

### **I already have a will, can I change it?**

Yes. If you already have a will and would like to update it to include a gift to the Hospice, you can do this by making a simple addition to your existing will. This is called a codicil. By adding this document, you can add and delete instructions without having to go through the will writing process again. Your solicitor will be able to advise you how to proceed.



### **Where can I find more information on leaving a gift in my will?**

Your solicitor will be able to provide the legal options for leaving a legacy, but for more general information you may like to visit [rememberacharity.org.uk](http://rememberacharity.org.uk).

### **How can I find out more about helping the Hospice through my will?**

We would be delighted to tell you more about the work of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice – and how you can help us achieve our 30:30 vision through your will.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Susan Crowe, Legacy Officer on 01252 729419 or email [susan.crowe@pth.org.uk](mailto:susan.crowe@pth.org.uk).

All conversations will be kept confidential and please do remember that, should your circumstances change your intended gift is not legally binding.



Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice



# **Help the Hospice by leaving a gift in your will**



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**The purpose of this leaflet is to answer questions frequently asked about leaving a gift to the Hospice in your will (a legacy).**

### **Why are legacies so vital to the Hospice?**

Legacies are special gifts from one generation to another. Leaving a gift to the Hospice in your will means we can continue to provide exceptional care to both patients and their families, within the community, for years to come. A vital part of the money we use to carry out our work comes from gifts left in wills. However big or small your gift is, you can be sure that it will mean a lot to our patients, their families and friends, our staff, and the community as a whole.



### **Why does the Hospice need financial support?**

Less than 16% of our funding comes from the NHS, which is less than half the national average. This means we have to fundraise over 84p in every pound that the Hospice needs to spend. For that reason, we rely heavily on the support and generosity of the local community. All our services are free of charge, but we need to fundraise over £10,000 a day to offer such an exceptional standard of clinical care and support so all donations are essential.

***Over a third of our money comes from gifts left in people's wills so it's an integral part of our income.***

A gift in your will could make such a difference to us.

### **How would you use my gift?**

Your gift would enable us to develop our services further so that we can help even more people affected by life limiting illnesses in our local area, both now and in the future. We have a specialist team of doctors, nurses, therapists, counsellors, chaplains and social work advisors who currently support 100 people each and every day here at the Hospice in our In-Patient Unit, Day Hospice, and as out patients, as well as out in people's homes.

Sadly we are not currently able to provide specialist care to all those who need it but we have plans in place to increase the care we can offer to over 170 local people a day.

This is our vision for the next three decades and beyond which we have developed to celebrate our 30th anniversary of providing Specialist Palliative Care to our local community (our 30:30 Vision). We need to be able to offer our patients and families greater choice over how and where they receive their care.

Future legacy income will be so important in helping us achieve our 30:30 vision.



### **How do I make a will?**

If you have not made a will or would like to revise your existing will, your solicitor will be able to advise you and ensure that your wishes are included. The Hospice can provide you with a general local directory of all solicitors in the area if that would be helpful.