

Help others and save tax

Gifts to charity are exempt from all Inheritance Tax, Capital Gains Tax and Income Tax. So the FULL value of your gift will go straight to help our work within the community.

I would like to help make a difference

If you require further information about St. Luke's or how to leave a legacy, please complete the form below and post it to the address overleaf.

This information will help the hospice plan its future services with greater confidence and will also give us an opportunity to say "Thank You".

Please send me information on how to leave a legacy / I have left a legacy to St. Luke's Hospice in my will (delete as appropriate). This information is covered by the Data Protection Act 1988.

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone No. _____

HELP US TO CARE FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME

St. Luke's Hospice was founded to provide a much needed service for the community in Basildon and Thurrock and it has been greatly supported by the community ever since. Remembering the Hospice in your Will is a tangible way of ensuring that the quality of care, support and love provided for our patients and their relatives will continue.

Thank you for taking time to consider this leaflet and for providing for the future needs of our community.



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ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE

Making a Will is one of the most important things you can do to protect the future of your loved ones

Help us to continue to care and make a difference

St. Luke's Hospice opened in June 1991 to care for patients with specialist palliative care needs in the districts of Basildon and Thurrock. Serving a population of 350,000 our day care unit cares for up to 50 patients each week and our inpatient unit provides 8 inpatient beds. Our Hospice at Home service provides home care and support. St. Luke's also offers Bereavement Support and Counselling to adults and children. The majority of our patients have cancer.

All our patients are cared for regardless of their age, background, personal or financial circumstances.

As a charity benefiting local people we are always aware that this work could not continue without the support and generosity of the local community. If you choose to remember St. Luke's in your will, you can be sure your gift will make a real difference to local people who will need care in years ahead.

St. Luke's is a place where the emphasis is not on adding days to life but life to days



Different ways to benefit

St. Luke's Hospice in your Will

There are a number of ways to leave a legacy to St. Luke's Hospice. If you already have a Will, your wishes can be put into effect by a simple amendment (called a Codicil).

A share of your estate

Once you have made sure that the people you care about are looked after, the remainder (or residue) of your estate can be used to further our work. This is the most valuable bequest as it is not eroded by inflation.

A gift of money

You can leave a specific sum of money to the Hospice. The value of such a legacy can be preserved by linking it directly to changes in the cost of living index.

Specific items of property

You can leave a specific gift to the Hospice, such as: your home, stocks & shares, or items of jewellery.

Your solicitor will explain exactly how the different gifts work and will discuss the most appropriate for you.

4 SIMPLE STEPS TO MAKING YOUR WILL

1. Choose a solicitor

Unless you have relevant legal experience, we suggest that you get advice and help from a solicitor - one you know or one recommended to you. You can telephone them for advice on charges before you decide who to use.

2. Assess your estate

Add up the value of all your assets (i.e. house, car, bank and building society accounts, insurance policies, shares, pension benefits and any other valuables) and deduct liabilities (i.e. mortgage, loans and any tax owed).

3. Protect your loved ones

You must decide who your beneficiaries will be before you meet your solicitor. Your first consideration may well be your family and any special friends, then you may want to leave a gift to St. Luke's.

4. Choose an executor(s)

You should choose an executor(s) to carry out the instructions in your Will. This can be a friend, relative, solicitor, accountant, bank manager or someone else. When your will has been drawn up by your solicitor and signed by you, you must keep it somewhere safe and let your executor(s) know where to find it.

5. Having made your will

If you have chosen to leave a gift to St. Luke's Hospice you may wish to let us know, either by telephone or by completing and returning the form overleaf.