

Your precious & lasting legacy

Our
Lady's
**Hospice
& Care
Services**

Respite
Rehabilitation
Reassurance

Harold's Cross
Blackrock
Wicklow

A gift in your Will could mean world-class care for even more hospice patients long into the future.




All you need to know about leaving
a gift in your Will to the hospice.

Your legacy is who you are

We all leave our mark on the world while we're here. We do it in both small and significant ways. We do it thoughtfully – through our actions – and also when we're not even conscious of it – when we're just being our best selves.

And the most powerful part of our life's story is not just what we believe or say – it's what we do – how we love, who we love and when we care for others. That's how we shape our own personal legacy. And that, in turn shapes how we'll be remembered.

When you leave a gift in your Will to family, friends – or a charity – it's a lovely act that says so much about the goodness in your heart. The legacy you leave behind keeps on giving. It lives on.



If you leave a gift in your Will to hospice care, you'll be helping patients and their families long after you're gone.

A gift of a lifetime to the hospice

If you're considering leaving a gift in your Will, thank you – it means so much. Any gift you leave – modest or more significant – is so appreciated and needed.

And be assured – we know that taking care of friends and family may be your priority. It's a great feeling knowing you've remembered them. But it's also a hugely satisfying and inspiring act to make a gift to a charity. It means you continue to do good long after you're gone.

Your legacy endures.



As soon as you go in those gates, it's another world. A welcoming place that is so positive, tranquil – but so full of life as well. I'm still in awe when I see the extent and depth of professional care that's given with such love – but it still remains a calm and homely place. They are the reasons I'm leaving a gift in my Will. Because I want this care to continue and expand. I also want people to know about the miracle of hospice. And to know how powerful it would be to leave something aside for them as a legacy. To know their gift will continue to do such human good long into the future."



Rita Sweeney
is kindly leaving
a gift in her Will
to hospice.

Three types of gifts you can leave

Firstly, we would advise you to get guidance from your solicitor to guarantee peace of mind and ensure your wishes are carried out.

There are three simple types of gifts you can leave in your Will

1. A fixed sum of money.
2. A specific item of value such as a piece of jewellery, shares or property.
3. A percentage of the value of your estate, after you've provided for loved ones.

If you already have a Will

Remember, you can easily change your Will to include a gift to Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services. Your solicitor will guide you through the process.

It makes tax sense

Legacies to charities are tax-free so it can help reduce tax payable on your estate.

“My Dad was diagnosed with lung cancer when he was 84 years old. The hospice people who came out to our house were like angels. It lifted such a weight. So that's why I'm leaving a gift in my Will to the hospice – a percentage of my estate. As a Hospice Volunteer, I've seen how much they need the money and how wisely it is spent. I worked with Revenue so I know that it's tax efficient as well. Any amount is so helpful – a small, medium or large sum, a property, a valuable item. It's a really lovely feeling knowing I'll still be helping after I pass.”



John O'Brien is leaving a gift in his Will to hospice.



Mary Flynn is a woman of great empathy, quiet wisdom and humour. She knows how important and reassuring it is to make a Will – she was a Legal Secretary and Law Clerk for most of her working life. Mary has kindly decided to leave a gift in her own Will to Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services.

my father was very involved with the Society of St Vincent de Paul and I started to volunteer when I was in my early 20s. He was a very kind and progressive man.

On the St Vincent de Paul visits to family homes you have the privilege of meeting all kinds of wonderful people who are facing all kinds of difficulties. You meet elderly people living the last stage of their lives, lonely and isolated. No one should face end-of-life alone.

The hospice is the exact opposite of that. It really is a loving, calm and beautiful place. A place of living, not dying. But I can see first-hand why they need money to provide the incredible person-centred care and maintain the facilities. That's why I'm gladly leaving a gift in my will.

I think anyone who can help, should consider it. It's a lovely feeling. Especially people who don't have immediate families like my sister and I. When we're both gone, our home will be sold, so hopefully a reasonable amount of money will come to the hospice. But even a small amount will be so appreciated.

None of us know when we'll need care. If I do need end-of-life care, I will be grateful to be looked after in the hospice. My own attitude to life is – stay active and positive and embrace living every precious day.

That's the hospice philosophy too.



Mary Flynn

Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services

Over 140 years of service and impact

For generations, we have been able to take giant steps to provide world-class, loving hospice care for free. Working from our three hospices, and reaching out into people's homes, our specialist teams provide expert and personal support to communities right across South Dublin and Wicklow.

People's generosity makes all that happen. And gifts in Wills are becoming more and more vital in helping us continue and expand. Because of gifts large and small, we were able to redevelop our 36-bed Specialist Palliative Care Unit in Harold's Cross at a cost of €14.6m. Public kindness helped us open a brand new 12-bed hospice in Wicklow in 2020. In 2023, we re-opened our hospice in Blackrock after a significant refurbishment costing c.€7m.

We pledge to continue to expand our services to meet the rising demand of our ageing population and other people who need us. We hope you too can make a pledge – to leave a modest or significant gift in your Will and become our visionary partner in shaping the future of hospice care.

If you're considering leaving a gift in your Will, please fill out the simple Pledge Form enclosed. It doesn't commit you to any decision at this stage. It simply lets us know that you're thinking about it and allows us to thank you and include you in some very special plans and events.



3 World-class Campuses

Harold's Cross,
Blackrock
& Wicklow

Over
4,800
Patients

cared for
each year

Care for Children

Our specialist
community palliative
care team also cares
for under 18's in their
own homes



€5.5m+
Needed

in fundraised
income
each year

8% Increase

in demand
for our services
over the last
5 years



Over 12,000
Visits

annually to homes
by our specialist
community palliative
care team

I know the hospice and its impact. I know that it's a very special place where the right care can bring hope and help when all seems dark. I've been lucky enough to work here for over 20 years and I've seen what can be done and how much it matters for patients and their loved ones. At times of sometimes enormous fear and loss, the hospice is about compassion and caring, about excellence and attention to detail. A gift in your Will could help ensure that very special impact for others. Thank you for considering it."

Dr Stephen Higgins



Legacy Pledge Form

People's generosity means we can continue to expand and improve our services for patients and their families. If you're considering leaving any size, or type, of gift in your Will – thank you so much. It is so appreciated and needed.



Please fill out this simple form.

Remember, it doesn't commit you to any decision at this stage. It simply lets us know that you're thinking about leaving a gift to help patients of the hospice and allows us to include you in some very special plans and events.

YES! I intend to leave a gift in my Will to Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Harold's Cross, Blackrock & Wicklow, to ensure world-class care for hospice patients long into the future.

Simply tick the box that reflects your wishes:

- I have already included a gift in my Will to Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services.
- It is my intention to make a gift in my Will to Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services.
- Please contact me to chat, in absolute confidence, about the possibility of leaving a gift in my Will.

Do you want to leave a short message to us?

Your Details

Name

Telephone

Email

Address

As part of this initiative, it is necessary for Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services to process personal data (contact details) relating to you. By completing and returning this form, you are giving consent for such processing. We promise to retain your data securely and to only use it to contact you in accordance with your preference. You may withdraw that consent at any time by contacting us at fundraising@olh.ie

Please mail this form back to us
in the pre-paid envelope provided.
Or use your own stamped
envelope addressed to:

Susie Cunningham, Legacies.
Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services,
Harold's Cross, Dublin D6W RY72.



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Thank you.

Talk to us in confidence

If you're thinking of leaving a gift to Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services Harold's Cross, Blackrock & Wicklow, please fill out the no-commitment, simple Pledge Form attached.

Or if you've any questions, please contact us at any time, in complete confidence, and with no obligation or pressure.

You can chat to me, Susie Cunningham

Phone: 01 491 1072

Email: scunningham@olh.ie



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