



St John's Hospice

St John & St Elizabeth Hospital

Leave a gift of love,  
leave a legacy



St John's Hospice cares for over 4,000 terminally ill patients, free of charge every year, providing high quality of care through one of the most difficult phases of their lives.

We provide a unique care model that covers physical, psycho-social, spiritual and emotional needs and is in tune with a person's age, lifestyle, culture and spiritual belief. Our dedicated staff and first-class facilities mean that we can make a difference when it matters most.

Leaving a legacy to St John's – the only independent hospice in central London - will help us continue to deliver this comprehensive and compassionate service for years to come.

Legacies are a vital source of income that help meet the £6 million annual cost of running the Hospice and its services, which include an inpatient unit of 18 beds, home and community support, social work and bereavement counselling, and an inspiring Day Centre that provides activities, hot meals, and a reduction to the high levels of isolation found throughout London.

Our services – from Palliative Care Ambulances through to clinical excellence and bereavement counselling – are at the core of what we do and, as a charity, support from a legacy in a Will sustains this treasured service.

The Hospice, a part of the renowned charitable St John and St Elizabeth Hospital, is staffed by an experienced clinical and support team which delivers the highly effective palliative care and complementary therapy programmes throughout the year.

Offering practical and emotional support across the final days of someone's life is a fundamental element of humanity and the Hospice has established a reputation for its good practice and commitment.

Demand for our service is increasing so a legacy is a wonderful way of touching lives at a critical stage. It also allows the Hospice to plan ahead and ensure it can serve future patients and their families.

By leaving a gift in your Will to St John's Hospice, you will help us ensure that care and compassion are available for those in need.

#### Why a Legacy is so vital

By pledging to support St John's Hospice in your Will, you are making a very concrete contribution to our work of providing high quality of care to terminally-ill patients and their families.

Leaving a gift in your Will enable future generations to receive the best possible care until the very end.

If you would like to speak to someone from the team, please contact Samia from the Legacy team for more information on 020 7806 4000 on extension 3717 or email: [samia.khatun@hje.org.uk](mailto:samia.khatun@hje.org.uk).

#### How does your gift help us?

A gift of any amount is welcome as each makes a big difference to the Hospice. It continually enables us to provide the outstanding services to patients and their families which have become our hallmark.

Here is a breakdown as to how your gift will help the Hospice:

- £150 will pay for a Healthcare Assistant for a day in our Inpatient Unit.
- £400 will pay for one day of 24-hour care for an individual provided by an experienced Healthcare Assistant.
- £1500 will pay for a team of nurses to visit patients at home.
- £30,000 will pay for the entire cost of running the Hospice for one day.



# Common legacy related questions asked about St John's Hospice

## Why should I leave a legacy to St John's Hospice?

Most of our voluntary income comes from the generosity of people like you, whether it's through collection boxes, our shop, regular gifts or taking part in our events. But our most vital income actually comes from people leaving gifts in Wills. For instance, gifts in Wills have helped towards the funding of the much-needed Inpatient Unit refurbishment, which helped improve access and dignity for our patients.

## How is my Gift spent?

The gift will be spent towards the service you wish to put it towards such as our Day Centre, Community Support, Inpatient Unit, Lymphoedema Service, Hospice at Home. You can choose but you can also make it unrestricted, which means it will be allocated to services where required.

## Who should write my Will?

We always recommend using a practising solicitor to write your Will. This helps to ensure your Will is legally correct and that all your wishes will be followed.

## Can a gift to charity help me pay less tax?

The money and assets left in your estate may be subject to inheritance tax and it may be of advantage to you to share your estate so that your family and friends are left gifts below the tax threshold (which is currently £325,000), so they do not have to pay inheritance tax. The remainder of your estate can then be left as a gift to one or more charities, such as St John's Hospice.

## What basic information do I need to include?

The most important details to include are our name, address and registered charity number:

St John's Hospice  
60 Grove End Road  
St John's Wood  
London  
NW8 9NH  
Registered charity number: 235822

## What if I have already made a Will?

If you have already made a Will, you can still add a gift by completing a Codicil which is a supplement to the Will prepared by your solicitor.

Three main ways to leave a gift in your legacy

### Residuary legacy

Residuary gifts are formed from what is left of an estate after specific gifts to family and friends and the relevant tax has been accounted for. The remainder can be allocated to St. John's Hospice, which is a particularly popular way to leave a gift to charity.

### Pecuniary Legacy

Gifts of cash are always very welcome. This is a gift of a specified sum of money. All gifts make a real difference to the patients we care for, but the value of this type of gift is likely to be impacted by inflation. Over time so many people prefer to make a gift in their Will to ensure that their chosen charity gets the benefit they intended.

### Item specific Legacy

You can choose to leave a particular item in your Will such as art, jewellery or furniture which will be placed in our retail stores to sell. The proceeds from the sales go in full, directly to the Hospice.

**If you wish to leave a gift to St John's Hospice, with the help of your solicitor, the following phrasing can be used when drafting your Will.**

### Residuary Legacy

"I give all (or a \_\_\_ % share of) the residue of my estate to St John's Hospice of 60 Grove End Road, St John's Wood, London NW8 9NH, Registered Charity Number 235822, free of Inheritance Tax, for its general charitable purposes and I direct the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my [Executor(s)/Trustees]."

### Pecuniary Legacy

"I give to St John's Hospice of 60 Grove End Road, St John's Wood, London NW8 9NH, Registered Charity Number 235822, for its general charitable purposes the sum of money produced by dividing the sum of £\_\_\_(words and figures) by the index figure in the Index of Retail Prices ('the Index') for the month in which this will is executed and (having made allowances for any re-basing of the Index which may have happened in the meantime) multiplying it by the Index figure in the Index for the month in which my death occurs, and I direct the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my [Executor(s)/Trustees]."

Your support is vital in helping provide the highest possible care for those that need it the most.

Victoria Smyth - Legator

*"The Hospice helped me to process a beloved one's death into a living part of my life by creating a legacy."*



Edmund Louis and Indira Louis – Legator

*"My sister Ranee could not have spent the last days of her life in a better place than St John's where she received medical and nursing care round the clock in a tranquil and spiritual environment. Palliative care in a loving and caring environment – she could not have had any better."*



Edith – Lead Consultant

*"Legacies help to provide a much needed care for more than 4000 patients and their loved ones that we look after annually at St John's Hospice. As the lead consultant I can attest daily that the support of staff at the Hospice helps us deliver excellent care for patients who come into the Hospice, provide community care in their homes, one-to-one care as well as physical, occupational, complementary therapies and psychological support. Your support is vital to those living and dying with terminal conditions. Thank you for helping us to provide the best care for the patients we serve through the work of St John's Hospice."*



**How do I find out more?**

For more information please call  
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London NW8 9NH.

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St John's Hospice is part of the charitable Hospital  
of St John & St Elizabeth **Registered Charity 235822**

➤ St John and St Elizabeth Hospital  
helps fund our hospice services

## Legacy pledge form

Thank you for leaving a gift in your Will for the St John's Hospice which will help us deliver high levels of care and compassion for years to come.

The information you provide will be treated with full confidentiality and we respect that giving is a very personal and entirely voluntary decision. We are delighted to receive the legacy support and respect your decision of not choosing to disclose the gift to us.

Title:

First Name:

Surname:

Home address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

- I have pledged a gift in my Will
- I would like to receive information about making a Will
- I would like to receive an invite to a Legacy event

Do you have any comments or questions?

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Please return this form to us at: **Legacy Team, St John's Hospice, 60 Grove End Road London NW8 9NH**  
Alternatively, if you wish to email the form please request for an electronic version at: **[samia.khatun@hje.org.uk](mailto:samia.khatun@hje.org.uk)**

We would like to keep you updated by post about our work and our progress from time to time. However, if you do not want to receive this information, please tick here

We would also like to let you know about our work by sending The Carer newsletter. If you would like to get updates by email, please make sure you have completed your email address above. If you don't want to hear from us by email please tick here

## Adjusting your Will is simple with this form

If you have already made a Will, you can still add a gift by completing a Codicil which is a supplement prepared by your solicitor. This is the easiest way you can amend a Will to include a gift to St John's Hospice.

Simply fill in this form in the presence of two witnesses, who must be adults and of sound mind. Make sure you keep the Codicil with your Will so your executors can easily locate it.

### Codicil

I (full name):

of (full address):

Postcode:

Declare this to be the (1st/2nd):  codicil to my Will dated and made (date):

I give, free of inheritance tax, the sum of £  to St John's Hospice 60 Grove End Road London NW8 9NH Registered charity number 235822, absolutely for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors. In all other respects I confirm my said Will. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand to this (day)  of (month)  (year)

Signed by the testator (name):

Testator signature:

And then by us in his/her presence:

First witness	Second witness
Full name: <input type="text"/>	Full name: <input type="text"/>
(Signature): <input type="text"/>	(Signature): <input type="text"/>
Address: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Address: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Occupation: <input type="text"/>	Occupation: <input type="text"/>

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