilities*; Energize the board to fulfill the purpose of the Foundation; and establish an action plan to move the Foundation forward during the down economy. Darrell lead the Board through a S.W.O.T. analysis (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) and had the Trustees prioritize their main points. The retreat proved to be a very useful and productive exercise and resulted in a clarity of vision and direction. Many of the suggestions and ideas will be implemented in the coming months.



The Trustees thought the timing of the retreat was particularly good since there are many challenges facing the non-profit sector and healthcare in particular. It was agreed that philanthropy has played a vital role in Longmont United Hospital's development and has become increasingly important as hospitals must rely on additional sources of revenue for their continued growth. The Trustees felt that Darrell did an excellent job of focusing the Board and helping it with an action plan that can guide the Foundation now and in the future. Many thanks to Darrell for a job well done!

The Difference Your Gifts Make. . .

The Longmont United Hospital Foundation has provided more than
\$9.1 million in charitable support
for construction projects, programs, services and technology.

Capital Campaigns

Hope Cancer Care Center
\$1.65 million

Patient Bed Tower
\$2.6 million

Emergency Department
\$1.8 million

Thank You for Your Generous Support! Please Consider a Gift This Year.

What a Concept!

A lawyer was summoned to the beside of a dying man who wanted to make a will.

"To my son Seymour, in fatherly affection, I bequest \$25,000," whispered the old man.

"Hey, wait a minute," interrupted the lawyer, "I happen to know that your entire estate isn't worth more than \$5,000. Just how do you expect Seymour to get that money?"

The old man sat up with indignation blazing in his eyes, "Let him work for it the same as I had to do!"

Where There's a Will . . .

Make a Will and Other Plans. Unless you have a valid will or other arrangements in place, others may have to decide who will manage your affairs should you be unable to do so. Without plans, it may be necessary for state laws to automatically transfer your property in equal amounts to your nearest relatives regardless of your wishes.



Regularly Update Your Plans. Out of date wills, trusts and other plans need to be updated. Many things can make your will and other plans obsolete, including changes in your family (marriages, births, deaths); the nature and value of your property; changes in state and federal tax laws; or a move to another state. The needs of your loved ones and your charitable priorities can also change over time. *Consider including Longmont United Hospital Foundation in your will - many others have!*



Consult an Attorney. There is no substitute for the advice of an attorney when making a will and other estate plans. An attorney can suggest ways to avoid settlement delays and reduce estate taxes, probate costs and other expenses. Choose an attorney who is knowledgeable in estate planning.



Provide for an Alternate. Your plans should name the person or financial institution you would like to manage the settlement of your estate. It is wise to choose someone who is knowledgeable in managing finances. It's also a good idea to name an alternate in case your first choice is unable to serve for any reason. If you do not specify an alternate, a court may appoint someone you may not have selected.



Name Final Beneficiaries. If none of the persons named in your will survive you, by law your estate could be given to one or more distant relatives you may not even know. After you have listed all the people you want to remember, ask yourself if there is a charitable interest you would like to include.



Honor Others. To commemorate the life of a special friend or loved one, consider including a memorial gift to Longmont United Hospital Foundation in your will or other long range plans. Your advisors can assist you in arranging an appropriate memorial.



Keep Plans in Balance. Most people have no way of knowing the exact value of what they may own at the end of their lifetime. To be sure their charitable gifts remain in proportion to other legacies, may designate that all or a certain percentage of their estate be devoted to charitable use after first providing for loved ones. You may want to consider this when making your plans.



Remember Other Assets. Do not forget to consider life insurance or retirement plan assets when thinking about your long range plans. Beneficiary designation forms you completed in the past may not reflect your current wishes. Such forms may take precedence over your will and other documents.



Maintain Flexibility If a gift to Longmont United Hospital Foundation is included in your plans, remember that our future needs may change. For this reason, it is usually best to make your gift flexible. Generally, if you are less restrictive, funds can be used where they are needed most when received.



Communicate Your Plans. If you have included Longmont United Hospital Foundation in your will, consider informing us. We may have specific needs that would fit your giving plans precisely, or suggestions that would enhance the net value of your estate and your future gift.



Your will, trust or other plans can often be completed and your responsibilities to loved ones and others fulfilled with just a few hours of careful planning. Longmont United Hospital Foundation has been honored with many bequests through the years. Wills and bequests are a very important part of our charitable fundraising success. We would love to talk to you about your will and show you the many ways you can help us in our important mission of supporting Longmont United Hospital.

Thank you for your consideration!

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