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NEWS



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Members of St. Andrew's United Church: Alan Grundy, a member of the church's auction committee, and Rev. Grant Williams, minister at the church, presented Connor Vincent of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation with a cheque from the proceeds of the church's live auctions.

CHURCH SUPPORTS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

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In light of the demands placed on the health-care system during the pandemic, a Georgetown church has donated the entire pro-

ceeds of their annual live auction. St. Andrew's United Church (89 Mountainview Rd. S.) donated \$5,500, the entirety of the proceeds of the church's online auctions that replaced their annual Spring Fest Com-

munity Live Auction.

The decision to support the Georgetown Hospital Foundation was made in November 2019.

"In retrospect, we couldn't have picked a better, and more needy organization to support," wrote Margaret Yahiro, a member of the church. "Normally, we divide the auction proceeds, with some going to the work of the church and some going to our selected charity."

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My father passed away more than a year ago, and my uncle is the estate trustee. My siblings and I have questions about my uncle's handling of the estate. For example, my uncle sold property of my father's but has not provided any information on the proceeds from the sales. We want to know what our uncle has done with the money. How do we get answers from him?

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The estate trustee is legally obligated to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries. As a beneficiary, you are entitled to require the estate trustee to account. The process is called *passing accounts* and requires that the estate trustee provide an accounting of the assets and liabilities of the estate, as well as transactions undertaken by the estate trustee. The passing of accounts also identifies any compensation taken by the estate trustee for administering the estate. Once the estate trustee prepares the accounts, a judge decides whether to accept them. Passing accounts may be initiated by the estate trustee, or by beneficiaries. Where an estate trustee initiates the process, beneficiaries may serve notice that they object to the accounts being passed. Passing accounts also applies to persons acting under a power of attorney or guardianship. Where a court finds that the estate trustee engaged in misconduct, neglect or default, a judge may award damages for which the estate trustee is personally liable.

If you are dealing with an estate issue, give us a call to set up a free ½ hour consultation. Enjoy the weekend



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