

**St Joseph's Hospice** is proud to be a member of **Remember A Charity**. In the biggest combined effort ever in the UK, over 140 UK charities have joined forces with the legal profession in a bid to raise awareness about donations to charities in wills. The campaign is designed to change attitudes, generate enthusiasm and increase the number of people leaving money to charities. Together we can all leave the world a better place. For more information on Remember A Charity please visit the Campaign website on [www.rememberacharity.org.uk](http://www.rememberacharity.org.uk) or call the Campaign freephone number on **0808 1 80 20 80**.

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People like you, supporting us





Can you remember St Joseph's in your will?

Some of our supporters remember us, one last time, by leaving us a gift in their will. We remember them every day. Their kindness means that we can continue to provide patients, now and into the future, with the best treatment, and help them live fully and well until the end.

St Joseph's has been enhancing lives, easing pain and bringing comfort and understanding for over a hundred years. St Joseph's broad range of services enriches the lives of patients who have an illness which cannot be cured and the lives of their families from the diverse communities of east and north-east London. We work to meet all the needs of our patients,

including those which reflect their ethnic, cultural or religious preferences.

St Joseph's cares for people in the hospice on Mare Street in Hackney, as well as in their own homes. The focus is on caring for the whole person which includes their physical, emotional and spiritual needs as well as supporting their friends and family through a difficult time.

St Joseph's end of life care is available free of charge to all those who can benefit from it. As a recognised charity, we depend on the generosity of our supporters through **volunteering, donations and legacies.**

Every day we remember, with thanks, those who have helped us to care for our patients.



## Life enhancing care

“My wife was a patient in St Joseph’s for 17 days in April 2005 and I was with her every day for 6 – 7 hours, until she passed away peacefully. She was cared for by people so devoted to their jobs that I call them angels, they were angels then and they are angels today. The way I see it is that my wife was being looked after using someone else’s money and when my time comes our money will care for other people.

I, like most people, did not know how hospices existed, but by spending time in the hospice I soon learnt how they exist. So I went home and made the decision there and then that I would make St Joseph’s the sole beneficiary of my will.

I’m very happy with what I have done, because I have made many friends in the hospice and every time I go there I feel at home and I know that they will use my legacy wisely”.

**Len Pomerance's story**

“My husband and I are young and we have no children, but you still do need to consider what will happen to your estate when your time eventually comes. We have decided that upon our death our estate should benefit charities. St Joseph’s cared for my mother-in-law some years ago. It was a difficult time for us all, but the hospice looked after her beautifully and so we have decided to thank St Joseph’s by remembering them in our will and have made the necessary arrangements with our solicitor”

**Mr and Mrs Bean**

## Making your will **Frequently asked questions**

**Q:** Do I have to name an actual charity, or can I just leave money 'to help the sick' or 'for Hospice Care'?

**A:** It's best to be specific – that's the only way to be sure your wishes are completely clear. If you would like to leave a legacy to St Joseph's, please state that in your will. If you need to confirm any of our charity's details, please call us on 020 8525 6000 or visit our website at [www.stjh.org.uk](http://www.stjh.org.uk)

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**Q:** Do I need to tell St Joseph's that I've included them in my will?

**A:** It's not essential, but we would be delighted if you chose to. Simply phone or write to our charity's Legacy Promotion Officer. You can change your mind at any time and any information that you give to us will be treated in strictest confidence.

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**Q:** What are the tax advantages of leaving money to charity?

**A:** Under current legislation, if the estate you leave behind is less than the 'nil-rate' band (which varies each tax year) your beneficiaries will not have to pay Inheritance Tax of 40%. However, if your estate is worth more than this threshold, they will have to pay Inheritance Tax on anything beyond the nil-rate band. A legacy left to your spouse is exempt from tax. Further details of the current tax threshold is available on the HM Revenue & Customs website: [www.hmrc.gov.uk/rates/inheritance.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/rates/inheritance.htm). However, donations to charity are exempt from tax, so anything you leave to St Joseph's Hospice is free of Inheritance Tax and we will receive the full amount. Ask your solicitor about the best ways to use your will to reduce tax.

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**Q:** What will it cost me?

**A:** When your solicitor is next updating your will simply ask them to include a donation to your favourite cause. It doesn't need to cost anything extra if you are already revising your will. Apart from that there's only the price of the phone call to tell us if you wish – that's all it will cost in your lifetime.

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**Q:** Do I have to leave a lot?

**A:** It's up to you. We would be very grateful for any amount you are able to afford and your donation will make a real difference to St Joseph's caring work.

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**Q:** I want to remember St Joseph's in my Will – what should I do next?

**A:** Simply tell your solicitor you want to include the Hospice in your will and what you want to leave, and they'll make the necessary changes. Our details are on the reverse of this leaflet. On behalf of everyone at St Joseph's Hospice, but particularly on behalf of our future patients – thank you.

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**£1,000 provides 1 hour of life enhancing care.**

How much can you give to help us enhance a life beyond yours.