



Marie
Curie

Care and support
through terminal illness

Leaving the
gift of a Marie
Curie Nurse,

with love

Marie Curie – 70 years of loving care

For 70 years Marie Curie has helped people living with a terminal illness and their families make the most of the time they have left together.

Marie Curie Nurses work across the UK, offering care and support in people's homes, so they can be in familiar and comfortable surroundings, with the people they love by their sides. Our nine **hospices** offer round-the-clock care in a friendly, welcoming environment.

We're also a leader in **research** into better care for people with a terminal illness and incorporate what we learn into the care and support we provide. Our

Information and Support Service provides much needed emotional support and guidance to people coping with illness or bereavement.

Gifts people leave in their Wills are vital to the future of all our services. If you have any questions about leaving a gift or would like to discuss your intentions, we have a team of regional Legacy Advisors who can help. You can find the contact details of your Legacy Advisor enclosed.

Anything you can leave would have a huge impact. Just **1% of your estate** can help ensure we're always here for the people who need us.

Why I'm leaving a gift to Marie Curie in my Will

For as long as I can remember I wanted to be a nurse, just like my mum.

At the age of three I had a nurse's play uniform complete with stethoscope and syringe. At the age of five I was an expert at bandaging my doll's arms and legs. By the time I was 10 I won the bed-making competition at St. John's Ambulance – a skill that has never left me.

A lot of things have changed since then, but some things never will. I'm still very proud to have followed in Mum's footsteps as a nurse. I'm humbled to work with terminally ill people and their families for Marie Curie, giving nurses the time to care. And I believe that people should always have the opportunity to spend their last days where they choose, with the people they love by their sides.

That's why I decided to leave a gift to Marie Curie in my Will. I want to be remembered as somebody who cared about others, and it makes me proud to know that in the future, my gift will mean more families will have the incredible care and support that our nurses provide.

I hope that you'll consider joining me, so that our wonderful nurses will always be there to give people the same compassionate care that we'd want for the people we love.

With love,

Dee Sissons

Director of Nursing



Will you join Dee and leave a gift in your Will to Marie Curie?

Your gift to the people we care for, *with love*

A gift in your Will can give people living with a terminal illness the opportunity to be with those they love, whether in their own homes, or in a Marie Curie Hospice. Debbie Wride's parents, Diane and Ken, both stayed at the Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale. Here she explains what the care they received meant to her.

"When Mum became ill, there was nowhere else she wanted to be. She'd visited the hospice as an outpatient and everybody was so warm and welcoming that she knew she'd be well looked after. Even though it can be a sad time, the nurses and all the staff managed to keep smiling.

"It's so peaceful. From the window, you can see the Bristol Channel, and watch the yachts and paddle steamer drift by. But what

really stands out is the people, everybody's so lovely and there's nothing they won't do for you.

"When Dad became ill a few years later, it meant so much for him to be in the same place that the love of his life passed away and just like with Mum, I am so grateful for everything that was done for him.

"Dad always used to say, 'you can't take it with you'. That's why I'm leaving a gift to Marie Curie in my Will. It's the least I can do because I could never pay back what everyone at the Marie Curie Hospice gave to my parents."

Debbie Wride



Debbie (left), with her dad Ken, mum Diane, and sister Sarah

• 1948

The beginnings

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





You can give the gift of *loving care*

Lynne Murrell has been a Marie Curie Nurse for 13 years, and passionately believes everybody should have the right to spend their last days in the place of their choosing.

“It’s so rewarding to be able to make a difference to people, when they really, really need some help. The stress of looking after their husband, wife, mum or dad can be overwhelming. I help to take the pressure off.

“I have to be a good listener. I’ll often sit up with the people I care for all night chatting, listening to their concerns and fears, or just reminiscing about their lives and families. It’s a privilege to share those moments.

Your gift can help people remain at home, where they can take comfort from familiar keepsakes and mementoes

“I became very close to one lady who I cared for on and off for about three years. I actually delivered the eulogy at her funeral, and that’s just simply because I had known her and her husband for so long.

“Her husband asked if I would put a few words together. ‘You could just tell how you two used to get on.’ And we did get on! Her poor husband would go to bed at night and come back in at about three o’clock in the morning and say, ‘You two, you’re making too much noise.’

“She just wanted to chat. She’d say, ‘I don’t want to sleep. I want to sit here and have a cup of tea with you, and a real chat and a laugh’.



“It’s so important that people like this lovely lady 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



• 1958

Here for people, night and day

The first Day and Night Nursing Service was launched in London to provide round-the-clock care for people in their homes. From these humble beginnings there are now 2,200 Marie Curie Nurses across the UK, caring for around 50,000 people each year.





Leaving your gift, with love

A gift in your Will can achieve so much – ensuring your values live on and inspiring w family and friends. And a gift to Marie Curie will leave a legacy of loving care.

Your greatest gift

We all have financial commitments, which means we can't always do as much as we'd like to help other people. So a gift left in your Will is an opportunity to give more than you might ever have been able to give in your lifetime, providing comfort, care and compassion for people long into the future.

How you're remembered

Your Will tells the people you leave behind, about the person you are. It's about the people you love and

the things you care about. Your Will helps pass on your principles and the values that matter to you.

Your legacy, with love

A gift to Marie Curie is a gift that will bring comfort to somebody when they're worried, a helping hand when they need assistance and reassurance when they're scared. Your legacy will mean that when somebody is facing their darkest hour, they won't be on their own.

Your gift could help care for people in a Marie Curie Hospice, where they can enjoy the comforts of home, like a visit from their beloved pets.



How to make your gift

If you'd like to include Marie Curie in your Will, you can use the details below. Ask your solicitor to use our full name and details to ensure the gift reaches us:

Marie Curie, a charity registered in England and Wales no. 207994 and in Scotland no. SCO38731. Registered office: 89 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TP.

• 1986

The birth of a national institution

Since the first Great Daffodil Appeal in 1986, people have come together on the UK's high streets and shopping centres to fund the vital work of Marie Curie Nurses. Thanks to the efforts of generations of enthusiastic volunteers, the yellow daffodil is now a powerful symbol of compassion, and of love.



Your questions answered

Making a Will is important because it gives you the peace of mind of knowing that your wishes will be respected, and it needn't be time-consuming or expensive.

I want my family and friends to be taken care of, can I still give to Marie Curie?

Of course many people will want to look after their loved ones first. But after they are provided for, even 1% of your estate left to Marie Curie can help ensure our work continues.

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

We recommend you consult a solicitor or expert legal advisor to ensure your Will is legal and valid.

Can Marie Curie help me write my Will?

If you're aged over 55 you can use our Free Will-writing Service, which allows you to write a new simple Will or update an existing one free of charge. There is no obligation for you to leave a gift to Marie Curie, but any gift you decide to make will make a great difference to patients and families in the future. For more information, please contact us using the details enclosed.



A gift in your Will could help Marie Curie continue vital research into improving the lives of people who need our care.

Are there different types of gifts I can leave in my Will?

There are two main ways people choose to support Marie Curie. A **pecuniary** legacy is a fixed amount of money. And a **residuary** legacy is a percentage or share of the balance of your estate once all other payments and gifts have been made.

Many people prefer to give a residuary gift because it keeps in line with inflation and does not lose value over time.

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 more by visiting HMRC at [gov.uk/inheritance-tax/overview](https://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax/overview) or asking a solicitor.

What if I have any questions?

If you have any questions, or want to find out more about our Free Will-writing Service, our regional Legacy Advisors would love to hear from you. They aren't solicitors, but they do have a wealth of experience and can help you with any questions or concerns.

You can find your regional Legacy Advisor's details on the enclosed leaflet or at: mariecurie.org.uk/legacyadvisor or by calling our Supporter Relations Team on **0800 716 146**.

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Reaching more people

We changed our name to simply 'Marie Curie', to reflect the fact that as well as supporting people affected by cancer, our nurses and hospices also increasingly help people with other conditions from dementia to motor neurone disease – providing the same level of dedicated support and care to all.





Wording for your Will

If you would like to leave a gift in your Will to Marie Curie you might want to include the wording below in your Will. Many people choose to leave a residuary gift: a percentage of what is left of their estate once they have provided for their loved ones, because it ensures that their gift does not lose its value over time.

To leave a share of your estate

I give to Marie Curie of 89 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7TP, 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 89 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7TP, 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 gift can help ensure that people continue to be cared for by our nurses, and in our hospices, long into the future.



Ian Fletcher

Marie Curie supporter

“ 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 Service it was the perfect opportunity. The Service made everything so straightforward, and I know Pam would be happy to know that we’re helping other families make the most of their time left together. ”

• The future,

with your support

A gift left to Marie Curie can ensure our nurses can always be on hand in people’s darkest hours, providing loving care and support.



Our promise to you

We promise

to provide information about our work and our finances so you can see how your money is being spent and what a difference you're making to people living with a terminal illness.

We promise

to communicate with you in a way that suits you. If you tell us you'd prefer less contact or don't want to hear from us at all, we'll respect your wishes.

We promise

to check at the start of every conversation, on the phone or in person, that you're happy to speak to us.

We promise

never to sell your data to any third party. We will not share your details with other charities.

We promise

to adhere to all industry guidelines and regulations and require others acting on our behalf to do the same. We'll take appropriate action promptly if we find any failure to meet our standards. We will regularly monitor the activities and compliance of our suppliers, including for the protection of vulnerable people.

We promise

to make it easy for you to tell us your contact preferences and we're here to talk to you about our work or answer any questions. You can call our dedicated Supporter Relations Team on **0800 716 146** (Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm) or email **supporter.relations@mariecurie.org.uk**

What to do now

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will, please get in touch with your local Legacy Advisor at **mariecurie.org.uk/legacyadvisor**

Find out more about our Free Will-writing Service, or register your interest.

Request a hard copy of this booklet in the post.

Thank you

We're here for people living with any terminal illness, and their families. We offer expert care, guidance and support to help them get the most from the time they have left.

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