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Loving grandpa supports a cause close to his heart

Through their family's charitable foundation, Bob Glenn's children—Saunders Bohan, Anne Fitten Glenn and Amanda Brady—support programs for youth, including Marcus Autism Center.

Bob Glenn was passionate. He believed strongly in family, a good education and giving back to his community. Philanthropy wasn't just important to Bob—it was a way of life. Today, Bob's legacy of generosity is helping to transform the lives of countless children—including the lives of his own granddaughters.

Born and raised in Atlanta, Bob grew up with the influence of his parents, Jack and Anne, who believed in quietly giving back to those in need.

"I think my father's passion for giving back started with his parents—my grandparents," says Saunders Bohan, Bob's daughter. "They were always silently helping children in need with their education. My dad and his brothers were raised seeing the difference that giving back can make."

That influence was so strong that in 2004, Bob and his brothers created the Jack and Anne Glenn Charitable Foundation to honor their parents and make a lasting difference in the community. The foundation's mission statement is to serve disadvantaged youth and their families who are at risk of poor educational, social and health outcomes. The Jack and Anne Glenn Foundation has supported many organizations in Georgia and beyond, including Children's Healthcare of

Atlanta and Marcus Autism Center—a cause close to Bob's heart.

A devoted grandfather, Bob took a vested interest in Marcus Autism Center when Saunders' twin daughters, Lilly and Sarah, were diagnosed with autism.

"We noticed when they were three years old that they weren't keeping up developmentally with their peers," Saunders says. "Their diagnosis really changed our world. Twins are hard as it is, but this made it even more of a challenge."

Saunders says there was not a lot of support in the Virginia Beach, Virginia, area where she lives, and only one developmental pediatrician equipped to diagnose and treat autism. Her father encouraged her to bring her daughters to Marcus Autism Center. For Saunders, it was life-changing.

"It was great," she says. "Every single one of our experiences was just so positive. We did the toilet training program there two years ago, and that was incredible. It's given us so much more freedom."

Secure their future

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Bob saw firsthand the difference Marcus Autism Center made for his young granddaughters and decided to support its efforts by making Marcus Autism Center the beneficiary of a \$200,000 individual retirement account.

“He wanted to leave something to Marcus Autism Center not just to benefit my children, but to help so many others,” Saunders says. “It’s such a wonderful organization, and the work they’re doing is so important.”

When Bob passed away in 2016, his promise became a gift. Being involved in the Jack and Anne Glenn Foundation along with her sisters, Anne Fitten Glenn and Amanda Brady, as well as Bob’s three brothers and their children, Saunders knew the family foundation could make an even greater difference.

“The foundation wanted to make a gift in my father’s name,” Saunders says. “My dad had always supported the idea of endowments and believed in giving a meaningful gift that would make a difference for a long time.”

With an additional \$50,000 gift by the Jack and Anne Glenn Foundation,

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—Saunders Bohan, on her father, Bob Glenn’s gifts to Children’s

the Robert J. Glenn Autism Research Endowment was created, which will exist in perpetuity.

“I think my father would be absolutely thrilled and proud,” Saunders says.

Betsy, Bob’s wife of nearly 17 years, agrees her husband would love knowing his legacy was helping so many through an endowment that will offer support indefinitely.

“Bob felt that he’d been blessed and wanted to help others,” Betsy says. “He felt very strongly about Marcus Autism Center. He never liked recognition, but he was kind and passionate. I think he would be very pleased.”

Every gift matters

By including a gift to Children’s in your long-term plans, you can make a big difference for our patients and their families. Contact Mary McCormack at 404-785-9481 or mary.mccormack@choa.org to learn how you can help make kids healthier today and tomorrow.

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Together, we can accomplish more

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A stroke sidelines an eight-year-old

In the summer of 2011, healthy and active eight-year-old Will suffered an unexpected brain hemorrhage and stroke. This tragic event was caused by an arteriovenous malformation (AVM), a congenital condition which his family was unaware he had.

After immediately being rushed to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Will underwent an emergency craniotomy to remove part of his skull, which would help relieve the pressure on his brain from the swelling. Doctors then placed him into a medically induced coma for two weeks to give him the best chance of survival by allowing his young body to heal.

When he woke, he was temporarily blind and paralyzed and would face a

long road to recovery beginning with the Inpatient Rehabilitation Program at Children's. Will spent seven weeks with his family in the unit, relearning how to walk, tie his shoes and do other daily activities most kids take for granted. In September 2011, he had one last surgery to remove what was left of the AVM, and later scans revealed he was no longer at risk of bleeding.

Will is back at school full time, playing basketball and working hard while balancing 10 therapy sessions each week. He is also continuing to make progress regaining the use of his left side as well as the cognitive functions he lost due to the hemorrhage. This 14-year-old is full of fire, has a determined spirit to persevere in the face of his medical challenges and is an inspiration to his friends, family and community.



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