

Leave your legacy

in the hands of your Friends



Make a lasting impact on the lives of cancer patients and their families today.

## Make a lasting impact

on the lives of cancer patients and their families today

One of the easiest ways you can make a lasting difference after your lifetime is with a gift to The Friends of St Luke's in your will – also called a bequest or legacy.

In fact just a few sentences in your will are all it takes. This simple act can become your greatest legacy, by securing delivery of world-class care and facilities, life-changing research, and innovative technology for children and adults receiving cancer treatment at St Luke's Radiation Centres located at St James's Hospital, Beaumont Hospital, and St Luke's Hospital in Rathgar.

#### What your gift supports

Every year, The Friends of St Luke's supports thousands of patients through their cancer journey – providing access to expert care, a comforting environment, and groundbreaking research. Our impact extends across the St Luke's Radiation Oncology Network – one of the largest in Europe, and the only place in Ireland where children can receive radiation treatment.

By leaving a gift in your will, you help fund life-saving treatment, improve patient facilities, and bring comfort, dignity, and hope to those facing cancer. It's an incredible way to make a difference – one that will be felt by families across Ireland for many years to come.



# Wills, Legacy & Bequest Basics: Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Putting your family first**

If you're thinking about making your will – or if it's been a few years since you last reviewed it – now is the perfect time to act. Recent changes to inheritance tax thresholds mean your loved ones may benefit from greater tax-free allowances. By planning ahead and speaking with a solicitor, you can ensure your wishes are honoured, your family is protected, and a portion of your estate can be used to make a lasting difference to the lives of others.

#### Do I really need a will?

If you own property or are concerned about who inherits your assets and belongings after your death, you need a will. Even if you don't plan to leave a bequest to charity, a will is the only way for you to say how you want your things distributed. Without a will in place those decisions fall to others. You also lose your one chance to reduce what Revenue can claim. The good news is that it's not difficult to make a proper will. It's a basic service most solicitors provide so scheduling your appointment is just a phone call away.

### Free will writing service – no obligation, just support

We have partnered with FreeWill.ie to offer you access to a simple, free will-writing service. Contact us today and you'll receive a personalised code that allows you to create your will online at no cost. This service is designed for straightforward wills; if your estate is more complex, additional advice may be needed from your solicitor. It's entirely your choice what to include in your will, and a solicitor will provide independent guidance. There is absolutely no obligation to leave a gift to The Friends of St Luke's when using the free will-writing service, but we hope that you might consider making a legacy gift to help future generations facing cancer.

### How can I leave a gift to The Friends of St Luke's?

You can include a charitable gift in your will in two ways:

 Residuary Bequest: This is the remainder of your estate, or a percentage of it, after your loved ones have received their gifts.

Sample wording to share with your solicitor:

"I give to The Friends of St Luke's Hospital of Highfield Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6, Ireland, all of [or \_\_\_\_\_\_% of] the residue of my estate whatsoever and wheresoever, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other officer for the time being of the said Organisation shall be a full and sufficient discharge of the same."

Pecuniary Bequest: This is a gift of a fixed amount of money.

Sample wording to share with your solicitor:

"I give the sum of €\_\_\_\_\_ or I bequeath [the item specified] to The Friends of St Luke's Hospital of Highfield Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6, Ireland, and I direct that the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the said Organisation shall be proper and sufficient discharge for the same."

Details for your solicitor/will writer:

Charity Name: The Friends of St Luke's (Hospital) Dublin

Registered Charity No: 20009458

Revenue CHY No: 5854

Registered Office: St Luke's Hospital, Highfield

Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6, Ireland

#### Can I update my will if it's already made?

Yes. Amending your will to include a final gift to The Friends of St Luke's or any other charity is easy. This change is called a 'codicil' and can be discussed with and drawn up by your solicitor.





### Do I have to tell you if I include a gift for The Friends of St Luke's?

We believe that a will is your personal business. So while we'd love to thank you, at The Friends of St Luke's it's always your choice to let us know in advance of your decision. One advantage to you is that by telling us in advance of a gift in your will, you can choose (if you wish) the areas of our work that you most want your bequest to support after you're gone.

### I still have questions. Can I speak with someone confidentially?

Yes, you are always welcome to schedule a confidential call with us on +353 1 406 5314 for queries big and small, to learn more about our work, to meet with us personally, or to let us know that you've remembered The Friends of St Luke's in your will. We have the deepest respect for your privacy and will help you however we can.

#### We are here to help

If you are considering a gift in your will to The Friends of St Luke's, or if you've already done so and want to let us know, please call Natalia on +353 1 406 53 14, email to natalia@friendsofstlukes.ie, or schedule a visit at St Luke's in Rathgar. We're happy to assist however we can.

#### A lasting impact thanks to you

Thank you for taking this vital step to learn about leaving a legacy. Your generosity will bring hope, comfort, and care to those affected by cancer throughout Ireland, today and for generations to come.

And thank you, as always for caring about your friends.



