

Leaving a gift in your Will is a wonderful way to make a difference

If you would like to help the fight against cardiomyopathy into the future, please leave a gift in your Will to the Cardiomyopathy Association (CMA).

After making provision for your family and friends, your legacy to the CMA will help future generations of people affected by the heart muscle disease.

Why a gift in your Will is so important to the CMA?

The CMA's work costs over £410,000 a year but we get no Government funding. Gifts from Wills are a hugely important part of that income and we couldn't carry on doing our work without them. Your legacy will help us to do so much more in the future.

Will you pay tax on your legacy?

A gift to a registered charity is always free from inheritance tax. Therefore a legacy to the CMA would reduce any tax you have to pay.



“The CMA has been very supportive to both me and my family. As a volunteer for the CMA, I help others affected by cardiomyopathy. It has also helped me as well as other young people to talk about heart muscle disease more openly.”

Anne-Marie, diagnosed with cardiomyopathy aged two

Writing your Will

There are three different ways in which you can leave the CMA a gift in your Will. They are:

- ♥ A gift of a fixed amount of money (**Pecuniary Legacy**)
- ♥ A specific gift such as company shares, a house or land (**Bequest in Kind**)
- ♥ Investments or the residue of your estate after you have provided for family and friends. For example, this might be a percentage of your estate (**Residuary Legacy**)

If you have already made a Will and you intend to include the CMA in it, you can amend it using a codicil. We can provide a codicil form.

We also have pledge forms for your use. A pledge does not commit you in any way; it is simply a statement of your present intentions.

If you decide to include the CMA in your Will, please contact a solicitor. Although we realise making a gift to the CMA is a private matter, it is helpful for us to know. So if you could tell us by completing and returning this form, we would be very grateful. On receiving your pledge, we will contact you to discuss the details of your gift and provide any further information you may require.

All correspondence and discussions will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Contacting the CMA about leaving a gift

If you would like further information about leaving a gift to the CMA or would like to tell us you are leaving a gift, please fill in the form below or call the fundraising development manager. Your inquiry will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

I would like to give a gift to the CMA

- Please send me a codicil form
- Please send me a pledge form
- I have already included the CMA in my Will
- Please call me

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Please return to:

Cardiomyopathy Association, Unit 10, Chiltern Court, Asheridge Road, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 2PX

Tel 01494 791 224 email fundraising@cardiomyopathy.org

All personal information given to the Cardiomyopathy Association will be held and used with care and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We do not share our mailing lists with other organisations.

If you would prefer not to receive literature from the CMA, please tick the box

- I do not wish to receive the CMA newsletter or other mailings (Please tick box)

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wonderful gift cardiomyopathy cardiomyopathy

Make a gift today to help families tomorrow

A gift in your will will help many of the 200,000 families affected by cardiomyopathy in the UK

Solveig Stone, who was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, was a 72 year old Ruislip councillor when she died of breast cancer in July 2008. She was so popular that the Norwegian flag and Union Jack were flown over the Civic Centre for her funeral. She was a patient of Professor William McKenna at the Heart Hospital and donated her heart for research. She generously remembered the Cardiomyopathy Association in her Will with a gift of £5,000. Her husband Mervyn said:



“She would have urged anyone touched by cardiomyopathy to consider leaving a legacy in their Will to the Cardiomyopathy Association to give support to families, enable better diagnosis and treatment, and promote more genetic research into the disease.”

What is cardiomyopathy?

It is a disease of the heart muscle. It affects people of all ages, including babies. It is often inherited.

It is the number one medical cause of sudden death in the under 35s. As many as one in 500 people are affected but many do not know.

If it is diagnosed and treated, most affected people can lead long and full lives.

The Cardiomyopathy Association

The CMA offers information and support to affected families.

We raise awareness of the condition among the public and the medical and nursing professions.

We campaign for more heart checks and gene tests for affected families to find those at risk and save lives.

How do we help?

- ♥ a free helpline
- ♥ patient literature
- ♥ support groups across the country
- ♥ a network of volunteers who offer one-to-one telephone support
- ♥ information meetings around the UK
- ♥ funding for clinical care, including nurse specialists
- ♥ regional cardiomyopathy clinics with video-conferencing links to cardiomyopathy specialists
- ♥ conferences for the medical and nursing professions
- ♥ serving on a Government board improving services for families with cardiomyopathy

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