



Sue Ryder

**Because no one
should face death
or grief alone**



Let your kindness and care live on

**A guide to leaving a gift
in your Will to Sue Ryder**



A word from Sir Geoff Hurst

"In 2010, my wife and I lost Claire, our eldest daughter, to a brain tumour. She was only 45.

"During Claire's final days, she was cared for at the Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice in Cheltenham. It was so quiet and peaceful there, and the wonderful team showed such kindness and compassion. They gave our family precious time together to make lasting memories. I'll always be truly thankful for that.

"All of this wonderful end-of-life care and bereavement support is offered free of charge. But the charity relies on voluntary income and needs support so it can keep on providing its vital services.

"By leaving a gift in your Will to Sue Ryder, you can help more

families like mine in the future, ensuring they receive kindness and care when they need it most.

"Thank you so much."

Sir Geoff Hurst MBE

1966 World Cup winner and
Sue Ryder Ambassador



Claire



At Sue Ryder, we support people through the most difficult times of their lives.

For over 70 years, our nurses, doctors, counsellors and volunteers have given people the compassionate care they need, when they need it most.

And the demand for our services is only going to grow in the future. In fact, 55% more people are set to need end-of-life care by 2031 than in 2021.

That's why gifts in Wills are so important. Gifts left to us by kind people in the past are helping people receiving our care right now. And gifts left to us now are vital in helping future generations of people who will need our care.

Why leave a gift to Sue Ryder?

We believe no one should ever be alone in death or grief. A gift in your Will could help us to be there for everyone who needs support – either at the end of their lives, or following the death of a loved one.

Our specialist nurses and doctors provide palliative care that gives people the best possible quality of life, right up until the end. Meanwhile, our bereavement counsellors, online community and Grief Kind Spaces give people who are bereaved a chance to connect with others who really understand.

We give people the kindness and care they need and deserve at the toughest time in their lives. We can only do this thanks to our supporters – and demand for our specialist services is projected to grow.

As many as one in four people in the UK die without the care and support they need at the end of life.

If you can leave a gift in your Will to Sue Ryder, you can help our kindness and care live on.





How your gift could help

£5,000 could buy a specialist bed so patients in our hospices – or using our Hospice at Home service – are able to live their last days with as much comfort, dignity and independence as possible.



How your gift could help

£12,000 could fund 400 hours of care so our Sue Ryder doctors and nurses can manage patients' pain and symptoms – helping to fill a family's final days with love and lasting memories.

The impact of gifts in Wills

No matter the size, a gift in your Will could help us to be there with many more families as they face the most difficult times in their lives. Gifts in Wills make so much of our care possible. They provide a third of our fundraised income, so we can offer kindness and care to those who need our help.

In the last year alone, these extraordinary gifts were critical to providing:

- **1 in 5** of our patients are funded thanks to gifts left in Wills.
- Care for over **9,400 people** by our hospice teams, either as in-patients or in their own homes.
- Over **6,300** hours of Online Bereavement Counselling sessions.
- Expert palliative and end-of-life care from around **700** Sue Ryder Nurses.



Why everyone needs a Will

Your Will is a way to protect the people you care about, and shape how you want to be remembered.

Having an up-to-date Will is the only way to make sure your final wishes are carried out. You can use your Will to appoint guardians, make sure your loved ones are taken care of, and support the causes close to your heart.

Without a valid Will, your money, possessions and property may not be distributed in the way you want. This could cause a lot of heartache and unnecessary delays when loved ones are already grieving.

Your loved ones come first

Naturally, the needs of those you care about come first. But once they're provided for in your Will, could you leave a share of what's left to Sue Ryder? You'll bring kindness and care to people facing the most difficult times of their lives.

Our promise to you

We understand loved ones come first

Those you care about will always be of paramount importance in your Will. We'll be grateful for anything you can spare once they are provided for.

We will never pressure you

We understand that choosing to leave a gift in your Will is a personal, sensitive decision that takes consideration and time.

We will always respect your privacy

Any information you choose to share with us will be treated with the utmost respect and in the strictest confidence.

We will use your gift effectively

Your gift will be used carefully and wisely so that it has the greatest impact on those who will need our care in the future.

Should you wish to see first-hand how your gift could help, we'd like to invite you to visit one of our hospices. To arrange a visit, or register for an upcoming event in your area, please call us on **020 7554 5985**.



How your gift could help

A gift of **£16,000** could pay to run one of our Sue Ryder hospices for a day. Our dedicated hospice teams include doctors, nurses, care assistants and occupational therapists, providing support and ensuring pain and symptoms are managed so that final days can be filled with family, kindness and love.

The types of gift you can leave

There are three main types of gift you can leave in your Will – residuary, pecuniary and specific.

Residuary gift

This is a share of your estate – a percentage or all of what remains of your estate, once debts, funeral and legal expenses have been paid and gifts of money and items of value have been distributed. Because this is a percentage of an estate it retains its value over time.

Pecuniary gift

This is a gift of a fixed sum of money, such as £1,500. Cash gifts are affected by inflation, so it is advisable to review these in your Will to ensure they still reflect your wishes.

Specific gift

This is a particular item of value such as jewellery, a painting or a stamp collection.

If you do decide to leave a gift in your Will to Sue Ryder, you could use the following wording:

Residuary gift wording

I give to Sue Ryder, registered charity numbers 1052076 and SC039578, Rebow House, 60 Head Street, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1PB, a <amount in words> <amount in numbers ie XX%> of my residuary estate, free of inheritance tax, for its general charitable purposes.

Pecuniary gift wording

I give to Sue Ryder, registered charity numbers 1052076 and SC039578, Rebow House, 60 Head Street, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1PB, the sum of <amount in words> <amount in numbers ie £XX>, free of inheritance tax, for its general charitable purposes.

We suggest that you always have your Will reviewed by a legal expert to make sure it's valid and legal.

Stories of kin

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A lot of people where I live know someone who has been helped.”

Penny's story

Penny was a volunteer for many years at Sue Ryder. Her experience in a Sue Ryder hospice inspired her to leave a gift in her Will to our work.

“As a volunteer, I could see the enormous benefits that people got from Sue Ryder. A lot of people where I live will know someone who has been helped, either on the in-patient unit or by the lovely Hospice at Home team.

“I wrote my Will 10 years ago, before I volunteered. I've changed it to leave a share of my estate so that Sue Ryder's work can continue to help people in the future.”



Penny

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The Sue Ryder online bereavement community is a lifeline for people. It gets them through really dark days.”

Dottie's story

Sue Ryder's online bereavement community has been a lifeline for Dottie since her husband died suddenly in 2022. A gift in your Will could help us continue offering this vital support, long into the future.

“It was the most horrendous experience to go through and my life has changed completely,” she told us. “I feel like I'm not the same person I was before all this happened and even my friends don't really understand. I've felt very much on my own apart from my brother who's been amazing.

“The online community is the only group of people who fully appreciate how you are feeling. The first thing I do in the morning is pick up my phone and go straight on. It makes me feel I'm not the only person going through this.”

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Glenn was still cracking jokes the day before he died. ”

Jane and Glenn's story

After her husband Glenn sadly died, Jane shares how she was overwhelmed by the kindness and care her husband received from Sue Ryder.

"I really can't praise the hospice enough. Glenn felt so reassured that the nurses were there. The support I received myself was also amazing.

"Glenn was nursed in his own bed, and he was still cracking jokes the day before he died. He got his wish to die at home, surrounded by his family. It means a lot to us that we managed to keep him at home."



Jane and Glenn

Easy steps to writing your Will

Making or amending your Will needn't be complicated, but it helps to be prepared. Here's a handy list of steps that can make the process easier:

- List all of your assets, their values, plus any outstanding debts you may have.
- List which people or charities you want to benefit from your Will.
- Decide who you want to act as the executor of your Will.
- Choose guardians for your children if they are under 18. It's important that you discuss this with potential guardians first.
- Decide what arrangements you'd like for your funeral. You may wish for donations to go to your chosen charity, such as Sue Ryder.

How your gift could help

£5,250 could pay for Online Bereavement Counselling sessions for 10 people, helping them to better understand and cope with their grief.





How your gift could help

£112,000 could pay to run one of our Sue Ryder hospices for a week. Our dedicated hospice teams include doctors, nurses, care assistants and occupational therapists, providing support and ensuring pain and symptoms are managed so that final days can be filled with family, kindness and love.

Write your Will for free

Sue Ryder has teamed up with two Will-writing providers, Farewill and the National Free Wills Network. Both services offer you the opportunity to write your Will for free, either online, over the phone, or in person with a recommended local solicitor.

There is, of course, no obligation to include a gift to Sue Ryder when writing or amending your free Will. But we hope that, once your loved ones are provided for, you'll think about leaving a share of whatever is left to our vital work.



For more information,
please visit
sue Ryder.org/freewills

Keeping your Will up to date

However you choose to make your Will, it's important to review it regularly to make sure it reflects your wishes and circumstances.

Your questions answered

Here are some frequently asked questions about writing a Will. If you need to ask anything further, please call our Supporter Care Team on **020 7554 5985**.

How much does it cost to write a Will?

It usually costs around £200 to have a Will written by a solicitor. You can also have a simple Will, or simple mirror Wills (where spouses write identical Wills) written using our free Will service – see page 17.

Can I leave my gift to my nearest hospice?

All of our services are funded on the basis of need in each area. However, if you wish to leave your gift to a particular service, you can. Most of our supporters choose to leave their gift unrestricted, so we can use it where it has the greatest impact.

What's inheritance tax?

Inheritance tax is payable to the UK Government on some UK estates above a certain value. For more details, speak to your solicitor or tax advisor and visit **gov.uk/inheritance-tax**

Are there tax benefits to leaving a gift in my Will?

Leaving a gift to charity in your Will can help reduce, or in some instances remove, the tax burden on your estate. Your legal advisor will be able to explain how the Inheritance Tax rules apply to you and your circumstances. Further information can be found at: **gov.uk/inheritance-tax**

Who will ensure my wishes are carried out after I die?

You will appoint an executor in your Will who will act on your behalf after your death. Your executor is legally bound to carry out your wishes exactly as you stipulate in your Will.

If I leave a gift, do I have to let you know?

No, not at all. We completely respect and understand people's desire for privacy. But if you'd like to share this information, we would be pleased to know and be able to thank you properly. Simply complete and return the card enclosed, or contact us by phone or email. We will keep anything you tell us confidential.

I have further questions - who can I speak to?

We would be delighted to help. And please rest assured you can contact us with no commitment. If you'd like to see the impact your gift could have first hand, you're always welcome to visit one of our hospices. Simply get in touch with us in the way that suits you best.



Need support or have a question?

call: 020 7554 5985

email: giftinwill@sueryder.org

visit: sueryder.org



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