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Leaving a legacy

Your guide to leaving a gift



Cancer Support Scotland

For over 40 years, we have been the wellbeing champions for those affected by cancer throughout Scotland. We're here to support anyone affected by cancer- not just those diagnosed, but their loved ones and carers too.



In 1980, Sir Kenneth Calman set-up 'Tak Tent', meaning 'take care' in old Scots, as a support group for both those with a cancer diagnosis and their loved ones. The charity was founded to provide a comfortable environment, far removed from clinical hospital settings, where anyone affected by cancer could share their experiences. In 2011, our name was changed to Cancer Support Scotland to eliminate any confusion and ensure our purpose was clear.



Opened in 2012, the Calman Centre is based on the grounds of Gartnavel hospital. Formerly the Gartnavel chapel, most of our wellbeing appointments are carried out in the centre. We're open Monday- Friday as a drop-in for anyone affected by cancer with free cake, coffee and tea. We're here to ensure no one faces cancer alone.



6,500 free wellbeing appointments are provided each year by the amazing staff and volunteers here at Cancer Support Scotland. As a charity we offer counselling, complementary therapy (massage, reiki, reflexology), befriending calls and coping with change workshops. Our centre also hosts a variety of support groups to ensure everyone feels free to share their experiences of living with cancer.



The difference your gift can make

Why are legacy gifts so important?

As a charity, we provide 6,500 free wellbeing appointments each year to those affected by cancer throughout Scotland. 2,000 of these appointments are funded by the incredible people that remember us in their Will. Leaving just 1% of your estate could make a massive difference to those affected by cancer.

Taking care of the future

1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. We're here to ensure that both those with a diagnosis, and their loved ones, have a place to turn for support. We understand first-hand just how isolating a cancer diagnosis can be. So, whether it's a cup of tea or 1 to 1 counselling, we're here for anyone affected by cancer throughout Scotland. By leaving a gift in your Will, you'll continue to provide comfort to those affected by cancer in the future.



"It has been a lifesaver, and given me windows of brightness in very dark times"

"I would be struggling at home alone, isolated, without this service"

"I don't think I would've gotten through all this without your help"



Types of gifts

After looking after your loved ones, you may want to consider leaving a gift to a cause you care about. This means that you are able to continue making a difference for future generations. There are a few ways to do this:

Residuary gift

This is a percentage of your estate that is calculated after other gifts, debts and expenses have been settled. This is the simplest type of gift, and it holds its value.

Pecuniary gift

This is a fixed sum of money chosen by you.

Specific gift

This is a set gift chosen by yourself to be left to the desired cause. Examples of these gifts include: stocks, property, art and jewellery.

£2,000

Could fund 50 hours of counselling to those affected by cancer throughout Scotland

How to leave a gift

Leaving a gift in your Will isn't as complicated as you may think. By following a few simple steps you can write or update your Will to reflect your wishes.

1. Create a list of your assets

It's a good idea to sit and create a list of your assets to gain an idea of what you have and what it's worth. Then carefully consider your loved ones and what you may wish to leave for them. If after this you want to remember a cause, you can choose which type of gift you may want to leave.

2. Visit a solicitor

It's recommended that you use a solicitor to make or amend your Will. If you are in Scotland you can easily find a solicitor close to you by visiting www.lawscot.org.uk or <https://solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk/> if you are in England or Wales. This ensures your Will is legal and will honour your wishes.

3. Share our details

If you decide you would kindly like to leave a gift to us in your Will, you must share our details with your solicitor. These details are as follows:

**Cancer Support Scotland
Calman Centre, 75 Shelley Road
Gartnavel Campus, Glasgow
G12 0ZE
Registered Charity Number: SC012867
(Scotland)**



Common Questions

Do I need to use a solicitor?

No, but it is very important that your Will is legal and correct. Therefore, it is recommended you use a solicitor to ensure your wishes are carried out.

What info will my solicitor need?

The following page provides all details needed to add a gift in your Will. It may be easier to provide a copy of this pdf to your chosen solicitor.

Can I change my existing Will to leave a gift?

Yes, a codicil can be added to a Will to include a gift to charity. This means you do not have to write a new Will.

Are there tax benefits to gifting in my will?

Any donations left to charity in your Will are exempt from inheritance tax. Additionally, if more than 10% of your estate is left to charity, the overall inheritance tax rate goes down to 36%.

How long does it take to write a Will?

A Will can be written in as little as 15 minutes depending on circumstances.



Information for solicitors

We have included some useful information for solicitors. This is printable and can be taken along with you to make the process simpler.

Our Details:

Cancer Support Scotland
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Registered Charity Number: SC012867
(Scotland)

Suggested Wording:

“I give to Cancer Support Scotland of Seventy Five Shelley Road, Glasgow, G12 0ZE, registered charity numbers 153568 and SC012867, [all/_% or nominated sum in £ of the residue] of my estate absolutely for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Fundraising Officer or other proper officer at Cancer Support Scotland for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor(s).



We're here to help

Thank you so much for considering leaving a gift to Cancer Support Scotland. We really appreciate you taking the time to read through our legacy guide. We know this is a big decision, we're here to help you along the way and answer your questions.

We would love to hear if you have kindly chosen to remember us in your Will so that we could thank you for your generosity. If you feel happy to do so, please complete the 'legacy pledge' form on the legacy section of our website.

If you have any further questions or would like a no-obligation chat with our legacy officer, you can contact us by emailing legacy@cancersupportscotland.org or by phoning **0800 652 4531**.





Thank You

You can create a better future for
anyone affected by cancer



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