



Let your will make a difference to lives...

Why Make a Will?

A significant percentage of adults do not have a valid will. If you die without a valid will, government legislation determines how your estate is to be distributed, according to a set formula which may not reflect your wishes.

Who should be included in a will?

A will is not focused on death, but on life. A will shows care about those you love. Making a will can give you peace of mind – knowing that your wishes for family, friends and community organisation's, close to your heart, have been taken care of and your wishes made clear and addressed. *(We strongly recommend that you seek qualified advice when making a will or changing a will)*

Leaving a Gift in Your Will

You can make a difference

It is said that one of the noblest things a person can do is to plant a small tree that will one day give shade to people unknown. Your gift in your will can have the same powerful significance in the lives of people you will never meet.

At Hospice we are for the living – and you can share in the caring, through your gift in your will. Your gift will make you forever a part of the circle of caring that is Hospice.

What is the Vision of Hospice?

To extend Palliative Care to all who need it.

The Mission Statement for Hospice

The aim of Knysna Sedgefield Hospice is to serve the community by providing palliative, home-based care for persons with progressive, incurable and chronic debilitating illnesses. Our holistic care extends to the families prior to and during the bereavement period. This is achieved by medically directed, nurse and social worker, coordinated care to meet the physical, spiritual and psychosocial needs of patients who meet our referral criteria, irrespective of race, age, creed or gender. Knysna Sedgefield Hospice services are rendered free of charge.

An Easy Gift to Make

A bequest in your will is one of the easiest gifts to make. With the help of an adviser, you can include instructions in your will or trust specifying any bequest to be made to family, friends or Hospice as part of your estate planning.

Benefits of a Hospice Gift in your Will

One benefit of this gift, is that it enables you to further the good work of Hospice in your area – caring for the ill and providing assistance and support to their families. Secondly, a charitable bequest in your will can help your family save on estate taxes, by providing your estate with a reduction in estate duty.

How can I leave a Gift in my Will?

You can leave a gift to Hospice in the following ways:

- After meeting all your personal commitments, you can choose to leave Hospice the balance or residue of your estate.
- You can leave a percentage of your estate.
- You can leave a specific sum of money or item of property.

Other Types of Gifts

The allocating of beneficiaries for some investments can pass outside of a will or trust. To make a gift of these assets, you should contact your broker or the company from which you purchased the investment to complete a beneficiary nomination form. Here are two examples:

- Retirement Annuity (RA) Gift:

The lump sum proceeds and the annuity portion of a Retirement Annuity are not allocated to a beneficiary via your will, but done directly on your policy. You may have multiple beneficiaries on your policy and therefore could still allocate the proceeds to your spouse and or children and additionally 'gift' a percentage to a charity like Hospice.

- Gift of an Insurance Policy:

As an asset of your estate, an insurance policy is taxable at your death if you do not have nominated beneficiaries. However, if your policy is nominated to a beneficiary or a charity, your estate avoids paying estate duty on the value of the policy. You may change your beneficiary at any time. Please consider contacting your broker to obtain a Beneficiary Nomination Form, and make such a gift to Hospice. You can also have numerous beneficiaries and therefore may nominate a certain percentage of the policy to a charity.

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