Gifts in Wills

Give the Gift of Myton Care and Leave a Lasting Legacy



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"In these situations, and the one we found ourselves in, nothing you can do can ever make it better and the best outcome is to never need Myton. But Myton truly is the best place to be for everyone and I can't imagine anywhere else doing a better job

"The impact they had on me our sons and the rest of our family is a legacy I'll carry with me forever." Tom Cronin

Tom's wife Katie died at Warwick Myton Hospice aged just 37. The couple have two children, Cass and Percy who were aged just 4 and 5 when their mum died.



Welcome



Ruth FreemanChief Executive Officer

When we look back on our lives we'd all like to feel that we've made a difference and that the things we've achieved along the way won't be forgotten when we are no longer around. We will also want the people and causes closest to our hearts to know how much they have meant to us; one way for us to show this is by the aifts we leave to them in our Will.

What happens to our money and the things that are most precious to us when we're gone shouldn't be left to chance – this is why

writing a Will is so important. Of course, making sure our loved ones are provided for will be top of your priority list but if The Myton Hospices is one of the causes you have cared about in your life time – I would ask that you consider leaving us a gift too.

As a local charity we rely on donations and support from our communities to continue providing our services free of charge to people living with a life-limiting illness, and their families, across Coventry and Warwickshire.

It may surprise you to learn that **one in four of our patients are cared for with money left to us in Wills.** You don't have to be wealthy to make a difference to peoples lives; large or small, a gift from you can help our patients and their families at a time when they need us the most.

By including a gift in your Will for Myton you will be supporting your local charity, making a positive difference for your community and leaving a lasting legacy.

Hopefully you will find the information in this booklet helpful. If you have any questions or if there's anything at all that we can help with, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Too many people on the waiting list for a Hospice Bed at Myton will die before they can access one

Rayanne made a Will and left a Gift for Myton, here she shares her story

"Mum spent the last week of her life at Coventry Myton Hospice after being diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Being at Myton gave us the gift of time to spend a last precious week together. We laughed, cried, reminisced and discussed mum's wishes. Although the last few days were hard to experience I can honestly say that Mum had a good death.

It had always been important to mum that all her affairs were organised after her death. Fiercely independent she hated the thought of leaving a mess for others to sort in her absence and had made a will many years ago.

Making a will was something my husband Mark and I always had on our 'to-do list' but we finally got round to it this year. It couldn't have been easier and we wondered why we hadn't done it earlier! The whole process took less than an hour over two visits. It also

Every gift in every Will makes a difference, no matter how big or small

enabled us to leave a gift in our will to Myton. Don't hesitate, your gift really will make such a difference to patients and those they love."



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The difference your support makes...



will fund an inpatient bed for one day



is the running cost of our Inpatient Unit at Warwick Myton Hospice for one day



will fund recruitment, training and salary for a registered nurse for one year

You might be surprised to know...

thousands
of people &
their families

£15.3 million

every year to provide our services free of charge to our patients and their loved ones We are not the NHS, we are a charity and just

of our funding comes from the NHS

The importance of writing a Will and how to do it

Why should I make a Will?

Making a Will is relatively easy and probably one of the most important things you can do to ensure your wishes are carried out after you have gone. Making a Will can provide you with peace of mind that your family and loved ones will be taken care of in a way that you would like, and causes that matter to you will benefit when you die.

How do I make a Will?

We strongly recommend using a solicitor or professional Will writer to help you with this as this will ensure that your Will is both valid and accurately reflects your wishes. We cannot recommend a particular solicitor but if you would like us to help you find solicitors in your area who offer a Will writing service, please feel free to contact us.

Remember, if you already have a Will it is important to review it at least every 5 years to make sure it is up to date, especially if you have experienced any major life-changing events such as getting married, having children or purchasing a property. If you would like to update an existing Will, you can choose to either make a completely new Will or add a 'codicil' which sets out any changes to your existing Will and can be read alongside it.

How do I prepare before visiting my solicitor?

Before meeting with a solicitor, it is helpful to make a list of what you own and owe – this can help you to work out the true value of your estate. You may also like to make a list of all who you would like to benefit from your Will, including family and friends, and any charities or causes that are close to your heart.

You should also consider who will be the executors of your Will – An executor is in charge with carrying out the instructions in your Will. Ideally you would appoint two, and these would be people you can trust, such as family, friends or professional advisors.

'Plan
for the future
with a professionally
drafted Will – protect
your loved ones, support
a cause close to your heart
and potentially reduce an
inheritance tax liability.
A small gift to charity can
make a big difference
for them and for
you.'

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Q. Do I have to be rich to leave a gift in my Will to Myton?

A. Not at all - however small or large, your gift will help to make a difference and enable Myton to continue its valuable work. We receive all kinds of gifts in people's Wills and we are grateful for all support.

Types of gift you could leave to Myton in your Will:

- Pecuinary Gift this is a cash lump sum (i.e. £5,000).
- **Residual Gift** this is a percentage of the remainder of your estate after the cash gifts and other expenses have been paid.
- **Specific Gift** such as property, land or an individual valuable item such as a piece of jewellery.

Q. Can I leave a gift in my Will to Myton in memory of someone special to me?

A. Absolutely – leaving a gift in your Will is a lasting and wonderful way of remembering your loved one and your gift will forever be recorded as made in their name.

Q. Can I save on tax by leaving a gift to charity?

A. Yes. By leaving a gift to The Myton Hospices you could reduce your inheritance tax bill because the value of your gift is not taken into account when inheritance tax is calculated.

You could even avoid paying inheritance tax on your estate completely by pledging to give everything over and above the inheritance tax threshold to charity. Also, if you include a gift to charity of at least 10% of your net estate, this reduces the rate at which inheritance tax is payable from 40% to 36%.

When you speak to your solicitors they can advise you further on this. For more information visit www.hmrc.gov.uk.



Q. Do I need to tell Myton that I have left a gift in my Will?

A. Leaving a gift in your Will is a highly personal and special decision. It is entirely up to you whether or not you inform us of any gift you have made. However, knowing your bequest will help us to plan ahead and say thank you.

Q. What details will I need to be able to leave a gift to Myton?

A. If you do decide to leave a gift in your Will to Myton, you will need our details:

We're here to help!

Thank you for considering leaving a gift to Myton in your Will.

If you have any questions or would like to have an informal chat to find out more, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our team - it would be lovely to hear from you.

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Our promise to you



We will keep any information you share with us confidential and won't pass it on to other organisations



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If you choose to share details of your gift, we will look forward to saying thank you and keeping in touch with you



We will use your legacy in the most efficient and effective way possible





We value all the gifts that are left to us. No matter what size, your gift will make a huge difference to people's lives





Myton was a place for dad to be safe, supported and cared for in the time he had left. ??



Published: October 2024 www.mytonhospice.org ■ © @MytonHospices "From the moment we arrived, I knew how special this place was going to be for us all.

The wonderful nurses and doctors kept dad as comfortable as possible, along with the fantastic complementary therapy team. The care he received, the love the nurses gave him and ultimately the respect they gave him was outstanding.

They let dad carry out every last wish he had and advocated for us as a family in every scenario. They talked to me as a human, with kindness and compassion, and left no questions unanswered."

Charlotte Hilton. Charlotte's Dad, Barry, was cared for at Coventry Myton Hospice.