

## Remember The Holistic Cancer Care Centre in your will

Currently, only about 6 per cent of people in the UK leave money behind to a charity in their will.

# A legacy left to The Holistic Cancer Centre in your will is a wonderful gift for future generations

Here at The Holistic Cancer Centre we want a future that reduces the impact of cancer, gives people hope and helps them to live their best lives.

We provide a safe place in a difficult time.

#### Gifts in Wills help us do just that.

If you choose to write your will we hope that, after you have taken care of your family and loved ones, you will consider leaving a gift to The Holistic Cancer Centre.

When someone leaves us a gift in their will, however small, The Holistic Cancer Centre can continue to make a real difference to the lives people suffering from cancer.

It can be hard to know where to start when writing a will and you should always take professional advice, but understanding a little more about the types of gift you can leave, will help you decide what you want to go where.

There are three types of gifts you can choose to leave in your will.

**Residuary Legacy** is a share or a percentage of what you are leaving that goes to a particular person or a charity. Residuary gifts are practical as you don't need to worry about what the exact figures are. The value of your 'estate' will change over time, and a residual legacy means your will changes with it.

A Pecuniary Legacy is a fixed amount of money you would like to leave to someone, or a charity. This is useful if you have a specific amount of money in mind.

A Specific Legacy is when you leave specific items as a gift, like jewellery. This is great if you have special items you want to leave to specific people, and can also save arguments later! You can also leave things like property, shares or even land, to either a loved one or a charity.

#### Why leave a gift in your will?

The most obvious reason for leaving a gift to charity is that you may feel that you want to give something back once your loved ones' needs have been considered and you know you have left enough money to comfortably support those nearest to you

Donating to a charity in your will could make you eligible for a reduction in inheritance tax owed. If you leave 10 per cent or more of your estate (money, property and possessions) to charity in your will then the overall amount of inheritance tax you have to pay will reduce from 40 per cent to 36 per cent.

To find out more, visit HMRC on gov.uk/inheritance-tax or ask your solicitor.

**Do I need a solicitor to write or amend my Will?** - We would always recommend you consult a solicitor when writing your Will, as their expertise will give you the peace of mind that your wishes are respected and the will is legally correct. For help on finding a local solicitor, you can contact the Law Society in England and Wales (020 7242 1222)

If you would like to leave a gift in your will to The Holistic Cancer Centre here is some suggested wording that you may want to use to ensure your wishes are carried out:

#### To leave a share of your estate

"I give to The Holistic Cancer Centre of 6 Ashburton Road, Claughton, Wirral, CH43 8TW, registered charity number 702114, \_% of the residue of my estate absolutely for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of any proper officer at The Holistic Cancer Centre for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor(s)."

### To leave a cash gift

"I give to The Holistic Cancer Centre of 6 Ashburton Road, Claughton, Wirral, CH43 8TW, registered charity number 702114, the sum of [specify words and figures] free of tax for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the any proper officer at The Holistic Cancer Centre for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor(s)"

If you would like any more information or have any further questions, please do get in touch. We are not solicitors ourselves but we can answer any general questions you may have about leaving a gift in your will.