

Thank you for thinking of us

We have seen demand for our services increase over the last five years and we expect that this will continue to rise over years to come. We therefore have ambitious plans to reach even more people and to provide them with the best quality care and support.

By leaving a gift to us in your will you will help us to continue providing free care to over 1,500 people and their families each year.

If you have already included a legacy to Peace Hospice Care in your will, or you intend to, we would really like the opportunity to say thank you. Please use this form to let us know or to request more information:

Title Forename

Surname

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

please tick here if you are happy for us to email you with Peace Hospice Care news, activities and fundraising events

I intend to leave a gift in my will to Peace Hospice Care

I have already left a gift in my will to Peace Hospice Care

Please send me information on:

Annual Review

setting up a Peace Tribute Fund in memory of a loved one

visiting the Hospice

other (please specify how we can help)

Data Protection statement: Peace Hospice Care will not share your details with any third party organisations. We would like to send you information from time to time, which could include fundraising activities and other information that we feel may be of interest to you.

Please return this form to:

Freepost RTKA-RCYT-AUEL, Peace Hospice Care, Peace Drive, Watford WD17 3PH

Our contact details



 01923 330330

 legacies@peacehospicecare.org.uk

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 **Over 80p in every £1 you donate goes directly to support patients and their families**

 **In the last year our dedicated nurses made 2,255 visits to patients' homes**

 **We made 6,149 phone calls to support either our patients or their carers in the last year**

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Registered charity no 1002878

Remembering us with a gift in your will



We need to raise over
£4 million this year
**We need your help
more than ever**

Respecting the value of every life

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Peace Hospice Care provides free care and support to people with life limiting illnesses and their families across South West Hertfordshire.

Over the years, the gifts that people have left to us in their wills have helped us recruit more nurses, set up and equip our Inpatient Unit and train staff to offer the best possible care when people need it most.

If helping others in our local community through difficult times is something that you care about, then please remember us when you come to making or updating your will.

Why make a will

Having a valid, up-to-date and professionally written will is the only way to ensure your wishes are carried out after you die. It can give you peace of mind and means that you can provide for the people and causes that are close to your heart.

Without a will your estate is distributed according to law, rather than in line with what you would have wanted. You may not realise the extent of your estate until you come to writing your will. The gifts you leave in your will can be small, large or even specific possessions that you own.

“At first, the word ‘hospice’ frightened me but as soon as Dad went in there I changed my mind. I will never forget all the fabulous people who supported him. Nothing was too much effort for them. We made great memories to his very last day.”

Ryan Leach, Relative

www.peacehospicecare.org.uk

Writing your will

Writing your will need not be complicated and can be made easier by having the relevant information to hand when you see a solicitor. You can find local solicitors who deal with wills and probate on the law society website www.solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk

Before you meet with your solicitor you will need:

- ♥ An idea of how much your estate is worth i.e. the extent of your assets (everything your own) and liabilities (everything you owe)
- ♥ Details of the people and/or organisations you wish to benefit from your will
- ♥ Details of up to four executors, aged over 18, who will be legally responsible for implementing your will. These can be professionals or family and friends
- ♥ The details of any guardians you wish to appoint for your children, provision for pets and funeral arrangements, including whether you would like donations in memory rather than flowers at your funeral.

Small additions or changes can be easily made to your will through a codicil. This is a legal document appended to your will which needs to be witnessed and signed in the same way that a will must be. Please remember that your beneficiaries cannot also be witnesses to your will or codicil.

Leaving a gift to Peace Hospice Care

To include a gift to us in your will, please include all the following details:

Peace Hospice Care, Peace Drive, Watford, Herts, WD1 3PH
Registered charity number: 1002878

A gift to Peace Hospice Care in your will is also exempt from inheritance tax. Not only can you be sure that we will receive the full benefit of your gift, but you can also use the gift to reduce your overall tax burden. A solicitor will be able to advise and you can find more information on the HMRC website www.hmrc.gov.uk

The main types of legacies

A **pecuniary legacy** is a gift of a set amount of money whether £100 or £10,000. Do ask your solicitor if you would like to preserve the value of a pecuniary legacy by index-linking it.

A **specific legacy** is a gift of a specific item such as a piece of jewellery. Do use a clear description in your will of the items that you wish to bequeath.

A **residuary legacy** is a portion (e.g. 25%) or all (100%) of everything that is left in your estate once all other payments, specific legacies and debts have been paid. Residuary gifts will increase and decrease in line with the value of your estate and are a great way to benefit Peace Hospice Care.

Your solicitor can advise on other types of charitable legacies but below are two sample clauses for the main types of legacy:

Residuary Gift: “Subject to the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I give a share of _____% of my estate not otherwise disposed of by this my will to Peace Hospice Care (Registered Charity Number 1002878), Peace Drive, Watford WD17 3PH for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.”

Pecuniary Gift: “I give the sum of £_____ to Peace Hospice Care (Registered Charity Number 1002878), Peace Drive, Watford WD17 3PH for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.”

Remember to keep your will safe

It’s best to leave the original will (and any codicils) with your solicitor or in another safe place such as a bank. Keep a copy at home and tell your executors or immediate family where they can find it. Do remember to review your will from time to time and as your circumstances change.