

## Lights of Love

At Christmas a service is held in Worcester Cathedral to celebrate the lives of our loved ones. For a donation of your choice, you can dedicate a light on the Christmas Tree at St Andrews Spire, Worcester. The names of your

loved ones will be displayed on the boards surrounding the tree. The names will also be in our Books of Thanksgiving throughout December in Worcester Cathedral, Droitwich Library and The Priory (Malvern).

## Leaving a Gift in your Will

Once your family and friends have been provided for, a gift in your Will to St Richard's will last beyond your lifetime and ensure many more patients and family members can be supported in the future. Leaving a gift in your Will costs nothing now but is a generous way to support St Richard's in the future.

St Richard's relies on legacies and donations to provide not only the care which is so important but the extras which make St Richard's so special.

St Richard's is a registered charity so leaving a gift in your Will can be free of inheritance tax.

If you have already made your Will and simply wish to add a gift in your Will to St Richard's, this can be done by codicil, a simple document prepared by a solicitor.

Most Wills are straightforward and your solicitor will be able to provide you with advice in relation to legacies to St Richard's.

A number of local solicitors regularly take part in the hospice Write a Will month and support the work of the hospice by donating their fees.



**St. Richard's  
Hospice**  
CARING FOR LIFE  
Charity No. 515668



## Remember a loved one and help secure St Richard's future

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If you would like more information on any of the initiatives for In Memoriam giving including leaving a gift in your Will please speak to a member of the Fundraising Team at St Richard's on **01905 763963** or e mail **appeals@strichards.org.uk** or visit our website **www.strichards.org.uk**



## Donations in lieu of flowers

When we lose a relative or friend we may find ourselves completely overwhelmed with the many decisions we have to make. Our thoughts often turn to the wishes they had with regard to their affairs and how we can best respect those wishes. Many people request donations, in place of, or as well as flowers at their funeral.

A donation in lieu of funeral flowers will help St Richard's continue to care.

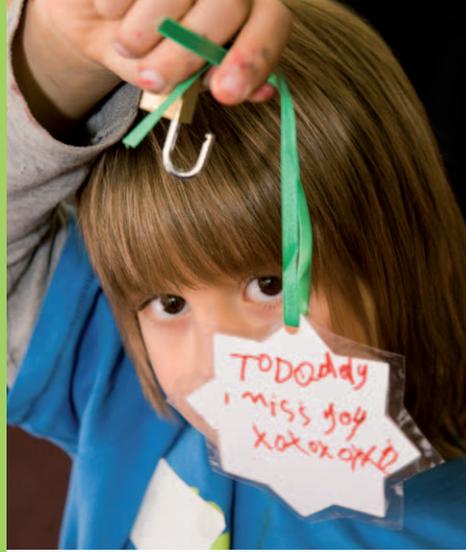
Flowers fade but a donation to the hospice can make a lasting impression on patients and family members. By giving in memory of your loved one your friends and family are helping to provide dignity, care and compassion to others.

Please let the funeral director know that you have chosen to support St Richard's Hospice in lieu of flowers.

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Gift Aid is a great way to increase the value of your donations to the hospice. St Richard's can provide collection envelopes, which can be personalised. Please ask the Fundraising or Chaplaincy team for more information and for a supply of envelopes. Alternatively, ask those making donations to write their name and address on the back of their cheque so we can contact them in relation to Gift Aid.

Your funeral director will help with collection arrangements and we thank you for thinking of the hospice at this difficult time.



## Regular giving

A regular gift in memory of your loved one can help us to help our patients towards the best quality of life possible, and help us to care for patients during their final days. Our care is unique to each individual, whatever his or her emotional or spiritual needs. Regular income means we can plan and develop our services much more effectively. It also keeps our administration costs down so more of your money can be used directly on supporting patients and families. We may also be able to claim gift aid on your donation, making your gift go even further.

To make a regular donation to St Richard's, in memory of your loved one, please request the form from the Fundraising team.



## Forget Me Not Funds

A Forget Me Not Fund is a unique and lasting way to remember someone dear to our hearts. Named after the person that has died it gives relatives, friends and colleagues a focus for making their own individual contribution to St Richard's in memory of someone special to them.

Initially the fund may hold In Memoriam gifts from the funeral. After this much appreciated gift, family and friends may wish to continue to support the work of St Richard's in memory of their loved one. Once a fund is set up, anyone can contribute to it, in a variety of ways. Some people choose to give single donations or monthly gifts by standing order. Some like to contribute through payroll or raise funds by organising events. Others prefer to take part in the hospice sponsored events such as walks, cycling or a skydive. You may wish to make a donation on a special anniversary such as a birthday or Christmas. You can also set up an on-line In Memory page on the hospice website by going to [www.justgiving.com/strichards/remember](http://www.justgiving.com/strichards/remember)

## Tree of Life

In our hospice garden we have a special tree where friends and relatives can choose to hang a silver leaf in memory of a loved one. You can engrave your leaf with your loved one's name and a personal message. If you are interested in this special dedication you can request to collect your leaf from the fundraising department. We can post this to you by request.

Each month we host a ceremony where your leaf will be blessed. You will be invited to hang your leaf on the tree for 6 months. After this time we will send you a reminder to collect your leaf which you can then take home and treasure.

