



Legacy giving



Leaving a gift to hospice care in your will.

Carol is Dick's Compassionate Neighbour and she visits him on a weekly basis for a coffee and a chat about everything that Dick loves, such as history and geography. Compassionate Neighbours provide emotional and social support to anyone experiencing loneliness. It is just one of our services that gifts left in wills help to fund.



Our services are available across North Hertfordshire, Stevenage and surrounding towns and villages in Central Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire. Your legacy will directly help people who live in your local community from the moment they are told their illness cannot be cured.



Remembering Garden House Hospice Care in your will is easy to do and we are here to help. For more information or a copy of our legacy booklet, please contact our legacy manager using the information below.

For more information

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YOUR LEGACY



What is a legacy?

A legacy is a gift that is left to us in a will and it allows you to state that, after you die, a sum of money or a % of your estate can be given to a person, charity or organisation.

Legacies allow our important work – providing care for people with a life-limiting illness – to remain possible.

Over 10% of the income we rely on to fund our services come from donations made in this way.

There will always be a need for end-of-life care. In fact, demand is expected to rise. Gifts left to us in wills are used to fund services, new projects and our core running costs. Crucially, they secure our future.

By leaving a gift to Garden House Hospice Care, you will play your part in keeping our Hospice open for everyone.

How your money could help

Since receiving our first legacy we have received over 500 legacies ranging from £100 to £500,000. Here are some legacies we have recently received and what they could pay for:



could pay for 36 hours of care on our Inpatient Unit.



could pay for a full day of our services, including Compassionate Neighbours and counselling for children.



could pay for over six months of home visits from our community nurses and health care assistants – helping 135 people and their loved ones.



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Peter's story

Peter Cole from Baldock left the most generous gift of £200,000 in his will, as a thank you for the care his wife, Joan, received at the Hospice in 2001.

Joan, who had ovarian cancer, stayed on our Inpatient Unit for a few weeks to ease her symptoms before returning home. There, she was supported by our community team until she died.

When Peter died in 2020, his stepson, Mark, wrote to us to inform us of this incredible gift. He later visited us at the Hospice, 21 years after we had cared for his mother, to see how our patients will have benefitted. He learnt about our day services and met staff from teams including the Compassionate Neighbours, the Inpatient Unit and the community nurses who had looked after his mother.

“I had absolutely no idea the difference the legacy would make



Peter and Joan

to the Hospice until I visited,” said Mark, who admitted when he arrived he knew very little about the breadth of services offered to our patients. “It was eye-opening to see just how much work the Hospice does for the people who need it – and to learn more about how it is funded. I left feeling grateful my stepfather had made this important decision to help in this way.”

This was an exceptional gift left to us by the Cole family, but a legacy of any size would make a vast difference to the services we can provide at the Hospice and in the local community.