

Leaving your Legacy

Celebrate
your life
with a gift
to your
local
hospital



**This leaflet provides information on how to make
a gift in your will to Southend Hospital Charity**



I feel so lucky to have had the treatment, and to have been so well during it and since. I can't thank everyone who supported the charity enough ... I'm proof that it does make a difference.

John Toplis, 68, diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2007. Mr Toplis was the first patient to benefit from revolutionary image-guided radiotherapy treatment from equipment bought through our Pinpoint Cancer Appeal.

Your promise to tomorrow

No-one likes to think about dying. But preparing for when the time comes is something we all have to do, for the sake of our loved ones. Taking the time to make a will ensures the people you love and the causes you care about are provided for.

Southend University Hospital was in fact founded back in 1932 on a series of legacies and gifts from its townspeople. Over the years, patients, families and friends have left legacies as a sign of appreciation for all the wonderful work and services provided by your local hospital.

The money has helped improve our services, research new treatments and enhance the environment – laying the foundations for improved healthcare for decades to come.

By leaving a legacy to Southend Hospital Charity you will be helping to ensure that future generations will benefit from the very best the hospital has to offer.



How your legacy can make a difference

Thanks to one-off or combined legacies to Southend Hospital Charity, these are just of the projects we have been able to fund:

- £88,000 towards the purchase of a digital mammography machine for the breast care unit
- £20,000 for electric beds for the stroke unit
- £5,000 for two diabetic insulin pumps
- £10,000 for artwork, toys and child-friendly decoration for the new children's outpatient department

Help fund the future by leaving a gift in your will



Leaving a legacy is easy to do

In order to leave a legacy you will need to write a will, which can be arranged by contacting a bank or solicitor. Including a legacy into your existing will via a codicil (overleaf) should only take a few minutes.

There are different types of legacies.

A pecuniary legacy is for a specific sum of money

A residuary legacy/bequest is the sum of money left after your specific requests have been made and debts, tax and costs paid. This is called the residue and you could consider leaving this to Southend Hospital Charity, should you wish to do so.

How to do it

If you already have a will and wish to leave a gift, you can just complete the codicil overleaf and place it with the original version of your will. You will not need to prepare a new will, but it's worth advising your next of kin of your decision.

Make a difference

Your gift can be left to the hospital in general, to a specific ward or department for research or for patient care. It's **your** choice.

Southend Hospital Charity

Southend Hospital Charity is the associated charity for Southend University NHS Foundation Trust. The charity manages the charitable funds and legacies donated to the hospital, ensuring they are used to provide the best possible care for patients.

Gifts to charity are exempt from inheritance tax, so it's a very tax-efficient way of giving. A legacy is also a commitment to the future, and will be remembered for many years to come.

You can be assured that any contribution you make will go directly to improving people's lives.

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