



# Leaving a Legacy

*Making our hospitals  
even better.*



*...a gift for the future*

# Why leaving a legacy makes a real difference

The aim of our charity is to support our hospitals and make them better equipped and more comfortable for all both now and in the future.

A gift left in a legacy allows us to plan and provide the extras in care and the environment that patients have come to expect but that are over and above the core NHS budget.

## Recent legacy gifts have supported us to provide extras, for example:

- refurbishment projects such as comfortable waiting rooms.
- enhancements in technical medical equipment such as LED vein finders.
- children's play therapy and emergency room play packs for sick children.



## Did you know that one in four people in the UK die without making a will?

Making a will means your loved ones know exactly what you wanted and knowing your wishes will make a very upsetting time just a little bit easier.

No doubt you will want to make provision for family and friends first; however, you might also consider making a gift to the hospital that cared for you during your lifetime, and that will care for those closest to you in the future.



**A gift left from the estate of Mary Maud White changed the course of surgery for the future in our hospitals. After treating friends and people that had supported her during her life Mary left us over one million pounds to support patients with cancer. This was a cause close to her heart because she had volunteered in the cancer unit for many years. Her gift enabled us to bring robotic surgery to the community of Barking, Havering and Redbridge.**

**Read the full story at [www.supportyourhospital.org](http://www.supportyourhospital.org).**

## **How do I make a gift in my will?**

Making a gift in your will is a very personal matter and it is best to talk through your wishes with a solicitor who will make sure your decisions are made legally sound. If you already have a will but would like to add a gift to the hospital your solicitor will be able to assist you making any changes. Leaving a gift to our charity in your will can also make financial sense too as it can reduce the tax on your estate. If you don't have any family and wish to leave your entire estate to your local hospital then there would be no inheritance tax paid on the estate at all (as charities are exempt).

Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated but perhaps the best way to consider how much to leave would be to leave a percentage of your estate at today's value. This will mean that your generous gift amount will always be set at the level you intended regardless of the effects of inflation.

A gift left for general use gives us flexibility to use it where the need is greatest but we are also happy to direct donations to either of our hospitals, or a particular ward or service of your choice.

**A legacy is a gift that costs nothing now but gives enormous benefit to others who need our care in the future.**



We would welcome the chance to talk to you about how a gift in your will could help across our hospitals, and explain more about the work we do.

If you would like to find out more, please contact us, or ask your solicitor to contact us on 01708 504335 or email: [bhrut.charity@nhs.net](mailto:bhrut.charity@nhs.net)

If you need help we can provide a list of solicitors and will writers.

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