

# Leaving a Bequest to North Haven Hospice

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a bequest?

A bequest is a gift to a charity which is left in your will.

### How will your bequest help North Haven Hospice?

By leaving a bequest in your will, you will be helping to secure the future of North Haven Hospice to provide quality care to those in need, free of charge.

### Which type of bequest is best?

This is completely up to an individual and this information is contained within a person's legal will. Some people choose a specific sum, a percentage of their estate or leave the residue of their estate after family and friends and all the expenses have been taken care of.

### A specific gift of property

You may want a specific property or an asset left for the benefit of the charity of your choice. It is recommended that prior to doing this you check with the intended recipient to ensure that this gift matches their needs in the best possible way.

### How to make your will

Your will is a legal document and as such, it is imperative that the wording is correct, and that it has been witnessed and signed properly otherwise it may not be valid. It is best to have your solicitor, legal advisor or Trustee Company draft your will for you so you can be sure that your wishes are correctly followed.

### How to change your existing will

You can update your will at any time, but your legal advisor will encourage you to review it every five to seven years or when a significant event has occurred in your life.

### Wording of your bequest

To make sure your bequest benefits North Haven Hospice the way you intend, please consider using the following:

*"I give to the North Haven Hospice Society Inc. ( \_% of my estate, or the residue of my estate, or sum of money, or a description of property or assets) for general purposes, for which the receipt of the General Manager or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my trustees."*

Alternatively, if you want to leave a bequest to the North Haven Hospice Endowment Trust,

*"I give to the North Haven Hospice Endowment Trust ( \_% of my estate, or the residue of my estate, or a sum of money, or a description of property or assets ) for investment purposes, for which the receipt of the General Manager or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my trustees."*

### What would North Haven Hospice use my bequest for?

If you have a particular way in which you would like your bequest to be used, we will honour that request. Otherwise, your bequest will continue to support the day to day operations of hospice, and ensure the ongoing delivery of specialist palliative care in our community.

### How are bequest funds managed?

Our bequests are mostly lodged in our Endowment Fund, administered by North Haven Hospice Endowment Trust. That way, the principal sum of your bequest remains useful for many years to come and the interest is used to help in areas of specific need as they arise.

### For more information

Please contact our Donor Relationship Coordinator  
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