

**82%**

of our running costs are paid for by donations, legacies and fundraising

“ I can't praise the staff enough for their respect and understanding - offering support when it was needed to family and friends and also giving me the space I needed as a temperamental 16-year old to deal with everything in my own way. In an ideal world, hospices wouldn't need to exist. This is not an ideal world, and as I've matured I have become more comfortable reflecting on that time. The gravity of what the team at the hospice did for my mom and my family really can't be overestimated. ”



## Get in touch

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## Support us

Join us on social media for updates on fundraising events and hospice news:

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Text **TMSH22£5** to **70070** to donate **£5**

The Mary Stevens Hospice is a registered charity, supporting patients across Dudley Borough, Sandwell, Worcestershire, Wyre Forest, Warwickshire and South Staffordshire.

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# Leaving a legacy... the gift of a lifetime



## Why we need your support

At The Mary Stevens Hospice, we deliver high quality specialist and holistic care for adults with life-limiting illnesses and provide vital support for their families and carers. Your donations have allowed us to provide this support for almost 30 years and we want to continue this for future generations.

There are many ways you can support us - just £3 could feed one patient for a day and £3000 could pay for a specialist mattress providing comfort and alleviating pain for our patients.

## The importance of what we do

The Mary Stevens Hospice offers not only physical and practical care for terminally ill patients, but emotional and spiritual support for those faced with serious illnesses, compromised quality of life, bereavement and grief.

We pride ourselves on providing care free of charge for all those who need it including continued support for the families of our in-patients after they have passed. Our hospice is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, providing care for patients with illnesses such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease and Parkinson's disease.

Every gift allows us to continue our work supporting the local community in its time of need

## Why write a Will?

Writing a Will removes any uncertainty for those left behind - giving you control over your affairs and ensuring your loved ones and chosen charities are cared for. Without a Will expressing your wishes, a court will choose an administrator for your estate or, if needed, a guardian for your minor(s). The court appointed administrator will distribute your property according to the intestacy laws, regardless of any desires you may have expressed during your life.

## How we can help

We work closely with many local solicitors to ensure people's wishes are carried out properly and with respect. This group of legal advisors support the hospice where these leaflets are displayed. However, please get in touch for more information about local solicitors and a potential discount on writing your Will.

## Benefits of leaving a legacy

Leaving a legacy, or charitable donation in your Will, not only helps future generations but also reduces the amount of inheritance tax you and your loved ones will pay. All charitable donations are exempt from inheritance tax and are deducted from the value of your estate, potentially taking your estate below the inheritance tax level.

# The impact of your donations

**£8,000**

could pay for the entire hospice for one day



**£25,000**

could pay for the cost of a nurse for a year



**£175**

could pay for a full days care in our Day Services Unit



**£2,000**

could pay for over 600 meals in our Day Services Unit

**£8**

could pay for a 'Memory Box', which patients create to leave a physical memory for their family to cherish



**£400**

could pay for one volunteer to train in providing bereavement support to families

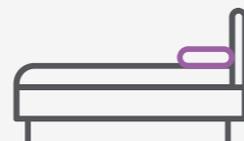


**£150**

could pay for five 1 hour sessions of bereavement support for a child

**£3,000**

could pay for a specialist mattress for an in-patient bed



**£694**

could pay for 24 hours care in our In-Patient Unit

## How to leave a legacy to The Mary Stevens Hospice

By leaving a legacy, you can help us to continue improving the quality of life for future patients, allowing them and their families to get the care and support they need. If you wish to leave a gift to The Mary Stevens Hospice in your Will, whether you are part of our community or have seen the work of the hospice first-hand, there are three main ways to help:

### Pecuniary Legacy

A gift of a fixed amount of money. It is simple and straightforward, but makes no allowance for inflation.

### Specific Legacy

Leaving something of specific value. These can be items of property, shares, jewellery or furniture.

### Residuary Legacy

Leaving the balance of your estate after everything else has been taken care of.

### Informing the Hospice of your intentions

If you have chosen to leave a gift to The Mary Stevens Hospice in your will, we would love to hear from you so we can thank you personally. There is, of course, no obligation to do so.