

A photograph of a man carrying a young child on his shoulders. The man is wearing glasses and a white shirt, and the child is wearing a straw hat and a striped shirt. They are holding hands, and the background is a bright, warm sunset or sunrise. The text "My Life My Legacy" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

My Life
My Legacy

ORCHID 
FIGHTING MALE CANCER

We are here...

Because men can be afraid to face male cancer

Writing your Will is an opportunity to make sure that the people you love are taken care of. But it's also your chance to do something exceptional for all those affected by male cancer.

Thanks to supporters like you, since 1996 we have achieved a great deal in our fight against male cancer. There is however, so much more that we want and need to do.

It is a privilege to be able to leave a gift in my Will to Orchid Cancer Appeal, I have directly benefited from their tremendous work and want to ensure that they will be there for many more men, as they were for me.

Dan

With 50,000 people diagnosed each and every year, Orchid Cancer Appeal relies now, more than ever on the support of individuals

Orchid Cancer Appeal exists to save men's lives from testicular, prostate and penile cancers through pioneering research, education and awareness programmes in addition to dedicated, Nurse led services. We are a small, influential charity, solely dedicated to improving the lives of men of all ages who are at risk of, or affected by male cancer.

One of the ways that you can help us to ensure that we can continue our work and be there for everyone who needs us is by leaving us a gift in your Will.

Anyone can include a gift in their Will, however large or small, all legacies are gratefully received and will be put to good use.

With a gift in your Will to Orchid Cancer Appeal, you can let your values live on – and help us improve the lives of all those diagnosed.

I am very pleased Orchid Cancer Appeal has established an information and support service for men and their families affected by male cancer. When my husband was diagnosed with penile cancer last year we had never heard of this rare cancer. Orchid Cancer Appeal have been there to support both of us throughout his treatment and am unsure what we would have done, without their guidance and encouragement.

Maureen



Our Work includes

SUPPORT

It is vital that we ensure that everyone who needs our help and support has easy access to it. Many people affected by cancer feel the need to have someone listen to their concerns – these may include worries around a diagnosis, treatments, body image alongside coping with everyday situations such as work, relationships or looking after children. Patients will often experience anxiety, anger, depression and uncertainty about the future. Helping us fund our dedicated Male Information Nurses and specialist services will make a huge difference to men during their cancer journey. Whether support is needed over the telephone, face to face or via specialist publications, we want to ensure we can be there, wherever and whenever needed.



EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Recognising the warning signs and symptoms and seeking prompt medical intervention can make a real difference to a patients' prognosis. As an example, the cure rate for testicular cancer is 99% if it is caught early enough. We want to continue to promote our health messages to men. Being health aware and engaging with healthcare professionals at the earliest opportunity should be second nature to men.



RESEARCH

As more men are diagnosed with a male cancer, funding of innovative research in the cancer field will remain a key focus of Orchid Cancer Appeal's work. Our aim is to improve outcomes, through improved knowledge of these cancers, better diagnostics, treatment and management. Your legacy will ensure we can continue to make a real impact and a significant change within male cancer.



My Life, My Legacy

A Will is a really powerful document that will ensure your savings and possessions go to the people and causes you care about. Once you have made your Will, you can rest assured that your wishes will be carried out.

We understand that looking after your loved ones comes first. After making sure that they will be provided for, it is still possible to support all those affected by male cancer.

There are many types of legacies that you can leave:-

- **A Residuary Legacy** is a percentage or share of the balance of your estate once all other payments and gifts have been made. A lot of people prefer to give a residuary gift because it keeps in line with inflation and does not lose value over time
- **A Pecuniary Legacy** is a fixed amount of money.
- **A Specific Legacy** can include specific items like personal possessions, land or shares.

In the UK, inheritance tax is currently paid to the government at a rate of 40% if your estate is worth more than £325,000. However, the rate might be reduced to 36% if 10% or more of your estate is left to charity.



Most gifts left to Orchid Cancer Appeal are exempt from inheritance tax because we are a charity. You can find out more by contacting HMRC or your solicitor.

And if you want to consider leaving a gift to Orchid Cancer Appeal, no matter how small, it will mean your support will live on and you will continue to change lives long into the future.

We hope you will think about leaving a gift in your Will, helping us support all those affected by male cancer.



Your Will

To make sure your gift will reach the charity of your choice, it is very important to include the full name and charity number.

We recommend you consult a solicitor to make sure that all the legal formalities are carried out correctly and that your Will is validly written and witnessed.

The Law Society can help you to find a solicitor in your area. For more information, call 020 7320 5650 or visit www.lawsociety.org.uk.

Orchid Cancer Appeal offers a Free Will Service via our partner farewill – www.farewill.com

To make sure your gift will reach Orchid Cancer Appeal, it is important that our details below are quoted.

- Charity name:
Orchid Cancer Appeal
- 60 Grays Inn Road
London WC1X 8AQ
- Registered charity number:
1080540

How can I find out more about Orchid Cancer Appeal's work?

We would be delighted to meet with you and discuss with you both our work and the impact of gifts left in Wills, which are helping us make real progress. Our Head of Fundraising will ensure that all conversations are held in the strictest confidence.

Already have a Will?

Great, if you already have a Will and want to leave a gift to Orchid Cancer Appeal, all you have to do is make a codicil. Speak to your solicitor about making a simple amendment to your existing Will, and they will guide you through it.



Our Promise to you



A gift to Orchid Cancer Appeal in your Will is a promise of a better future for over 50,000 men, diagnosed each and every year with prostate, testicular and penile cancer and this number is only increasing. In return, this is our promise to you.

- Your family and friends are important. We will always understand that everyone you hold dear comes first.
- Your privacy is paramount. We appreciate that your Will is personal to you.
- Your decision is yours alone. We will always respect your need to carefully consider leaving a gift in your Will – in your own time.
- The money you give will have a significant impact on our work.

- We care. We will handle your gift with the utmost sensitivity and respect.
- We are discreet – you don't have to tell us if you leave a gift to us, but if you do, it will help us plan future work and we will keep your decision completely confidential.
- We are always here – if there is anything you need to know or wish to discuss, please do get in touch.

We hope this booklet has helped answer any questions. If you have any further questions or want to make any suggestions about this booklet, please don't hesitate to contact our Head of Fundraising on 020 3743 7317, in the strictest confidence.



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