



Add *one last wish* ...

Leave the gift of a Marie Curie Nurse in your Will

I know how wonderfully Marie Curie Nurses support people with their last wishes, but we need your help.

A lady once told me that, when you're diagnosed with a terminal illness, it can feel like you're drowning. But then Marie Curie comes along and says "but look how you can float".

Every day, through their compassionate and skilled care, Marie Curie Nurses help people to focus on the living they have left, rather than the dying. I'll always remember a gentleman at the Marie Curie Hospice, Bradford whose last wish was to marry his partner. They spent their honeymoon in our conservatory, sleeping under the stars.

But most often people simply want to be in the place that feels right for them, surrounded by their loved ones, and I'm so grateful to people like you who make that possible.

Time in this world is fleeting sometimes, and we have to use it wisely. When I reach the point that I'm dying, I want to feel that, in some small way, the world has been a better place because I've been in it.

With a gift in your Will to Marie Curie, you will certainly leave the world a better place. You will touch the lives of those who come after you in the same way Marie Curie Nurses do, by helping to provide compassionate care and respite at the end of people's lives.

Thank you so much for considering it."



*Dr Sarah Holmes
UK Medical Director
Marie Curie*

Help Marie Curie Nurses give people their last wishes with a gift in your Will



Marie Curie Nurses care for people living with a terminal illness, so that they can have the final days and hours they wish. They provide this care either in people's own homes, or in one of our Marie Curie Hospices.

If you share our belief in a better end of life for all, please add one last wish of your own – a gift in your Will to support our work.



A fulfilling and meaningful *gift from you*

Gifts in Wills are vital to the future of all our services, funding over a third of our work. A gift to Marie Curie in your Will helps ensure that we'll always be there for the people who need us.

Your gift is an opportunity to demonstrate what matters most to you and a chance for your values of compassion and generosity to live on. It's also a wonderful way of influencing how you'll be remembered, and of passing your values on to your loved ones.



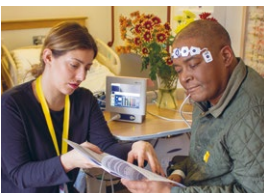
Marie Curie Nurses work night and day across the UK, fulfilling people's wishes for care and support in the comfort of home, with those they love by their sides.



Our nine hospices meet people's needs for round-the-clock care in a friendly, welcoming environment, with the reassurance of specialist care and support.



Information and Support Services provide emotional support and guidance to people living with a terminal illness and their families, and also offer compassionate, specialist support for those who are bereaved.



Our research means we're leaders in developing better end of life care, applying what we learn to the care and support we provide. And our policy experts and campaigners fight for a society where everyone gets to have the best experience at the end of their lives.

*“I take comfort
in knowing that
my gift in my
Will means Marie
Curie Nurses can
continue providing
loving care to
future generations,
even when
I’m gone.”*

Bindi Poonia,
Marie Curie Nurse



Your compassion can *live on* in someone's last wish

With a gift in your Will, you can fulfil the wish of people living with a terminal illness to be with those they love, whether in the comfort of their own homes or a Marie Curie Hospice.



“I’ll never forget one special night the nursing team made possible.”

*Lindsey Hewitt,
Marie Curie supporter*

Your gift could bring the care someone needs at the end of their life – and create final memories that families will cherish.

“My mum Barbara was feisty, independent and completely devoted to her family. So it was incredibly important that she could be where she chose, in the Marie Curie Hospice, Liverpool. The staff couldn’t do enough for us and made everything as pleasant as it could possibly be for Mum.

I’ll never forget one special night, when the nursing team arranged for Dad to have a sleepover on

New Year’s Eve. They put another bed in the room for him, and even decorated the room with candles. Mum was in and out of consciousness, but when she saw it all, her eyes lit up.

Dad and I believe it would be a travesty if people weren’t able to experience the level of care my mum did, so it was a privilege to leave a gift to Marie Curie in our Wills.”

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Marie Curie Nurses gave my husband the end that he wanted – with us all together at home.” Gillian Finnie, Marie Curie supporter



When Gillian Finnie’s husband Garry was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer, Marie Curie Nurses helped give him what mattered most: time at home.

“Garry’s main priority was to spend time with our little girls, Beth and Maggie. He did things like create memory boxes for them. He recorded himself reading stories to them and he and Beth painted little wooden figures together. He said: ‘We’re going to make the most of the time we have together.’”

The Marie Curie Nurses gave Garry the end that he wanted. Had it not been for their help, I don’t think it would have been a pleasant end. As it was, it was a good death for him. Their care and support allowed us to all be together at home, which is what mattered most. And what I hold on to is that we got to say everything we wished to each other.”

Over 70 years of *fulfilling wishes* for care, support, comfort and dignity

For over 70 years, Marie Curie has helped fulfil the final wishes of people living with a terminal illness and their families. From the very beginning, gifts from compassionate supporters have been crucial to our work. Your gift will fund our services for the next generation, in the face of growing demand for end of life care.



“We want others to benefit from the wonderful support we had when we needed it, particularly in being able to look after Jon at home in his last days.”

Barry Pettit and his wife Sue decided to include gifts in their Wills, in gratitude for Marie Curie’s support when their son Jon passed away from Lymphoma, aged 23.

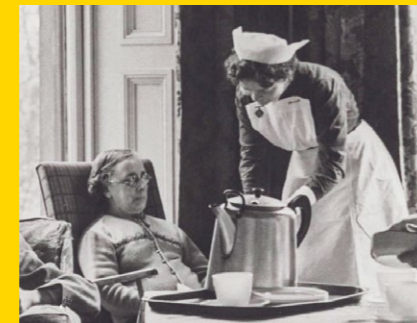
“Every one of us is unique – the only person ever to have our life story. So my wish is for Marie Curie to continue ensuring people are able to complete the last chapter of their life in the way they wish. Marie Curie has a very strong vision and passion to ensure that everyone in the UK has the very best end of life care they possibly can, and the dignity we would all hope for ourselves and for our loved ones.”

Matthew Reed, Chief Executive Officer



“It’s so important that people always have a choice of where to be at the end of their lives, so they can have peace and say goodbye to the people they love in a way that is truly special. That will never change, and our work will always be needed.”

Lynne Murrell,
Marie Curie Nurse



1948

The Marie Curie Memorial Foundation was established in 1948 and was dedicated to caring for people living with terminal cancer. The first gift to the charity – of a diamond ring worth £75 – was made in the same year.



1958

Public support helped launch our first Day and Night Nursing Service in London, providing round-the-clock care for people in their homes. Today there are 2,200 Marie Curie Nurses across the UK, caring for around 50,000 people each year.



1980s

Marie Curie Homes providing long-term nursing care started to become Marie Curie Hospices, caring for more patients – who were more seriously ill – for shorter periods of time. Our supporters’ generosity also helped our Hospices develop new day services to reach out into their communities.



2015

We changed our name to simply ‘Marie Curie’. This reflected that, as well as being here for people affected by cancer, kind supporters like you were making it possible for us to help people with other conditions, from dementia to motor neurone disease.



Today

People proudly join forces every year in support of our Great Daffodil Appeal, to fund the vital work of Marie Curie Nurses. But our work today also depends on the generosity of those who have left a gift to us in their Will. In fact, over a third of our voluntary income is reliant on gifts like these.



Tomorrow

With the UK’s ageing population, a gift in your Will could be vital to meeting the growing need for the loving, specialist end of life care that Marie Curie offers. A gift of just 1% of your estate can help ensure our services will be here in the future.

Your questions *answered*

With the help of kind people like you, Marie Curie makes it possible for people to spend their final days in the way they wish. By having an up-to-date Will, you also gain the peace of mind of knowing that your wishes will be respected.

Here are answers to some of the practical questions we're often asked.

After taking care of my family and friends, can I still give to Marie Curie?

After you've considered those important to you, any gift you may choose to give to Marie Curie will be so appreciated. Even 1% of your estate could make a wonderful difference.

Do I need to use a solicitor to write or amend my Will?

You may choose to consult a solicitor to draft your Will, but it isn't a necessity. However, we do recommend that your Will is reviewed by an expert legal advisor to ensure that it is legal and valid.

Can Marie Curie help me write my Will?

Anyone over the age of 18 can use

our Free Will-writing Services, which allow you to make or update a simple single or joint Will at no cost.

For more information, please contact your local Legacy and In Memory Lead at **mariecurie.org.uk/localcontact**

What types of gifts can I leave in my Will?

There are two main kinds. One is a fixed sum of money, called a pecuniary gift. The other is a percentage or share of what is left of your estate once all other payments and gifts have been made, which is called a residuary gift. Many people choose to give a residuary gift because it doesn't lose value over time in the way a fixed sum of money will.



Are there any tax benefits if I leave a charitable gift in my Will?

Most gifts left to Marie Curie are exempt from Inheritance Tax because we are a charity. You can find out about other charitable tax benefits by visiting HMRC at [gov.uk/inheritance-tax](https://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax) or asking a solicitor.

What if I have any other questions?

We are here to help. Just contact your friendly and experienced Marie Curie **local Legacy and In Memory Lead**, who will be delighted to hear from you and answer your questions. You can find out more on the leaflet at the back of this guide, and get the contact details for your local Legacy and In Memory Lead at mariecurie.org.uk/localcontact or by calling our Supporter Relations Team on 0800 716 146.

Recommended wording

If you'd like to leave a gift to Marie Curie in your Will, you might find the suggested wording below helpful. Including our full name and details is essential to ensure the gift reaches us.

To leave a share of your estate

I give to Marie Curie of One Embassy Gardens, 8 Viaduct Gardens, London, SW11 7BW, registered charity numbers 207994 and SC038731 [all/ __% of the residue] of my estate absolutely for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Legacy Administration Manager or other proper officer at Marie Curie for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor(s).

To leave a cash gift

I give to Marie Curie of One Embassy Gardens, 8 Viaduct Gardens, London, SW11 7BW, registered charity numbers 207994 and SC038731 the sum of [£specify words and figures] free of tax for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Legacy Administration Manager or other proper officer at Marie Curie for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor(s).

Your *wishes*, our promise

A gift in your Will can help a Marie Curie Nurse fulfil one last wish, giving someone the chance to spend their final days in peace and comfort with those they love. In return, we promise to honour your wishes, sensitively and respectfully.

We promise

to spend any gift you entrust to us wisely, so that it has the greatest impact for people living with a terminal illness. And we will provide information about our work and our finances so you can see what a difference you will be making.

We promise

that we understand this is an important decision, that you must decide in your own time, and that friends and family come first. We also know that circumstances can change, and will understand if you need to change your mind.

We promise

to honour your privacy and wishes. We appreciate that your Will is personal to you. We will keep anything you tell us confidential, handle any gift you leave us with care, and will treat your family and next of kin respectfully and sensitively.

We promise

not to sell or share your personal details with anyone, and that we will adhere to all industry guidelines and regulations, including for the protection of vulnerable people, and require anyone acting on our behalf to do the same.

We promise

to communicate with you in a way that suits you, and make it easy for you to tell us your contact preferences. Just call our dedicated Supporter Relations Team on **0800 716 146** (Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm) or email **supporter.relations@mariecurie.org.uk**



Will you help give someone their last wish to be at home with those they love, with a gift in your Will to Marie Curie?

Get your Will written for free

We'd be delighted for you to use one of our Free Will-writing Services. Through these services, anyone over the age of 18 can have a simple single or joint Will written or updated for free with one of our professional Will-writing partners. There is no obligation to leave a gift to Marie Curie but any gift would be greatly appreciated.

With a local solicitor

Wherever you live in the UK, you can write your Will with one of our trusted legal partners – a qualified solicitor in your area – who will give you personalised advice and answer any questions you may have. If you'd like to know more, just **tick the box on your reply form** and fill in your details. You will receive a pack with a list of participating solicitors in your area – this should arrive within 10 days.



Over the phone

Also available across the UK, this service gives you support and guidance over the phone. Just go to **farewill.com/mc-phone** to request a call or alternatively call **020 8016 3948** and say you want to use the Marie Curie Free Will-writing Service. Someone from the Farewill team will be in touch to help you write your Will and arrange for you to receive a printed copy when it is done.

Online

If you live in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, our online Will-writing partners can support you in making sure your wishes are met and give you up-to-date, expert support, through the process. To find out more and take up this service, go to **mariecurie.org.uk/freewill** and select your region, then click the online Will-writing option.

A wish for a good end of life

My late wife, Pam, was cared for by a Marie Curie Nurse, and that support meant so much to us. I wanted to give something back, and when I heard about the Free Will-writing Services it was the perfect opportunity.

The Service made everything so straightforward, and I know Pam would be happy that we're helping other families to have their final wish for care from Marie Curie."



Ian Fletcher
Marie Curie supporter

Tick the box on your reply form
or go to mariecurie.org.uk/freewill today.



Whether someone's last wish is to be at home with those they love, or to be cared for at one of our hospices, your Will could help to fulfil that wish. So we hope you've found this guide inspiring and helpful. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions or thoughts you have about including a gift to Marie Curie in your Will.

You can find the contact details for your local Legacy and In Memory Lead on our webpage at mariecurie.org.uk/localcontact or by calling our Supporter Relations Team on **0800 716 146**.

Thank you



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