

The Forever Friends Appeal



Leaving a gift in your Will

Help plan and secure the future for patients of the Royal United Hospital





‘Your support will go directly to improving thousands of lives over the RUH’s large catchment area covering four county boundaries’

Your legacy – their future

We all may need some kind of assistance from The Royal United Hospital in Bath (RUH) at some point in our lives, whether it is for a serious medical condition, a minor accident or the birth of our children. At times like these we really value the very best medical care being available.

At the RUH gifts bequeathed to its charity, The Forever Friends Appeal, in people's Wills are a vital part of its funding to provide that very best care. Any contribution made in this way makes a huge difference allowing the hospital to offer the best treatment, delivered by the best staff, with up to date facilities and the very best medical equipment.

'Over 230,000 patients are treated every year at the Royal United Hospital'

Leaving a gift in your Will is a very special thing to do

Making a Will not only provides you with a chance to remember the people and causes you hold dear, but allows you to dispose of all assets owned personally on the date of your death, helping to avoid the often unfortunate consequences of intestacy.

We appreciate that families and friends will always come first in your Will. However, having done so, would you please consider supporting The Forever Friends Appeal and leave your legacy to help continue and develop our care for RUH patients?

Many people have limited opportunity to make significant gifts to the cause close to their heart during their lifetime, even if they would like to do so. A bequest in your Will can be an ideal way and also ensure your kindness is remembered.

'Providing support this way costs nothing during your lifetime, but can have a huge impact on future generations whether that's 10, 20, 30 or 50 years from now.'



Why I am leaving a gift in my Will John's Story

“Having now been a cancer patient at the RUH for 12 years it holds a special place in my affections and those of my family, and we continue to receive fantastic care and support. As a result, I was inspired to make the decision to include a bequest in my Will with the knowledge that I can play a direct part in helping other members of my family, friends and other cancer patients in the years to come. I for one couldn't think of anything I would like more than giving back to the hospital that has helped me through tough times”.

John Price

The Importance of your gift

Over the years, donations and gifts received towards The Forever Friends Appeal have played a vital part in enabling the RUH to continue to provide the very best level of acute care, for the 500,000 people in Bath & North East Somerset, Wiltshire and the Mendip area of Somerset.

Throughout its history, the Appeal has always relied on public support. Our mission as the hospital's charity is dedicated to funding state of the art medical equipment, supporting pioneering research and innovations, as well as those finishing touches and 'extras' that complement the existing high quality of care across the Trust.

From a special piece of equipment, to enhancing patient amenities for a particular ward or area, or support towards the funding of larger building projects which comprise many different elements, your gift could help fund a crucial part of our future services.

How legacy gifts help

Technological and medical advances allow the RUH to continue to improve the quality of care it provides for its patients and also to deliver important medical breakthroughs. In order to do this, we must ensure that we have the very best specialist medical equipment, facilities and on-going research. Charitable donations help continue funding future projects, so that our exceptional doctors and nurses can improve diagnosis and treatments, thus saving more lives.

The hospital has ambitious plans for the future and by supporting us you can play a very real part in our achievements. By 2020 we aim to have invested at least £15 million into the RUH helping to develop its services for patients and visitors with the delivery of the very best healthcare.

'The award winning Dyson Centre for Neonatal Care for our sick and premature babies is an outstanding example of legacy income benefiting the development of the RUH.'



‘Making a Will helps you plan your finances and ensures that your assets are distributed according to your wishes’.

Choosing your support

To fund the hospital's main priorities at the time your gift is received, we recommend the following wording in your Will or added to a codicil:

I give to The Royal United Hospital Charitable Fund, (Registered Charity No' 1058323) of Combe Park, Bath, BA1 3NG for its General Charitable Purposes

Alternatively, If you would like us to use the legacy for a particular purpose, then you can add:

'And I express the wish (but without imposing any trust to this effect) that the aforesaid gift shall if possible be used for the purposes of

Older people - helping to care and treat older patients across the RUH with complex needs, e.g. Acute Emergency admissions, including services for Stroke, Dementia and age related illness.

Cardiology - supporting all aspects of the diagnosis, management and specialist treatment of Coronary Care.

Children & Babies - helping thousands of local children & babies receive specialist paediatric services in the Children's, Maternity and Neonatal Intensive Care

Centres.

Critical Care – supporting the work of treating severe and life threatening illnesses and injuries in Intensive Care and all Emergency services.

Cancer - helping to provide the very best treatment and support for all types of cancer for both adults and young people, including specialist surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, haematology, palliative and supportive care services.

Arts - Making a vital contribution to the hospital's care that stimulates healing and well-being, creating a therapeutic environment for all patients and visitors.

Research - helping to carry out a variety of research studies and clinical trials, to understand the need for cutting edge treatments, drugs and methods. Many of the treatments now used every day would not be available if it wasn't for research in the past.

'If you wish to direct your gift to a particular ward or an area of work that is of special interest or importance to you, we will, where possible, ensure your wishes are respected and carried out.'

Type of gift/bequest

If you have included a bequest in your Will or intend doing so, you have our heartfelt thanks on behalf of everyone who will benefit from your support and generosity.

One of your first steps will be to decide the type of gift you would like to leave. There are different types of bequests, the main ones being:

Residuary Gift - A gift of the remainder of your estate after all other gifts have been made and debts cleared. You may leave either the total of the remainder or a percentage of it. It will not lose value over time so it is the most valuable way to give through your Will.

Pecuniary Gift - A gift of a fixed sum of money. It is worth bearing in mind that the value of a pecuniary gift will decrease over time as the cost of living increases, unless you link it with inflation.

Specific Gift – A particular named item left as a gift in your Will, such as personal possessions, land, building or shares.

Codicil - If you have already made your Will and are happy with it, adding The Forever Friends Appeal couldn't be easier – this can be done via a codicil. A codicil is a supplement to the Will that can make changes or amendments to allow additions.

We do recommend that you consult your solicitor or a professional advisor if you plan to change your existing Will by adding a new beneficiary. This also provides a good opportunity for you to review your assets and liabilities.

Whatever type of legacy you leave, we will liaise with your solicitor or executor to ensure your gift is dealt with in a timely, effective and cost efficient way.

Thank you

We recognise that the decision to leave a gift in your Will is an important one, a personal matter, and usually takes time and careful consideration.

If you choose to support us we would love to know, but there is no obligation for you to inform us. However, if you choose to tell us, we will treat your information with complete confidence and it is not binding in any way.

We would welcome the opportunity to show our appreciation of your pledged gift during your lifetime and for us to be able to say “Thank You” today.

Informing us of your intentions will also help us make important plans for the future, ensuring we can continue the good work of the RUH.





‘Charitable donations in your Will are exempt from tax, including Inheritance tax, and therefore a very effective form of giving’

Come and hear about our work

If you would like to discuss your choices of support with The Forever Friends Appeal or hear more about the developing work across the RUH, we would very much welcome you in for a tour of the hospital.

Notice of your intention

Enquiries and commitments regarding your gift will be kept completely confidential.

- I have already included a gift to the Royal United Hospital in my Will
- I plan to include a gift to the Royal United Hospital in my Will

I would like more information:

- The next RUH Legacy Event invitation
- The work of The Forever Friends Appeal and the Royal United Hospital
- I would like someone to contact me to discuss my plans
- I would like to be invited on a tour of the hospital

Your contact details

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr (please indicate)

First name _____

Surname _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please return to the address overleaf

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best care for generations to come

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