

I want to help local families enjoy the best possible Christmas at St Richard's. I would like to give a gift of:



St. Richard's
Hospice
CARING FOR LIFE

- £18.29**, which could pay for an hour's dedicated nursing care at St Richard's, enough time to get a patient dressed and ready for a special day.
- £45.73**, which could help a family enjoy a last Christmas meal together here at St Richard's.
- £146.32**, enough to ensure our team is there for a patient for an entire day, giving them the chance to enjoy all that Christmas brings.
- My own preferred gift of: £ _____

I enclose a cheque payable to St Richard's Hospice OR Please debit my credit/debit card

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Gift Aid declaration – for past, present & future donations

St Richard's Hospice Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made (Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.)

- today in the past 4 years in the future

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

Donor's details

Name _____

Date _____ Signature _____

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Please notify the charity or CASC if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Funds raised will be used in accordance with the aims of the charity as set out in its governing document.

Please tick if you wish to be removed from all hospice updates, other than receipt of this donation

Please tick if you prefer to receive updates by email

Please use the Freepost envelope enclosed or return to:

St Richard's Hospice
FREEPOST RRCB-XRHL-BYXH
Wildwood Drive Worcester WR5 2QT

Write a message for St Richard's Christmas paperchain! We will display your messages throughout the hospice, so please take a moment to share something joyful and uplifting.

Our Christmas Wish

Our goal at St Richard's is to make each day in our patients' lives a good day – free of pain – in comfort and in peace. Our Christmas wish is to be able to provide the very highest level of care and support to as many families in Worcestershire that need us, each and every day.

All of us at the hospice know there are many other important causes that require help at this time of year – so we're grateful for any gift you feel able to give us at this time.

Thank you!



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Your message



Hello,

I want to tell you about my Mum, Penny, and how St Richard's helped to make her last dreams come true. When I was growing up my parents often mentioned St Richard's - my Dad actually helped set up the clergy team there. But I'd never been to a Hospice before. To be honest, I thought they were a bit sad and scary.

When Mum got cancer, she spent some time at the hospital. But she was always thinking ahead - as she became more poorly, her hope was to go to St Richard's. I remember so clearly the relief and excitement in her voice when she found out she had been given a bed at St Richard's.

My fiancée, Kev, and I were planning to get married in Spain in 2015. Sadly at the end of 2014 Mum's health started to deteriorate quickly and we knew that she wasn't going to make the wedding. Everyone wants their parents there when they say 'I do' so we started exploring other options.

Once Mum had been admitted to St Richard's, and with their help, we were able to plan a wedding blessing in two days which took place in the 'Sacred Space'. It was a bit of a whirlwind but I quickly bought a dress, my brother Pete arranged some catering and a photographer, and my Dad, who's a vicar, was on hand to lead the service. We joked that we were having a 'shotgun wedding'.

I remember looking over at Mum during the service. She was so tired, but she'd put on a beautiful headscarf and had a huge smile on her face. Everyone was so happy in that moment, even though we knew that one of the saddest days was yet to come.

A few days later, in the early hours of Christmas morning, my brother called to say that Mum had died. I went straight into St Richard's to say my final goodbye to Mum and to thank the staff - the fact they were not spending Christmas Day with their families was not lost on me despite our own awful circumstances. I was back home by 7am to be greeted by our excited toddler who was keen to open her stocking. We spent Christmas Day together with all the family and had a relatively 'normal' Christmas - eating, drinking and playing with toys. That's what Mum would have wanted.

We're all lifelong supporters of St Richard's now; instead of wedding presents, we asked everyone to donate to the Hospice. My sister Naomi, my cousin Jen and I have done lots of running events and we just did a sky dive to raise funds. I know now that hospices aren't scary places - they are respectful and caring places that will go the extra mile to accommodate the final wishes of their patients.

It's only a little while till Christmas now and nearly a year since we shared that unique and special wedding blessing together. We will remember how happy it made Mum and I am so grateful to St Richard's for making it happen. I hope, if you can, you'll help St Richard's to make wishes come true for other families, just like ours.

Abi x