Investing in Saving Lives

A contribution from you has the power to aid individuals in your local community. Regardless of its size, your donation will have a meaningful impact, contributing to our essential mission of combating oesophageal and gastric cancers for both current and upcoming generations.





Your Bequest

Creating a Will allows you to ensure that your assets are distributed according to your preferences. It enables you to provide for your family's future, make gifts to friends, and support charities through bequests in your Will.

If the value of your estate surpasses the current inheritance tax threshold, Inheritance Tax becomes applicable. However, you can mitigate this tax liability by making a substantial bequest to charity before the tax assessment is conducted. Your tax advisor can provide detailed explanations and guidance on this matter.

When drafting your Will, you have the flexibility to leave various types of bequests, including a specified sum of money, the entirety or part of your estate's residue, or stocks and shares.

Supporting the OPA can be achieved through:

Residual bequest: This involves leaving part or the entire residue of your estate after settling other legacies, expenses, debts, and taxes.

Pecuniary bequest: This entails leaving a specific sum of money as a legacy.

If you choose to lend your support to the OPA in your Will, you may express your intention as follows for a Residual Bequest:

I bequeath to the OPA Cancer Charity (Registered Charity No.1194327) of Unit 4, Bordesley Hall Farm Barns, Storrage Lane, Alvechurch, Birmingham, B48 7ES [define portion] of the residue of my estate. I direct that the receipt of the Chair of the Charity for the time being or another authorized officer will serve as sufficient discharge for my executors.

For Pecuniary Bequest *

If you decide to designate a specific amount for the OPA and want to safeguard your intention from the impact of inflation over time, you may use the following wording:

"I bequeath to the OPA Cancer Charity (Registered Charity No. 1194327) the sum of f_{-} , inflation linked to the Retail Price Index from the date of this Will. I direct that the receipt of the Chair of the Charity for the time being or another authorized officer will be sufficient discharge for my executors."

Alternatively, you have the option to make a 'Reversionary Bequest' to the charity by entrusting all or a portion of your estate to trustees. Beneficiaries can enjoy the income during their lifetimes, and after their deaths, all or part of the capital growth can be directed to the OPA.

*Note: It is highly recommended that you seek guidance from a solicitor to ensure the legal accuracy of your Will. A Will is a legally binding document. If you have already created a Will, you can make additions or alterations at any time by including a codicil.

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Save the Lives of Future Generations

Support the OPA and Make a Gift in your Will



How Your Legacy Could Make a Difference

A message from our Patron - **Fiona Wade:**

"Your legacy will help to save the lives of future generations. Please consider making a gift in your Will to the OPA Cancer Charity (OPA) and help us to continue our fight against oesophageal and gastric cancers.

I lost my Father to oesophageal cancer. He was such an amazing person, the best Father I could ever wish for and it was so sad and shocking when he was diagnosed. I had never heard of his type of cancer before and I always feel, to this day, that if we had been more aware of oesophageal cancer or reflux disease then, for sure, earlier diagnosis would have made a huge difference and maybe saved his life.

Early diagnosis by spreading awareness is absolutely key in saving lives from this cancer. So please help us carry on doing all we can to make people more aware and help us to save lives and to support every single patient who needs our help.

Thank you."





You can contribute to the OPA's vital mission by including a gift in your Will, a powerful way to ensure the ongoing battle against oesophageal and gastric cancers for the well-being of future generations. For more than thirty years, the OPA has offered care and support to numerous patients. By memorialising the OPA in your Will, you play a crucial role in sustaining our efforts to save the lives of upcoming generations of loved ones. Your legacy aids in the fight against oesophageal and gastric cancers, providing support to patients, families, and caregivers grappling with this challenging disease.

The OPA extends its assistance to individuals facing life-threatening cancers and actively works toward saving lives through its national campaigns to raise public awareness and encourage securing early diagnosis. It's essential for people of all ages to recognize that persistent heartburn or indigestion could be early signs of oesophageal or gastric cancers, which can be addressed through a straightforward diagnostic procedure long before progressing to cancer.

How your Gift will Help

Your generous contribution will enable the OPA to advocate for early diagnosis and provide advice and support to patients preparing for or recovering from surgery for one of the most distressing, life-altering, and rapidly escalating cancers.

Early symptoms of these cancers may be mistakenly diagnosed as simply heartburn or indigestion, thus delaying proper investigation and clinical diagnostic tests. Surgical treatment is highly intricate, involving a lengthy operation that frequently necessitates the restructuring of digestive organs in the chest – a procedure that can be traumatic.

Your gift supports our ongoing provision of medically informed assistance to patients, families, and caregivers through:

- Our national telephone helpline
- Online information and support
- Medically endorsed, high-quality information booklets
- A nationwide network of patient support groups

With your support, we can sustain our collaborative efforts with strategic alliances to enhance cancer treatment and outcomes. Additionally, your contribution aids in the continuation of our network of patient support groups throughout the UK.

Making Your Gift

The OPA is an independent registered charity. We do not receive government assistance and rely solely on public support. The Chair and Trustees of the OPA are committed to maximizing the impact of legacies, ensuring that your gift is dedicated to its utmost advantage and not utilised for administrative costs.

If you would like further information, please complete your details below and return the form to this address:

OPA Cancer Charity, Unit 4, Bordesley Hall Farm Barns, Storrage Lane, Alvechurch, Birmingham B48 7ES

☐ I am considering leaving a legacy to the OPA Cancer Charity - please send me more information about your work.

 \square I have made a gift in my Will to the OPA Cancer Charity - please keep me informed about news and events.

We sincerely value your support for the OPA, and we would appreciate the opportunity to stay connected with you. Kindly complete the section below and send it back to us, allowing us to keep you informed about news and upcoming events. Please be assured that we will not share your details with any other organisation.

Name:
Address:
Postcode:
Email Address:
Telephone:

Or download this form from our website: www.opa.org.uk and return it to us by email: charity@opa.org.uk

This form puts you under no obligation to the OPA Cancer Charity - it simply enables us to thank you and plan for the future of the OPA.

☐ *Please tick this box if you do not want to receive any further mailing from the OPA Cancer Charity.