



your legacy
your legacy
to local healthcare

REMEMBERING
BEDFORD HOSPITAL CHARITY & FRIENDS
IN YOUR WILL

Our Background

Bedford Hospitals Charity was founded in 1988 by local unpaid volunteers and since then has raised more than £10 million to fund projects aimed at improving the quality of life of patients and those who care for them. In 2018 the Charity joined with The Friends of Bedford Hospital to form...
Bedford Hospital Charity & Friends.



Who is involved?

The Charities have benefited from widespread support throughout the local community in Bedfordshire and neighbouring counties. People from all walks of life have given generously of their time and money to make the Charities successful.

The future

Raising money from legacies and bequests

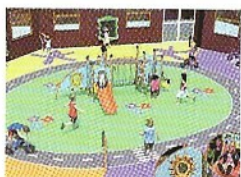
The Charity will continue to fundraise for projects that will significantly improve the care given to local patients. Individual donations and contributions from fundraising events will be essential to ensure the Charity's continued success. However, along with all other UK charities, Bedford Hospital Charity & Friends also needs to raise income from other sources. As part of a new fundraising initiative it is hoped to encourage more local people to include Bedford Hospital Charity & Friends in their will.



Including Bedford Hospital Charity & Friends
in your will...

things to consider

- It is very important to make a will and not to die intestate. It may surprise you to learn that only 3 out of 10 people in the UK make a will. If you do not make a will your estate will be divided up according to the law, not your wishes. If you have no family your whole estate could go to the State.
- Making the Charity a beneficiary in your will is a fine way of ensuring that money which you no longer need is put to good use and, at the same time, you can reduce your liability to inheritance tax.



- Any legacy left to Bedford Hospital Charity & Friends is exempt from Inheritance Tax (IHT) and therefore the full amount of your gift would go to the Charity. Such gifts (where an amount is specified) would be deducted from the value of the estate before IHT liability is calculated.
- It is always advisable to instruct a solicitor and to make sure your will is properly drawn up, valid and enforceable.
- If you have already drawn up a will, you will not always need to make a new will in order to add Bedford Hospital Charity & Friends. The addition of a simply worded codicil may suffice. Here is an example of the wording you might wish to send to your solicitor:

"I give Bedford Hospital Charity & Friends c/o Bedford Hospital NHS Trust, Kempston Road, Bedford MK42 9DJ (Registered Charity No. 299250) the sum of pounds (£.....) for its general purposes."

If you would like your gift to be used for a specific aspect of the Charity's work, the following wording would be more appropriate:

"without creating a binding trust it is my wish that the monies are applied, if possible, to the.....Appeal."

- Please be assured that any size of legacy would be welcomed by Bedford Hospital Charity & Friends and would be used to benefit local patients and carers.

Why do so many people support Bedford Hospital Charity & Friends?

- This is a local charity benefiting local people
- None of the volunteers who work for the Charity are paid and expenses are kept to a minimum. This means that in the region of 99% of all money raised goes directly to good causes
- Many of the projects funded by BHC&F are unlikely to have received funding from any other source. In other cases, the Charities have been able to significantly shorten the waiting time for life-saving equipment and introduce innovative services that have greatly improved the quality of life for patients and their carers.

Making a difference to the local community, *Examples of what has been achieved to date:*

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| ■ 1988 £440,000 Student Nurses Home | ■ 2006 £337,000 Chemotherapy Preparation Area |
| ■ 1992 £651,000 MRI Scanner | ■ 2007 £400,000 Cancer Screening Endoscopes |
| ■ 1995 £180,000 First Primrose Cancer Unit | ■ 2009 £200,000 Cygnet-Duckling Appeal |
| ■ 1996 £164,000 Cygnet Wing | ■ 2012 £600,000 Gamma Camera Appeal |
| ■ 1997 £33,000 Heart Scanner | ■ 2016 £35,000 U/S Scanner for Maternity (F) |
| ■ 1998 £20,000 Acute Pain Service | ■ 2017 £20,000 Riverbank play area (F) |
| ■ 1999 £100,000 A & E / Theatres | ■ 2014 £750,000 Challenge Cancer Appeal |
| ■ 2000 £2,500,000 Macmillan Primrose Unit | ■ 2017 £1,000,000 MRI Scanner |
- **Plus the Primrose Car Service and many, many smaller projects making a total of over £10 million.**



**Who to contact if you would like further help
or information about the Charity**

Email : enquiries@bedhospcharity.org.uk

Useful information about Bedford Hospital Charity & Friends,
can be found on our website

www.bedhospcharity.org.uk.



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Making the difference for patients and carers

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