



## THE KAREN GARARD HILT LEGACY SOCIETY

THE KAREN GARARD HILT SOCIETY CELEBRATES THE DONORS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE CENTRAL INDIANA AFFILIATE OF SUSAN G. KOMEN WHO PLAN A GIFT TODAY THAT PROVIDES BENEFITS MANY YEARS INTO THE FUTURE.

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE INCLUDED A BEQUEST IN THEIR WILL OR MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANOTHER TYPE OF PLANNED GIFT WILL BECOME MEMBERS OF THE LEGACY SOCIETY.

### LEGACY SOCIETY

Incorporating Central Indiana Susan G. Komen into your estate plan is one of the many ways to support the Affiliate. This will help achieve your personal philanthropic and charitable giving goals while enabling the affiliate to continue funding breast health education, screening and treatment programs as well as scientific research that is discovering and delivering the cures for breast cancer.

There are many charitable planned giving options available. You can make a planned gift by naming the affiliate as a beneficiary of your last will and testament, life insurance policy or retirement plan. You may name the affiliate as a beneficiary of a charitable trust. Your attorney or financial advisor can advise you of the various types of charitable trusts and assist you in establishing a trust that is tailored to your personal needs. For more detailed information about these various options, contact Komen Central Indiana at 317.638.CURE or visit our website [komenindy.org](http://komenindy.org).

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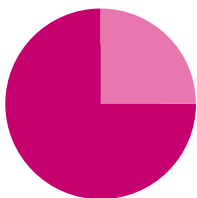
The Karen Garard Hilt Society is named in memory of a beautiful young woman who was diagnosed with breast cancer at 34 and lost her life to it at the age of 40. Karen was the mother of two and a caring Head Nurse for a Cardiology group. She dedicated her life to serving those around her - her patients, her family, her friends. Her laughter and zest to make life fun were contagious. Even while undergoing intense treatments, she remained optimistic and more concerned about her loved ones than herself. Karen never lost hope. At her funeral it was said, "Karen's Hope was something that brought sunshine into shadows, it was the link to a better tomorrow, as long as it is kept alive, so, too, is our determination to go on."



## THE GARARD FAMILY

Karen's parents, Jim and Norma Garard, are determined to make a difference and honor their daughter. They are the force behind the creation of this Society and are the Society's first members with their generous bequest. Karen is not the only loved one in their lives that battled breast cancer. Jim lost his mother when she was only 41 and he was in high school. His sister, Janet, later died from breast cancer at the same age as her mother. A second daughter, Judy, was diagnosed at age 45 and then Norma herself was diagnosed at age 74. Judy and Norma are surviving and thriving and credit their survival to early detection and advancements in treatment funded with Komen research dollars. Knowing that their third daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren are at extremely high risk, providing access to early screening and funding research is critically important.

The Garard family is joining with Komen to establish this planned giving society to spare so many women from facing the dread of breast cancer. *This was "Karen's Hope"*.



75% of the net dollars we raise stay right here and fund education, early screening and treatment assistance for local, low income Hoosier women.

The remaining 25% goes to fund global research seeking the causes, treatments and ultimately the cures for breast cancer.