



St. Richard's  
Hospice

CARING FOR LIFE

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Supporting St Richard's  
through a gift in your Will

# St Richard's Hospice – caring for our future

For over 30 years, St Richard's Hospice has provided high-quality care and support for patients with life-threatening illnesses. Through our Community Nursing, In-patient, Day Hospice and Family Support services, our specialist care teams reach over 2,600 patients and their loved ones in Worcestershire each year.

Our goal is to enable each person we encounter to live every day to the fullest. However, each year, the needs of our community are changing; people are living longer, but often with multiple diagnoses, so



we must ensure that our care is available and accessible to a growing number of patients with more complex conditions.

As a charity, all of our special services are provided free of charge. Less than 30% of our hospice costs are contributed by the NHS; this means that we rely on the generosity of our community to enable us to be there for patients and their families when we're needed the most.

## Why a gift in your Will Matters

### Why a gift in your Will matters to St Richard's Hospice

Gifts in Wills are absolutely vital to the care we provide; 1 out of every 7 patients' care is paid for through these significant, thoughtful gifts. These special legacies mean that we can plan and build our services to reach more local people. A gift in your Will can help us ensure the future of St Richard's Hospice care – the care we would all want for our loved ones and the care our community deserves.

### Why do I need a Will?

A Will is a very important document that ensures those you care about are provided for after your death. Without a valid Will, a person's estate is said to be 'intestate' and can mean that the specific wishes you may have for your family or loved ones are not carried out.

### Who can help me make sure my Will is valid and accurate?

An experienced solicitor can ensure that your Will is valid; they can also help you make any changes you might wish to an existing Will. Each year, St Richard's holds Write a Will month, where local solicitors generously donate all of the associated fees to St Richard's. You can find out more here: [www.strichards.org.uk/event/write-a-will](http://www.strichards.org.uk/event/write-a-will)



### What about Inheritance Tax?

Your beneficiaries will need to pay Inheritance Tax if your estate is over a certain value; in this case, 40% will be taken from the portion of your estate that is over the threshold. Gifts to charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax and the value of your estate is calculated after the value of gifts like these are deducted. For more information, please visit the HMRC website: [www.hmrc.gov.uk/inheritancetax](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/inheritancetax)



# What kind of gift can I leave to St Richard's?

There are several kinds of gifts you can leave in your Will. Each gift is special to us and ensures that we're able to provide the very best care and support to those in need, today and into the future.

## A specific gift:

This type of gift is usually something like property or a specific item, such as an antique or piece of jewellery.

## A gift in trust or 'life interest':

If you like, you can leave a gift for use over a specific period of time. After that time has passed, the gift could then be passed on to other recipients, such as a charity.

## A cash gift or 'pecuniary gift':

This is when you leave a beneficiary an exact sum of money.

## A share of your estate:

After you've provided for your loved ones and taxes have been paid, you could leave a share, or the remainder of your estate to St Richard's. This means that your estate is passed on to those you care about as well as supporting hospice care into the future.



Mr G left a residuary gift of **£26,073** to St Richard's. Here's how we used that generosity to improve patients' quality of life and wellbeing as well as support their loved ones.

Gifts in Wills pay for the care of 1 in 7 of our patients



**£7,578** was spent on In-patient care – enough to pay for the entire costs of our In-patient Unit for a full 24 hours.



**£3,921** was spent on caring for patients in their own homes – enough to pay for a Nurse Specialist for a month.



**£2,178** was invested into our Family Support Team – enabling a Social Worker to help patients and their loved ones access support and social care for an entire month.



**£10,464** funded our Day Hospice for one week, providing specialist care for up to 80 patients.



**£141** paid for ten patients to receive reflexology therapy, helping them to relax and relieve stress, enhancing their wellbeing.



**£1,791** was spent enabling a Hospice at Home Healthcare Assistant to provide care to patients for a month, allowing them to remain at home during the last days of life.

My name is Tricia Cavell and I'm the Fundraising Director at St Richard's.



Each day we are asked by supporters how they might make a lasting, tangible difference to the special care services we provide. The truth is, there are so many ways that people contribute to St Richard's Hospice, but one of the most important ways to support us – which pays for the care of 1 out of every 7 patients we reach – is gifts in Wills. Part of my role is to talk to people who might be thinking about leaving us a gift in their Will. I am very happy, to explain the different types of gifts or how best to go about making or changing a Will; I'm here to offer support anyone might need to make the decision that is right for them.

Making a Will that provides for loved ones while ensuring that your specific wishes are met is not something to be taken lightly. That's why I'd like to extend an invitation to you to speak on the telephone or arrange a private meeting to discuss what might be best for you.

Please take a moment to answer the questions on the page opposite and then return to us, free of charge, at the address provided. You can also contact me on **01905 763963** or email me **tcavell@strichards.org.uk** with any questions and thoughts. Thank you very much for taking the time to consider our request. We are so grateful for your support.

Tricia Cavell

## Please consider a gift in your Will and support the future of hospice care in Worcestershire



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Leaving a gift to St Richard's Hospice in your Will puts you at the heart of our hospice family – and your support will have a lasting, direct impact on the care services we are able to provide to patients and families throughout Worcestershire. Please consider making or updating your Will today to create a lasting legacy for our community.

### We're here to help

You can contact us directly to talk about writing, updating or leaving a gift to St Richard's in your Will. Please select below any of the options that would work best for you:

- I would like to arrange to meet with Tricia in person.
- I would like to talk to Tricia on the telephone.
- I would like to know more about St Richard's Write a Will month.

Thank you for your time and we will be in touch soon. Your support is invaluable to us and enables us to bring St Richard's vital care to more local families in the future.

### Your details

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| Title:            | First Name: |
| Surname:          |             |
| Address:          |             |
|                   |             |
| Postcode:         |             |
| Telephone number: |             |
| Email:            |             |

Please tick here if you do not want your details kept on St Richard's Hospice database   
I am happy to receive updates by email, please tick

Please return this form to:  
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*Thank you*