




Writing your Will for free can help us beat cancer for future generations.

Thank you for playing your part.

For more information about our Free Will Service:

 **Call: 0300 123 7733**
Lines are open 8am - 6pm, Monday to Friday


 **Email: supporter.services@cancer.org.uk**

 **Visit: cruk.org/freewillservice**

 **Write to: Cancer Research UK**
P.O. Box 1561
Oxford
OX4 9GZ

If you have questions about cancer or need extra support, we are here to help.

 For reliable, easy to understand information, visit cruk.org/cancer-help

 To talk to a specialist nurse, call freephone **0808 800 4040**
Lines are open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

 You can also share experiences on our online forum cancerchat.org.uk

If you would like to change the way we communicate with you about our latest breakthroughs, campaigns and how you can support our life-saving work, please contact us on **0300 123 3379** (Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm) or email preferences@cancer.org.uk

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Dr Edd James

On behalf of Cancer Research UK, I'd like to thank you for considering using our Free Will Service to leave a gift in your Will.

The truth of science is that discoveries cannot be unmade and progress cannot be undone. Each breakthrough inspires the next until the day comes when everyone survives cancer.

With 1 in 2 of us born after 1960 in the UK likely to be diagnosed with cancer in our lifetime, we need to keep making the breakthroughs that save lives. This is why we're committed to ensuring 3 in 4 people in the UK who are diagnosed with cancer survive their disease for 10 years or more by 2034 and, beyond that, even more.

Gifts in Wills help us continue our vital work and make treatments even more effective for future generations, bringing forward the day when nobody fears the disease. By pledging to leave a gift in your Will, you'll become an essential part of this effort.

Together with your pledge to fund the breakthroughs, and our pledge to make the breakthroughs, we will create a future where everyone survives cancer.

Thank you for your support.

Dr Edd James

Associate Professor in
Cancer Immunology,
University of Southampton
(funded by Cancer Research UK)

Join us in beating cancer for future generations

Thanks to our generous supporters, we are the largest independent funder of cancer research in the world. Our strategy is to prevent more cancers, diagnose them earlier, develop the best therapies and ensure that each patient receives the best treatment for them.

Gifts in Wills have helped us prove the link between tobacco and cancer, preventing millions of deaths worldwide and have also helped us prove the value of cervical screening which now prevents thousands of death every year.

Pledging to leave a gift in your Will to Cancer Research UK is an incredible thing to do because it will help beat cancer for future generations – and every gift matters, large or small.

Did you know?



Thanks to our supporters we have funded 4,000 scientists, doctors and nurses, and we have helped cancer survival double over the last 40 years.

Together we will create a future where everyone survives cancer

Thanks to cutting-edge research, overall cancer survival has doubled since the 1970s, and today, 2 in 4 people survive the disease for 10 years or more. But we cannot rest whilst people still suffer, and with your support we can save lives for generations to come.

1 in 4



1970s
survival

2 in 4



survive
today

3 in 4



survival by 2034
with your
support

Did you know?



We have over 80 facilitators who are working with healthcare practices across the UK to improve cancer prevention and early diagnosis.

Did you know?



Cancer Research UK's research has played a role in developing 8 of the world's top 10 cancer drugs.

Gifts in Wills are saving lives

Right now we are pioneering breakthrough research into how artificial intelligence, a simple breathalyser and even a smartphone can help detect cancer sooner. Innovations like these could save millions of lives in the future.



Leaving a gift in your Will could save lives

Gifts in Wills are vital because they enable long-term research projects to develop new treatments and cures that could save millions of lives. Thanks to the generosity of people who leave gifts in Wills, and the researchers who are making life-saving scientific discoveries, together we are creating a future that's free of the fear of cancer.

Val,
Cancer Research UK
supporter

Vals' Story

"I began supporting Cancer Research UK in 1984 when my lovely mum was diagnosed with breast cancer. She was treated with a lumpectomy but sadly died in 1985. It was heart-breaking and still is to this day. My motivation for pledging to leave a gift in my Will is because I hope the money raised will fund research so that no other families have to go through what ours did."

£600

could buy a handy tool that lets scientists accurately measure 12 samples at once, speeding up the pace of our life-saving research.

1% of a £250K estate

could fund a kit to analyse blood samples for circulating tumour cells, helping us personalise cancer care.

£7,500

could fund 9 months of a clinical trial into improving treatments for lung cancer.

20% of a £400,000 estate

could buy a time-saving robot to extract the DNA from cells, helping our scientists to find new ways to beat cancer.

Did you know?

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We are the only charity fighting over 200 cancer types and we receive no government funding for our life-saving research.

£300,000

could buy a high-tech infra-red laser that lets microscopes see deeper into samples to keep our research at the forefront of scientific breakthroughs.

Did you know?

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80p in every £1 we receive goes into funding our vital research, while the other 20p helps raise more funds to support research.



Write your Will for free using the Free Will Service

Our Free Will Service is for anyone aged 18 or over. We cover the cost of a simple Will, and most people who use it choose to include a gift to Cancer Research UK. Here are a few things to think about if you decide to leave us a gift in your Will.

Choosing how and where your gift is spent

If you'd like to, you can decide where the gift in your Will should go through 'restricted giving'. This means your gift can be restricted to a specific type of cancer or research institute of your choice.

Minimising inheritance tax liability

If you leave a gift in your Will, you may be able to reduce, or even eliminate your inheritance tax liability. Gifts to charities are 100% tax-free and are taken out of your estate before tax is calculated.

Since April 2017, if you leave 10% of your net estate, after certain deductions, your inheritance tax rate will be reduced from 40% to 36%. Please be aware that these rates are subject to change.

If this sounds like something you might want to consider, we recommend talking to your Will-writing service provider or HMRC for further advice.

Did you know?

Over one third of our life-saving research is funded by gifts in Wills. Without them we would not be able to undertake the vital research that will one day beat cancer.



How to use the Free Will Service



Write or update your Will in person with one of our nationwide partnered solicitors. Find your local solicitor online by visiting cruk.org/find-solicitor



Create your simple Will over the phone with our trusted Co-op Legal Services partners by calling **0330 606 9613**. Available to supporters in England and Wales.



Write your Will online with professional support by visiting cruk.org/freewillservice. Available to supporters in England and Wales.

Frequently asked questions

Does Cancer Research UK cover the cost of any Will?

As a charity, we have to carefully consider how we spend every penny of our money. We have fixed fees for the service agreed with our members which cover the cost of simple Wills.

You may be liable to pay any costs which exceed this agreed limit. Please discuss this with your Will-writing service provider before you use the Free Will Service.

What are the different types of gifts I can leave in my Will?

The most common types of gifts people leave to us in their Will are specific amounts of money (pecuniary gifts) or a percentage share of an estate (residuary gifts). A residuary gift is the most beneficial because it will retain its value and won't be affected by inflation.

People also choose to leave us specific gifts, like jewellery, stocks and shares, or a property.

Why does Cancer Research UK pay for Wills?

Cancer Research UK pays for supporters to write a 'simple' Will, mirror Will, single Codicil or mirror Codicil, as this helps to drive income from gifts in Wills by removing the need for supporters to pay for their Will.

Can anyone use the Free Will Service?

You must be aged 18 or over to use the service. If you're writing a joint Will with your partner, only one of you needs to be 18 or over.

Can Cancer Research UK act as an executor of my Will?

Yes. We have Trust Corporation status which means we can act as an executor.

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