



**beatson
cancer
charity**

Be THERE FOREVER

Your guide to leaving a gift in your Will



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I OWE THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE TO THE BEATSON

“My name is Stuart, and this is a picture of me and my wife Gillian on our wedding day in 2015. It was the happiest moment of my life – but one I thought I’d never see.

“Back in 2012, I was told I had testicular cancer. I was terrified, thinking I wouldn’t live to marry Gillian or hold our baby in my arms. It wasn’t until I met Nicola, a brilliant Clinical Nurse Specialist at The Beatson, that I felt more positive. She became my lifeline, explaining my treatment plan, answering my questions, and reassuring me when I was down.

“Then, in 2013, I was given the all-clear. I could live again, marry Gillian and build a future together. Later, we got the news that I should be able to have kids. It was just wonderful. But I couldn’t have got through it all without Nicola, which is why I’ll be forever thankful to Beatson Cancer Charity and the generous legacies that help fund amazing people like her.”

GIFTS IN WILLS

ARE CRUCIAL TO US TODAY... AND TOMORROW

To maintain the highest levels of care – and to give every patient the individual treatment and support they deserve – we rely on the gifts that supporters leave us in their Wills.

Why we need these special gifts, now and in the future

In the west of Scotland, more than one in three people are affected by cancer – the highest rate in Europe. In fact, every year, 8,000 new patients come through our doors, making The Beatson one of the busiest cancer centres in the UK. Last year alone, we delivered 25,000 potentially life-saving courses of chemotherapy.

32,000 people were diagnosed with cancer in Scotland in 2013, but this figure is expected to rise to 40,000 by 2027*.

To help fund the very best cancer treatment and care, both now and in the future, we depend on gifts in Wills. In fact, in 2015 a third of our voluntary income came from supporters who remember us in this special way.

Every gift, large or small, makes a difference

Every gift that's left to us, no matter what size, makes a huge difference to people's lives.

Thousands of people across the west of Scotland – mums, dads, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters – are alive and well today thanks to these extra special gifts.

You can be there for tomorrow's cancer patients

As more and more people survive cancer, the need for our world-leading care and support will only grow. By leaving a gift in your Will to Beatson Cancer Charity, you can be there for people as they battle cancer in the years ahead. You can be there when they need the best possible treatment. You can be there when they need a calming therapy. You can be there when they need a hand to hold. Through your gift, you can be there forever.

*Beating Cancer: Scottish Govt. March 2016



Professor Anthony Chalmers,
Clinical Oncology Institute of
Cancer Sciences & Beatson
West of Scotland Cancer Centre,
University of Glasgow

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**GIFTS IN WILLS make
LONG-TERM CANCER
RESEARCH POSSIBLE.
THEY ARE OUR
LIFEBLOOD**

“I'm Professor Anthony Chalmers and I run a research lab at the Beatson Cancer Centre in Glasgow. One of the most difficult aspects of my job is planning for the future. Nearly all of our funding comes from grant applications, which are highly competitive. You never know if a grant will be funded, so you can't guarantee that you'll be able to pay the salaries of your research team from one year to the next. Many very talented researchers give up science, or have to move to other labs, because of the lack of security.

“The great thing about gifts in Wills is that they help give researchers like me that valuable sense of security. Knowing that funding will be available in the years to come makes a huge difference to the way we approach our work. We're able to hold on to our best researchers, and commit to longer term projects, such as the Radiotherapy Research Project I'm currently leading. By increasing the effectiveness of radiotherapy treatments, this key research will have a significant impact on survival rates and quality of life for cancer patients.”

WHAT KIND OF GIFT CAN YOU LEAVE TO BEATSON CANCER CHARITY IN YOUR WILL?

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Making or amending your Will to include a gift to Beatson Cancer Charity is easier than you think with the help of a solicitor, and needn't cost a lot of money.
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Loved ones come first

Of course, we understand that you'll want to make sure your family and friends are properly looked after. However, once you've provided for your loved ones, you may also wish to leave a gift to Beatson Cancer Charity.

If that's something you'd like to consider, there are three main ways to remember us in your Will. Whichever you choose, your gift to Beatson Cancer Charity will bring the very best cancer care and treatment to future generations of patients and their families.

A share of your estate

Once you've provided for your loved ones, and settled any debts due, you can leave a share of whatever remains to Beatson Cancer Charity. It can be any percentage you like, it's up to you. Residuary gifts like these are popular because they keep pace with inflation and don't lose their value over time.

A fixed sum of money

Also known as a pecuniary gift, this is a gift of a specific amount of money. If you do decide to leave this type of gift, it's worth reviewing from time to time as inflation can reduce its value. One way to prevent this happening is to link it to inflation in your Will.

A gift of a specific item

You can also choose to leave a specific gift of property, land, shares, jewellery or other valuables, such as antiques.

Adding us to an existing Will

If you want to add Beatson Cancer Charity to an existing Will, it is relatively straightforward using a codicil. Your solicitor should be able to guide you through the process, but one of the most important things he will need to know is our Scottish Charity Number, which is SC044442.

Do you have a question?

There's an information sheet in the back of this guide featuring some of the questions that are most frequently asked by our supporters who are considering this special and personal way of giving.

£3,000

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could pay for 250 hours of complementary therapies in the Beatson Cancer Charity's Wellbeing Centre – helping patients relax and manage their pain.



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I WANT TO HELP THE BEATSON IN MEMORY OF MY LATE WIFE

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“I'm David Glen, and I'm leaving a legacy to Beatson Cancer Charity in the name of my late wife, Trina. We were married in 1993 and enjoyed some incredible times together. Full of life and a successful businesswoman, Trina was just 34 when she was tragically diagnosed with breast cancer. Her battle was long and arduous, but she bore it with much fortitude and courage until she died peacefully at home with her family around her.

“During her many years of treatment, Trina came to The Beatson for radiotherapy sessions, and I know she would want to do whatever she could to alleviate suffering in others. I feel the best way to do this is by making sure The Beatson is there for many more cancer patients and their families in the years to come. I know it's what Trina would have wanted, as she always used to say where there is hope, we all have a duty to be hopeful.”

*David Glen, Beatson Cancer Charity Director,
Chair of Audit and Finance Committee.*

HOW TO REMEMBER US IN YOUR WILL

Every gift left to Beatson Cancer Charity, whether it's large or small, is a potential lifeline to cancer patients and their families. If you're considering making this wonderful gesture, but you're not sure where to start, here's a quick guide that should help.

1. Make a list of what you own

Write down all of your assets and roughly what they're worth. Then, make another list of everything you owe, such as any outstanding mortgage or bank loans. This will give you a good idea of what your estate is worth. To help you, we've enclosed a handy Will planner at the back of this guide.

2. Think about friends, family and causes you care about

Think carefully about the people and organisations you want to remember in your Will, then decide how you'd like to divide your estate between them. Naturally, the needs of your family and friends will come first, but you may also want to include a gift to causes that are close to your heart.

3. Consider what type of gifts you'd like to leave

There are several ways to remember someone in your Will. Take a look at page six of this guide for the different types of gift that you can leave.

4. Choose your executors

Consider who you'd like to carry out your wishes after your death. They'll usually be friends, relatives or professional people you trust.

5. Arrange to meet your solicitor

We always recommend that you use a solicitor. It's vital that your Will is drawn up or amended professionally to provide security for your loved ones. To save you time and money, Beatson Cancer Charity has teamed up with McClure Solicitors to provide a range of free or half price Will services. For more details, take a look at the information enclosed in the pocket at the back of this guide.

6. Keep your Will safe

Your Will is an important document, so it's best to keep it in a safe place at home. Better still, leave a copy with your solicitor.

£4,500

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could fund patient and family support services at The Beatson for 25 days – helping families through a really tough time in their lives.

OUR PROMISE TO CANCER PATIENTS – AND TO YOU

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When someone comes to The Beatson for help, we promise them something very special. We assure them that we will do everything in our power to relieve their pain – and that we'll always treat them as a person, not just a patient.

“Similarly, when it comes to helping Beatson Cancer Charity's work, we make you a solemn promise. We'll never put you under any pressure to leave us a gift in your Will, or even tell us what your intentions are. And whatever you decide, you are free to change your mind at any time. Finally, we guarantee to keep your personal information private and confidential at all times.

Martin Cawley
Chief Executive
Beatson Cancer Charity



We're Here TO HELP

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A gift in your Will is a wonderful thing – it costs you nothing in your lifetime, yet it can make the world of difference to someone facing cancer in the future.
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The information in this guide should provide you with some of the key things you'll need to consider if you're thinking about remembering us in your Will, but if there's anything else you'd like to know please get in touch. We can't give you legal advice, but we'll do our best to answer any questions you have.

We'd love to hear from you

Remembering us in your Will is a very personal decision, so you'll want to consider it carefully. However, if you do decide to support us in this special way, we'd love to hear from you so that we can thank you for your kindness. If you are happy to share your intentions, please use the 'Your wishes' form in the back of this guide.

If you'd like to have a no-obligation, confidential chat about gifts in Wills, please get in touch with our Legacy Officer, Kirsty Emmerson:

Telephone: 0141 212 0505

Email:

fundraising@beatsoncancercharity.org **Web:**
www.beatsoncancercharity.org

Or you can write to:

Kirsty Emmerson
Legacy Officer
Beatson Cancer Charity
Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre 1053
Great Western Road
Glasgow, G12 0YN



PLANNING YOUR WILL

Do you know what your estate is worth? This handy checklist will help you assess the value of your property and possessions. What's more, it could save you time and money with your solicitor.

ASSETS (what you own)

House	£
Other land or property	£
Car(s)	£
Furniture/antiques	£
Jewellery/clothing	£
Stocks and shares	£
Insurance policies	£
Bank/building society accounts	£
ISAs/other savings	£
Life assurance policies	£
Pension death benefits	£
Money owed to you	£
TOTAL ASSETS	£

LIABILITIES (what you owe)

Mortgage	£
Loans	£
HP agreements	£
Overdraft	£
Credit cards	£
Tax due	£
Any other liabilities	£
TOTAL LIABILITIES	£
TOTAL ASSETS	£
Minus TOTAL LIABILITIES	£
TOTAL VALUE OF YOUR ESTATE	£

ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

Do I need to make a Will?

Making a Will is the only way to ensure that your exact wishes are carried out after your death. Otherwise, your family and friends may not be provided for in the way that you want. What's more, without a Will, your loved ones may be faced with an unwelcome tax bill.

Isn't a Will complicated to arrange?

No, it can be very straightforward, especially if you're clear about your wishes. We've enclosed a handy 'Planning your Will' leaflet to help you.

Do I need to see a solicitor?

No, but it's very important that a Will contains the correct legal wording. That's why we always recommend that you use a solicitor.

I have a Will already. Can I amend it to include a gift?

Yes, you can do this by asking your solicitor to add a codicil to your Will. In general, it's good to review your Will from time to time to make sure that it reflects any changing circumstances in your family's life, such as births, deaths, marriages or divorce.

What about inheritance tax?

In 2015/16, the inheritance tax threshold is £325,000. This means that inheritance tax of 40% is paid on any amount that exceeds that threshold. However, if you leave a gift to Beatson Cancer Charity in your Will, you won't have to pay any tax on it. In fact, leaving gifts to charity in your Will can reduce the total amount of your estate that may be liable for inheritance tax when you die.

Can I choose where my gift goes?

We'll always use your gift where it is most needed, but you may want to speak to us if you wish your gift to be used for a specific purpose.

What if I don't have much to leave in my Will?

We're grateful for every gift we receive, no matter what size. Every penny helps The Beatson bring world-class cancer care to those who need it most.

HELP WITH MAKING YOUR WILL

If you are considering remembering Beatson Cancer Charity with a gift in your Will, it's important to get the right advice. To help you make the best decisions about leaving a gift in your Will, Beatson Cancer Charity has teamed up with McClure Solicitors to provide a range of helpful services to save you time and money.

To benefit from these free or half-price services, all that McClure asks is that you consider making a donation to Beatson Cancer Charity.

FREE WILLS

It's vital to have a professionally written Will that reflects your wishes for family, friends and any organisations you want to remember. McClure Solicitors will prepare your Will free of charge, giving you the peace-of-mind that you've provided for your family's future.

FREE WILL REVIEW

If you already have a Will, McClure Solicitors will review it free of charge. This is ideal if your personal or family circumstances have changed, or if it's been a long time since you made your original Will.

HALF-PRICE POWER OF ATTORNEY

A Power of Attorney appoints someone to act for you if you become unable to manage your own affairs. If this is something that you might consider, McClure Solicitors will prepare this important legal document for half-price.



To find out more about McClure's services or to request any of the leaflets shown here, please call us on **0141 212 0505**.

LET US KNOW YOU'LL BE THERE

If you do decide to leave a gift in your Will to Beatson Cancer Charity, it would be wonderful if you could let us know so that we could thank you personally.

If you wish, simply tell us in your own words below what you've decided and return this form to us. You won't be committing yourself to anything and we'll keep whatever you say in the strictest confidence. Thank you so much.

I'd like you to contact me about leaving a gift in my Will to Beatson Cancer Charity.

Name:

Address:

Address: Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Please let us know if you are happy for us to contact you by email: or phone:

Would you prefer to speak to someone in person about your Will? If so, please call our Legacy Officer, Marie Newcombe, on **0141 212 0505**. Or you can email fundraising@beatsoncancercharity.org

If you would prefer us not to contact you, please let us know at: Beatson Cancer Charity, The Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre, 1053 Great Western Road, Glasgow G12 0YN, phone: 0141 212 0505 or email: info@beatsoncancercharity.org

Be THERE

FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF CANCER PATIENTS

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We all want to leave our mark on the world. Something that says, "I was here, I made a difference." One of the most special ways to be remembered is to leave a gift in your Will to Beatson Cancer Charity. A gift that will have a deep, lasting and transforming effect on the lives of people battling cancer in the future.
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An extra special way to give... and to show you care

Thousands of people have The Beatson close to their hearts. For some, it's because of a doctor's compassion at the most terrifying moment of their lives. Or the caring way a nurse helped their mum, dad, brother or sister get through the ordeal of treatment. For others, it will be the calming touch of a therapist, which helped them to relax and manage their symptoms. It's because The Beatson touches lives so intimately that many people like to show their gratitude in the most personal way

possible – by leaving a gift to Beatson Cancer Charity in their Wills. It's such a special way to say thank you to the 950 dedicated staff who, first and foremost, treat every patient as a person. These meaningful gifts also help to keep The Beatson at the forefront of research that could lead to more effective treatments for many more people facing cancer. Remembering us in your Will is such a wonderful way to be there for future generations of cancer patients.



Be THERE FOREVER WITH a GIFT IN YOUR WILL

