

**worldwide  
cancer  
research**



**your gifts in Wills guide**

# take the first step with us

Gifts in Wills are vital in our drive to end the suffering and death caused by cancer. They've fuelled every breakthrough, every treatment and every life saved. They enable us to continue our vital cancer research.

Being remembered in your Will is an honour for Worldwide Cancer Research. It is a declaration of your wish to see a day when no more loved ones are lost to cancer. It is the first step towards finding the life-saving cures of tomorrow, today.

This guide contains all you need to know about leaving a gift in your Will – including the impact of your gift, practical pointers and information on our Free Will Service, which can help you make or update a Will, and it won't cost you a penny!



**Bold research will  
cure cancer. But we  
can't do it alone.**

# our founder's story



In December 1979, Colin Thomson took the first step towards the day that no life is cut short by cancer by founding this charity – Worldwide Cancer Research. His vision was to conquer cancer in his lifetime by finding and funding curiosity-driven research that asked big questions about this devastating disease. **But cancer doesn't wait.**

Colin tragically died from myeloma in 1997.

**This charity is his legacy, and why we will never give up on our founding mission to end the suffering and death caused by cancer.**

**We believe that bold research will cure cancer, and that the first step is the most important. We kick-start daring, innovative science that changes the course of cancer research and leads to life-saving cures. Our small team continues to pair up with the brightest researchers, searching the world to save more lives.**

# how your gift is used to cure cancer

A gift in your Will kick-starts bold, discovery research into any type of cancer all over the world.

We don't spend money on bricks and mortar or electricity bills. Instead, all our research funding goes directly to giving our scientists more time to find the cures of tomorrow, today.



# your legacy will be

...the researcher spending hours in the lab asking big, challenging questions about cancer. Using those answers to find cancer cures, kinder treatments and less invasive surgery.

**Giving researchers more hours in the lab gives families extra hours together. Hours spent...**

...enjoying retail therapy,  
not enduring chemotherapy.

...laughing round the dinner table,  
not lying on the treatment table.

...singing along to the radio,  
not dreading radiotherapy.



“ it’s a dream  
come true  
to watch my  
grandchildren  
grow up ”

Because of olaparib, a revolutionary drug developed by our research, Sandy survived an aggressive form of ovarian cancer.

That’s the life-saving power of backing bold and innovative discovery research – the type of research gifts in Wills help to fund.



# the potential of your gift

Loved ones are the first thing we think about in the morning and the last thing we think about at night. Writing your Will is no different. Adding a small percentage or amount to Worldwide Cancer Research allows you to take care of your loved ones first, last and always by ending the suffering caused by cancer for future generations.

**Did you know?** Worldwide Cancer Research receives no government funding. This means that every penny spent on life-saving discovery research comes from generous supporters.

**£250,000**

funds an entire research project for three years – this bold idea could unlock new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer.

**£75,000**

taps into the expertise of the scientists required to work on a research project for an entire year.

**£30,000**

fuels a research project for five months, allowing the brightest researchers to make discoveries that could save the lives of the people you love.

**£15,000**

funds a year's worth of lab gear – the essential tools needed to kick-start life-saving cancer research.

**£5,000**

pays for a year's worth of equipment needed by our team of pioneers to grow millions of cancer cells in the lab to test out new ways to treat the disease.

**£250**

funds more than a day's worth of bold, discovery research led by scientists all over the world.

# types of gifts

Gifts in Wills may come in different shapes and sizes, but gifts in Wills to Worldwide Cancer Research come together to kick-start life-saving cancer cures.

- ♥ Some people choose to leave a percentage or share of their estate, which means a share of your total possessions. This is called a residuary gift.
- ♥ Others choose to give a lump sum. This is a fixed amount of money such as £250, £2,500, £25,000. This is called a pecuniary gift.
- ♥ For some, valuable items including antiques and jewellery. This is known as a specific gift.

Whichever way you choose to leave a gift in your Will, we promise to use it to fund as much life-saving discovery research as we possibly can.

**Did you know?** There are also financial benefits to leaving a gift in your Will to charity – they can reduce your inheritance tax.

# including Worldwide Cancer Research, in your Will

If you don't already have a Will, our practical pointers will help you get started.

## one Work out what you own and what you owe

Start by jotting down a list of your assets and their estimated value. Assets like property, shares, savings, and other items of value that you own, including jewellery, cars and antiques.

Next, consider what you owe. This may include your mortgage, loans or bills. Take what you owe away from your assets and this will give you an idea of the value of your estate.

## two Decide who you'd like to benefit

Think about the family and friends you may wish to remember in your Will, before considering the causes you care about. Then decide how you'd like to divide your estate.

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## Choose executors

Most people choose trusted family members, friends or their solicitor to be their executor, and ensure that their wishes are carried out.

## four Meet a solicitor

Once you've decided what your wishes are, contact a solicitor to get your Will written. We can also put you in touch with a local solicitor through our Free Will Service. To include a gift to Worldwide Cancer Research, you'll need our...

Full name:  
**Worldwide Cancer Research**  
Registered charity number:  
**SC022918**  
Address:  
**Worldwide Cancer Research,  
1st Floor, Canning Exchange,  
10 Canning Street,  
Edinburgh, EH3 8EG**

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If you do leave a gift in your Will, you don't need to tell us though it would be helpful if you did. We'd love to say thank you!

## updating a Will

If you already have a Will and are keen to include a gift to Worldwide Cancer Research, you can either update your existing or write a new one. A solicitor, who you can access through our Free Will Service, can provide more information on this.

# Free Will Service



## What is our Free Will Service?

We offer a free Will writing and review service. This allows you to easily write or update a simple Will – and it won't cost you a penny.

You don't have to include a gift to Worldwide Cancer Research, but of course we'd be extremely grateful if you did.

## How does our Free Will Service work?

- ♥ This service is available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you're interested in finding out more, get in touch with us.
- ♥ Our partner, the National Free Wills Network, will then send you a list of your closest solicitors.
- ♥ You then decide which solicitor you'd prefer, and make an appointment.
- ♥ The solicitor draws up your Will, and so long as it's a simple Will, we'll cover the bill.

# Take the first step...

Thank you very much for your interest in leaving a gift in your Will to Worldwide Cancer Research. With your support, we can make cancer treatments less aggressive and surgery less invasive. Together we can save lives, keep families together and stop suffering.

Take the first step towards the day that no life is cut short by cancer, today.

Get in touch to find out more or to register your interest in our Free Will Service.

Chat to one of our friendly Supporter Experience team on +44 (0) 300 777 7910 or email [enquiries@worldwidecancerresearch.org](mailto:enquiries@worldwidecancerresearch.org)

# because the first step is the most important.



**Make your legacy  
the first step towards  
the day that no more  
loved ones are lost  
to cancer.**

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