



**Leaving  
a gift to  
Moorfields  
Eye Charity  
in your will**

**Thank you** for your interest in supporting **Moorfields Eye Charity** with a **gift in your will**



**Gifts in wills are vital to Moorfields Eye Charity, the main fundraising and grant-making charity for Moorfields Eye Hospital and the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology. These gifts enable us to invest in life changing eye health by funding innovative research, education and care to improve people's sight.**

Your support is crucial to the future of eye health. Your gift will have a huge impact, supporting the pioneering work of Moorfields and UCL to make new discoveries to improve eye health and wellbeing outcomes for patients of Moorfields and people with sight problems around the world for generations to come.

Thank you for sharing our goal to find new treatments for eye diseases and help people living with sight loss. A gift in your will is the ultimate way to support Moorfields, now and in the future. Your support makes an enormous difference to millions of people with blinding diseases.

## Your gift, your way

**We welcome gifts left without restriction, which offer the greatest flexibility to adapt to an ever-changing clinical and research landscape and ensure your gift has the maximum possible impact wherever the need is greatest. These gifts could support any area of our ground-breaking work, and you can be confident that your gift will make a lasting contribution to the future of eye health.**

However, if you would like your gift to be used for a particular area such as research funding, education, patient care or equipment, please do let us know, so we can help you to find wording which reflects your wishes and ensures your generous support has the most impact for the future.

Telling us about your intentions offers us the opportunity to say thank you to you, and allows us to ensure you receive breaking news and updates about our ground-breaking work in the areas which mean the most to you.

In addition, knowing about your intentions is extremely helpful to our long-term financial planning. If you kindly decide to leave a gift to Moorfields Eye Charity, your solicitor will ask for the following information:

### **Charity name**

Moorfields Eye Charity

### **Address**

162 City Road, London, EC1V 2PD

**Charity number** 1140679

If you would like any additional information, or to discuss how you might like to direct a gift in your will please contact us at [moorfields.eyecharity@nhs.net](mailto:moorfields.eyecharity@nhs.net) or call **020 7566 2565**.

**“When I first came to Moorfields I was so grateful for the care I received. I was treated like a star!”**

Priscilla, grateful patient and legacy pledger

## Types of gifts in wills

### **Residuary gift**

All or a percentage of your estate after all debts, taxes, funeral expenses and pecuniary gifts have been paid.

### **Specific gift**

A gift of a particular named item in a will, for example a piece of jewellery, an item of furniture or stocks and shares.

### **Pecuniary gift**

The gift of a set sum of money in a will. A pecuniary gift can be for any amount but it is worth noting that the value of this gift may change significantly over time because of inflation.

## Glossary of terms

### **Beneficiary**

A person or organisation that receives a gift from a will.

### **Bequest**

A gift in a will.

### **Codicil**

An addition or supplement that explains, modifies or revokes an existing will.

### **Estate**

The total sum of all assets including possession, property and money.

### **Executor**

A person or company (such as a firm of solicitors) named in a will who administers the estate of the person who has died.

### **A note on inheritance tax**

By leaving a charitable gift in your will, the overall amount of any inheritance tax due on your estate could be reduced. Inheritance tax is complex and a solicitor or financial advisor will be able to offer more information.

### **Inheritance tax**

A tax levied on estates over a certain value. Donations to charity are exempt from inheritance tax, so leaving a gift to Moorfields Eye Charity can reduce the overall tax payable on your estate. Inheritance tax is also referred to as IHT.

### **Legacy**

Another name for a gift in a will.

### **Probate**

The process of officially proving a will so that the executors can begin to administer an estate.

## The impact of your gift

**A gift in your will is an incredible way to support tomorrow's experts and make a lasting difference to the future of eye care in the UK and around the world.**

Two million people in the UK are living with sight loss, and one in five are over the age of 75. As our population ages the need for research breakthroughs and treatments becomes ever greater.

By 2050 there will be an estimated 4 million people in the UK living with sight loss; by supporting us with a gift in your will you could make a huge difference to the future of eye health, and help us respond to the growing need for Moorfields' expert clinical care, research and education.

Many of our supporters choose to remember Moorfields in their wills. By making a gift in your will, you will be joining a special community of supporters whose generous gifts enable us to buy specialist equipment, fund ground-breaking research and provide enhanced facilities that would otherwise be unaffordable under the NHS.

The phenomenal generosity of those who choose to support us through such gifts is vital to our long term plans and we are hugely grateful to everybody who so kindly remembers us in this way.

Please consider supporting us in this very special way, and make sight your legacy.

**“I decided some time ago to support Moorfields Eye Charity because I have been hugely impressed with the help, support and skill applied to my condition over many years. The staff are always friendly and efficient. I hope this excellent care will be available for future generations”**

Dante, grateful patient and legacy pledger

## Join our Moorfields Visionaries Circle



**If you do decide to share your intention to remember MEC in your will with us, you will be invited to join our supporters' circle, Moorfields Visionaries.**

The Moorfields Visionaries Circle brings together special supporters like you, to celebrate the incredible impact of legacies for Moorfields, learn more about new developments in research, education and treatment. To say thank you for supporting us in this very special way, Moorfields Visionaries will receive special tailored communications and exclusive event invitations.

**“I am emotionally attached to my eyesight, now possibly more than most. It is something we generally take for granted and only when a problem arises do we realise the extent of this. I want to give hope to those who may find themselves facing this challenge”**

Pat, grateful patient and legacy pledger

## Contact us



**If you are planning on leaving a gift to Moorfields in your will we would be grateful if you would let us know.**

There is no obligation to tell us your plans but knowing about possible legacies helps us to plan for the future and offer the opportunity to thank you and keep you updated on our work and the impact of gifts in wills. Any information shared is greatly appreciated.

If you would like an opportunity to talk in confidence, ask any questions or arrange a visit to see the impact of gifts in wills at Moorfields please do get in touch.

To discuss a gift in your will or for any further information please call us on **020 7566 2565** or email **[moorfields.eyecharity@nhs.net](mailto:moorfields.eyecharity@nhs.net)**.

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## Leaving a gift

We would be grateful if you would answer the following questions so we can communicate with you better in the future. There is no obligation to answer these questions and we understand that as circumstances change your answers may also change. Any information you choose to share is strictly confidential and in no way legally binding.

### Have you considered leaving a gift in your will to Moorfields Eye Charity?

- I have already remembered Moorfields Eye Charity in my will
- I intend to remember Moorfields Eye Charity in my will in the future
- I am interested in finding out more, please contact me

### If you are leaving a gift in your will, would you like to tell us more about this?

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## Your details

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:

**Moorfields Eye Charity, 162 City Road, London, EC1V 2PD**

Any information you share will be treated with confidence and will be used to help us to thank you for your support and to plan for the future.

We will only use your phone number and email address to contact you regarding our legacy programme, unless you tick the box below.

- Please tick here if you would like to receive further information about supporting the work of Moorfields Eye Charity.

### Our data protection policy

We respect your right to privacy and we keep your data as secure as possible. We may use your data to create a profile of you interests and preferences, and to analyse your ability to provide financial support, so that our communications to you are as appropriate and cost effective as possible. We only allow authorised agents who work on our behalf to access your personal data and will never exchange your details with, or sell or rent your data to, any other commercial or charitable organisation. Our full privacy policy can be read on our website at [www.moorfieldseyecharity.org.uk/accountability](http://www.moorfieldseyecharity.org.uk/accountability).

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