





## Why leave a gift in your Will?

**When making a Will your first thought may be to make sure that family and friends are provided for, but after that you may wish to leave a gift to charity.**

I have had personal experience of the work and support that LOROS gives to its patients and their families. My late husband was diagnosed with terminal cancer in 1988 and it was LOROS that helped and cared for him and my family until he died in 1989. Like so many people, I wanted to say thank you and to give something back for the wonderful care that was given to us and that is why I have left a gift to LOROS in my Will.

As President of LOROS, I am asking you to consider making a gift in your Will too. This will help to ensure that the special care and support will be there in the future for our patients and their families. My grateful thanks go to you all for considering supporting us in this way.

A handwritten signature in white ink on a dark background. The signature is cursive and reads 'Jennifer Lady Gretton'.

Jennifer, Lady Gretton DCVO JP  
President of LOROS

# Who are LOROS?

## Who we are and what we do

LOROS Hospice is a local charity and every year we care for over 2,500 people across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. We provide free, high-quality, compassionate care and support to terminally ill adult patients, their family and carers.

## How much it costs and how much LOROS relies on gifts in Wills

It costs us **£7.7 million each year** to be able to deliver our services. We do receive some funding through the NHS, but we still need to **raise at least £5 million each year** through voluntary income, including gifts in Wills. Gifts in Wills support **one in four** of our patients each year.

**Did you know, by leaving a gift in your Will to LOROS, you could help in the following ways:**

**£50**  
could pay for  
**10 patient's meals**  
for a day



**£500**  
could pay for the  
**collection of 50**  
**patients from home**  
to access LOROS  
services at the hospice



**£1,000**  
could pay for  
**40 complementary**  
**therapy sessions**  
for patients and their  
family members



**£5,000**  
could cover the cost  
of **20 patients to**  
**attend our day**  
**therapy service**



**£6,300**  
could pay for the  
care of an impatient  
for a **12 day stay**  
at the hospice



**£43,000**  
could cover the  
**annual cost** of  
providing care on our  
ward for **6 patients**





# Are you interested in leaving a gift in your Will to LOROS?



**Legacies, also known as gifts in Wills, play a huge part in helping us continue to develop LOROS as a place of care and support for terminally ill patients, their families and carers.**

Legacy income for the Hospice today makes up around **25% of a typical year's income** but is often the result of decisions made in Wills in the past, sometimes many years ago. That is why deciding to include a gift to LOROS in your Will today is so important to help us continue to care for terminally ill people in our community.

**A gift in your Will to LOROS costs you nothing today but will secure the future of the Hospice.**

## **Our promise to you**

- Your loved ones come first and we respect that
- We will answer your questions quickly and honestly
- Take time to make your decisions, we won't put you under pressure
- We respect your right to privacy, you don't have to tell us your decision
- Any gift we receive will be used effectively
- If there is a particular area you want your gift to go to, we will arrange it
- You can come and see the care and services we provide, just get in touch

## **LOROS runs its own Will Writing Campaign annually during the month of May.**

We work with local solicitors and Will Writers to offer a free Will Writing service, in return for a suggested donation to us. There is no obligation to remember LOROS in the Will that you make, however we are extremely grateful for any support you choose to give us and 100% of the donation you make will go to LOROS. To find out more and register your interest, please visit [loros.co.uk/wills](https://loros.co.uk/wills)

# Leaving a Gift

## a personal view



**After Colin found himself being cared for by LOROS, he decided that he wanted to leave a gift in his Will to the Hospice.**

His brother, John, presented the donation to LOROS in 2016, after Colin died following a six year battle with prostate cancer.

"Colin wrote his Will three years before he died and it included a generous legacy to LOROS," said John. "He clearly knew then how valuable they had been to him and no doubt it was a sincere thank you."

He told John over christmas he had cancer.

"I cannot begin to imagine what it was like living with a terminal illness, especially if you live alone.

"Home visits from LOROS nurses and the support from LOROS kept him going."

Colin attended Day Therapy at LOROS, where he spent time getting stuck into the arts and crafts while he was well enough to do so.

"He was also very enthusiastic about getting a meal and a haircut when he visited Day Therapy," added John.

"His visits to the Hospice were all greatly beneficial to his mental and physical health."

When Colin was admitted to LOROS, John said it was a 'difficult time' but was made easier thanks to the 'professional and compassionate care' that he was given.

"Nothing was too much trouble for anybody who worked at LOROS," said John.

"Staff went beyond the call of duty, allowing my granddaughter to take in her little dog which Colin loved to see."

John said that it would be a blessing for Colin, to know that the money he donated will help LOROS continue caring for patients just like him.

"I believe that any legacy you are able to make will continue to help ease the burden on patients and families alike at a very difficult time and I know it will make a very big difference.

"I shall be forever grateful that Colin was surrounded by the LOROS family during most of his illness and especially at the end."

# Things to consider when planning your Will...

**We know that caring for your family and friends is a priority. However, after making provision for them, if you would consider leaving a gift to LOROS it would be gratefully appreciated.**

Leaving a gift in your Will to LOROS couldn't be simpler. If you haven't made a Will yet, it can be done when you see a solicitor. If you already have a Will, your solicitor can simply make an addition to it.

If you are kindly considering leaving us a gift then the simple wording below can be used in your Will. However, we always recommend that you take professional advice to ensure the legacy meets your personal circumstances.

**Residuary gift** (that is any % from 1% to 100% depending on your circumstances)  
I give a ... % share of the residue of my estate to LOROS, charity number 506120 to be used for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of their Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

**Cash gift** (any sum of money) I give free of tax to LOROS charity number 506120 the sum of £ [words and figures] to be used for its general charitable purposes, and I declare that the receipt of their Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

If you are simply adding a gift in favour of LOROS to an existing Will, this can be done using a codicil.

A codicil need not change the terms of your current Will, it can simply add a new instruction. If you wish to make any other changes at the same time, it may be best to have your Will re-written to include all your changes in a new document.

To create a codicil simply complete a codicil form which can be found on our website [loros.co.uk/wills](https://loros.co.uk/wills), sign it in the presence of two witnesses and keep it with your existing Will. Alternatively, you may prefer to visit your solicitor who can complete this document on your behalf.

## A few simple rules:

1. Changing or adding anything to your current Will by crossing out or writing in new instructions will not be valid.
2. You will need to sign and date the document and have it witnessed by two people, just like your Will.
3. Keep the codicil with, but not attached to, your current Will in a safe place.
4. Send, or give, a copy of the Will and codicil (in a sealed envelope, if you prefer) to your executor or other trusted friend, with a note indicating where the original Will is.

## This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There is no text or other markings on the paper.



# Thank you for considering leaving a gift to LOROS in your Will.

Completing the form overleaf will give us the opportunity to say thank you, and keep you and your family informed of our work.

**Please remember that pledges are not legally binding.**





# Let us know your plans

So we can say thank you

Title:

First name:

Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

**If you tick the most appropriate box(es) below it will help us to ensure any further contact from us is more relevant to you.**

- ☐ I have already made a provision for LOROS in my Will.
- ☐ I intend to make provision for LOROS in my Will.
- ☐ Please contact me in confidence to discuss leaving a gift in my will to LOROS.

**We understand that this is a statement of your present intentions only.  
Returning this form places you under no obligation whatsoever.**

**We'd also really like to keep you updated with our news,  
activities and appeals.**

**Please tick to let us know if you would be happy for us to contact you by:**

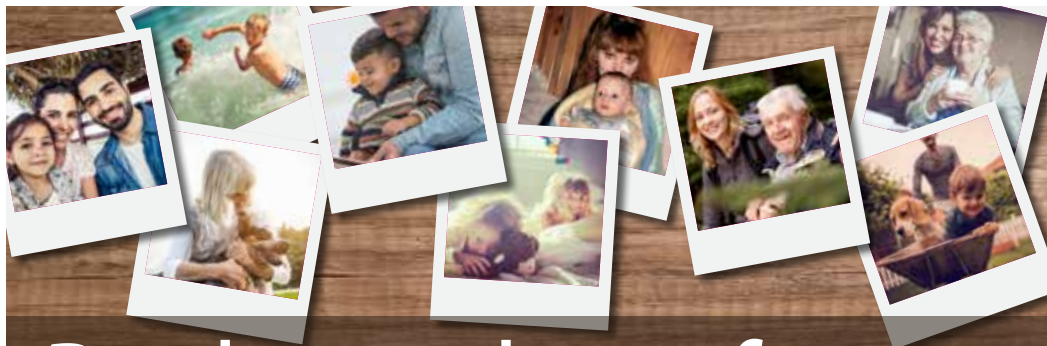
**Post** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Email** ☐ Yes ☐ No

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**Thank you very much for considering leaving a gift in your Will to LOROS**

Please complete and return to **LOROS, Groby Road, Leicester LE3 9QE**



# Be the author of your own story...*write away*

"It's comforting to know I'll be helping to secure the care and support **LOROS** delivers when I'm gone," says Catherine Osborne, who has included **LOROS** in her Will.

"Two of the hardest things to talk about are money and death, but adding **LOROS** into my Will was just so easy," said 69-year-old Catherine. "I've seen first-hand just how hard the people at **LOROS** work to raise money. I would prefer to leave money to my local Hospice rather than a huge organisation; this way, I feel more reassured that the money is helping something close to my heart."

#### Did you know?

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#### Did you know?

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#### Did you know?

**LOROS** relies on gifts in Wills to provide vital services for local people affected by terminal illnesses.

#### Did you know?

Every gift in every Will makes a difference, however large or small.

To find out more visit **loros.co.uk/wills**  
or call **(0116) 231 8431**

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and your family

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