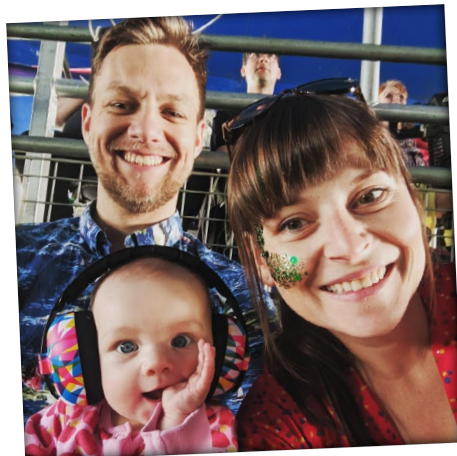


GIVING LIFE'S SPECIAL MOMENTS, WITH A **GIFT IN YOUR WILL**

Gifts in Wills Guide



**ANTHONY
NOLAN**

saving the lives
of people with
blood cancer



*Anthony and Shirley,
early 1970s*

Though Anthony Nolan sadly never found a cure, his mum Shirley worked tirelessly to ensure that thousands of others would in the future. You can leave a lifesaving legacy, like Shirley.

GIVING LIFE'S SPECIAL MOMENTS

Every day, we give three people with blood cancer a second chance of life. And that's all thanks to people like you who, together, have believed in and supported Anthony Nolan's work since 1974.

WHERE LIFESAVING BEGAN

It all started when Shirley Nolan's baby son, Anthony, was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder. She was told his only chance of survival was a stem cell transplant from a matching donor. But there was no register of potential donors anywhere in the world, so there was precious little hope of finding one.

That didn't stop Shirley. She set up a charity in Anthony's name to build the world's first register and search for his lifesaver.

Tragically, Anthony passed away without ever finding a match. But his legacy has led to thousands of lives saved. We've now facilitated over 20,000 transplants and grown the register to over 800,000 potential donors, all thanks to supporters like you.

THE MEASURE OF A LIFE IS THE HAPPINESS IT BRINGS...

What these figures don't show is the profound happiness your support can bring, and the special, life-defining moments you can make possible. They don't show the birthdays, the holidays, the first days at school, the first loves, the family celebrations, and milestones that you can make happen.

WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT, THERE IS NO CURE

A gift in your Will can grow the stem cell register and give more people hope of finding that matching donor. It can fund world-class research to improve transplant outcomes. And it can give people the special moments which make a life.

Even a small gift can save lives. In fact, even 1% of your estate could ensure that, in the future, people with blood cancer have the best chance of survival and the chance to *live*.

Give **first days of school**
to children like Finn...

With the help of people like you, Finn received a lifesaving stem cell transplant in 2014. Over the next few years, he made a great recovery and has now reached a special moment which all children should – his first day of school!



*Finn's first day of school,
Autumn 2019*

YOU CAN MAKE A LASTING, **LIFESAVING DIFFERENCE**

A gift in your Will can be a powerful celebration of life and a way to pass on the amazing moments that make up a life. From landmark birthdays to a special wedding day – these unforgettable moments can bring such happiness to people living with, or recovering from, blood cancer.

We understand that choosing to leave a gift in your Will is a personal decision, but hope you can see the incredible and lasting difference you can make:

PROUDLY REMEMBERED

Gifts in Wills can provide a unique opportunity to have a lasting impact, without affecting the financial responsibilities that we have throughout our lives. A gift of this kind can be a fitting testament to the compassion you've shown throughout your life and ensure your values live on.

A LITTLE GIFT, A HUGE IMPACT

As well as taking care of your family and friends in your Will, you also have the power to change – and save – lives. Even if you think you have little to leave, just 1% of your estate could save lives and give people with blood cancer hope for a life full of special moments.

A LEGACY OF LIFE

By including Anthony Nolan in your Will, you can help write the future of the register and power pioneering research to offer people with blood cancer not just hope of survival but a chance to live a rich, fulfilling life.

Give **birthdays**
to someone like Joanna...



*Joanna with family and friends
celebrating her 50th birthday, 2019*

Joanna was once told by doctors that she had just two months to live. Thankfully she found a matching donor to cure her blood cancer. Ever since, she's enjoyed plenty of unforgettable moments, including her milestone 50th birthday which she celebrated on a surprise holiday with her family and 30 of her closest friends.

WRITE THE FUTURE OF OUR **LIFESAVING REGISTER**

From humble beginnings in a basement broom cupboard in London's Westminster Hospital to a world-leading register of over 750,000 people – the Anthony Nolan stem cell register continues to go from strength to strength. We're adding over 70,000 new potential donors every single year, which wouldn't be possible without financial support.

For every donor added to the register, it costs the charity £40 to recruit them and determine their tissue type so they are ready and waiting to save someone's life.

You may recall, the register first shot to public awareness in the 70s and 80s after extensive campaigning by Shirley Nolan and publicity in national newspapers and on the former TV show 'That's Life'. Thankfully, this garnered an overwhelming response from supporters like you, who have made the register the groundbreaking – lifesaving – achievement it is today.

SAVING MORE LIVES

Though the register gives three people a second chance of life every day, much more needs to be done to ensure that nobody dies waiting for a matching stem cell donor. That was Shirley's vision for the future – a vision you can make a reality:

- In the UK alone, only 2% of the national population are registered as stem cell donors, giving vast scope to grow the number of lifesaving donors. Research shows that younger donors lead to better patient outcomes, which is why we're expanding our Hero Project programme to engage and sign up more school students as well as Marrow Groups on university campuses across the country.
- While 69% of people with blood cancer find the best possible stem cell match, this drops dramatically to just 20% for those from a black, Asian or ethnic minority background (BAME). As you'll agree, that's a figure which simply isn't acceptable. With your support, we can address this by recruiting more BAME donors and diversifying the register so that ethnicity plays no part in people's chances of survival in the future.

The stem cell register is the heart of Anthony Nolan. With a gift in your Will you can grow and enrich the pool of potential lifesavers so that more people like Joanna can celebrate landmark birthdays in the future.

Give **wedding days**
to someone like Sarah...

Without supporters like you, Sarah's big day might never have come. But in the years following her lifesaving stem cell transplant, she recovered and fell in love with her boyfriend Tom. They tied the knot in 2018!



*Sarah and Tom's wedding day,
2018*

MAKE LIFESAVING **BREAKTHROUGHS HAPPEN**

Anthony Nolan made history as the world's first stem cell register. However, it's a tragic fact that only half of stem cell patients today survive the first five years after transplant. This doesn't reflect the large number of people who gain more precious time with their loved ones as a result of their transplant, but this remains a fact that we can – and must – change.

To do this, geneticists within Anthony Nolan's Research Institute team are harnessing their vast scientific experience to embark on world-leading projects and strive for the next breakthrough in lifesaving.

THE PIONEERING 'PATIENT/DONOR' PROJECT

With support, the Institute's long-standing research study, the Patient/Donor Project, is examining the genetic similarities between patients and donors against the outcome of their transplant. To drive this work, our researchers are using a revolutionary tissue-typing method created in our very own labs – Third Generation Sequencing (TGS).

This will help to improve the quality of stem cell matches and give people the best possible chance of survival. The project is also expected to uncover new ways of preventing

and treating complications such as graft versus host disease (GvHD). GvHD occurs when donated stem cells or bone marrow view the patient's body as foreign and attack it, which can have a traumatic and devastating impact on someone's physical and emotional wellbeing.

A 20-YEAR HISTORY OF DISCOVERY

Anthony Nolan not only discovered TGS but established the UK's first dedicated cord blood bank in Nottingham to enable mothers to safely donate stem cell-rich blood from their umbilical cord and placenta after they give birth. Together, these achievements place us at the forefront of research, enabling us to improve the lives of patients after transplant and give them the best chance of recovery.

With a groundbreaking, growing register and a time-tested reputation for cutting-edge research, we are uniquely positioned to save lives – but we need help. Without committed, lifesaving supporters like you, there is no cure.

A gift in your Will can power pioneering research and improve people's long-term survival, so they can enjoy a life of special moments long after their stem cell transplant.

Give the **first day as a parent** to someone like Jo...



Jo, Pete and baby Phoebe enjoy some family time, 2019

After being diagnosed with blood cancer at the age of 22, Jo was told she had just months to live. But with support, she found a matching stem cell donor who saved her life. In 2019, she and her husband Pete were ecstatic to welcome a new addition to the family – baby Phoebe!

PUT YOUR LEGACY INTO WORDS

Leaving a gift in your Will needn't be difficult or take lots of time. To help you, here you can see the types of gifts you can leave and suggested wording you can use to include Anthony Nolan in your Will. We always advise you to see a solicitor, who can advise you and help you with the exact wording you need to make a gift in your Will.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEAVE A SHARE OF YOUR ESTATE

A popular choice for people leaving a gift in their Will is what's called a 'residuary gift'. This involves setting aside a share of your remaining estate once all your financial commitments and gifts to your loved ones have been made. This type of gift has the advantage of keeping in step with inflation. Sample wording:

'I give to Anthony Nolan a charity (Registered in England and Wales, Charity Reg No. 803716 and registered in Scotland with Charity Reg No. SC038827) of registered office address Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead NW3 2QG the whole of the residue/% share of the residue of my estate to be applied for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the charity's authorised person or other appropriate officer shall be a complete discharge to my executors.'

IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEAVE A SET AMOUNT

You can also choose to leave a pecuniary gift – a set cash amount from your estate to be passed on to Anthony Nolan. Sample wording:

'I give to Anthony Nolan a charity (Registered in England and Wales, Charity Reg No. 803716 and registered in Scotland with Charity Reg No. SC038827) of registered office address Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead NW3 2QG the sum of _____ pounds to be applied for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the charity's authorised person or other appropriate officer shall be a complete discharge to my executors.'

To change an existing Will, you can speak to your solicitor about a codicil or making a new Will. If you would like more information, please contact legacies@anthonymolan.org

TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS...

CAN YOU HELP ME TO WRITE OR AMEND MY WILL?

Anthony Nolan's Legacy Manager is unable to provide legal advice, though can help you with some of the basic questions you may have. We recommend that you consult a solicitor to confirm that your Will is legally valid and carries out your wishes. A solicitor can also advise you on inheritance tax. If you'd like to learn more, visit www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax

CAN I BOTH PROVIDE FOR MY LOVED ONES AND LEAVE A GIFT?

Yes – to do this, many people choose to leave a share of their estate, or 'residuary gift', which enables them to look after their loved ones and financial commitments first and use their remaining estate to leave a charitable gift.

I'M NOT WEALTHY – CAN I STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

The size of gifts which Anthony Nolan receives varies greatly and we are incredibly grateful and proud to receive gifts both great and small. Even 1% of your estate could save the life of someone with blood cancer, so however much you decide to give is sure to have a real, lifesaving impact.

I ALREADY HAVE A WILL – DO I NEED TO MAKE A NEW ONE?

If you have an existing Will, you might not need to make a new one. You can make small amendments to your Will using a document called a 'codicil', which you can obtain from your solicitor.

For any more questions, please contact our Legacy Manager on **020 7424 6673** or email legacies@anthohnolan.org

Pass on a life of special moments

With a gift in your Will, you can give people not only a chance to survive but hope of a life filled with special moments, from first loves and first days of school, to birthdays, graduations, anniversaries and the momentous moment of becoming a parent.

What better gift is there to pass on to another generation – and what better thing is there to be remembered for – than a legacy of life, with all the beautiful moments it can bring.

Thank you so much. **Without your support, there really is no cure.**

'I genuinely didn't believe I would make it to 50 when, this time three years ago, I was waiting for a transplant. And yet here I am loving every single minute of life.'

I'm so thankful to my anonymous donor and Anthony Nolan for allowing me to laugh, dance, sing and generally never stop smiling with joy in celebration with my incredible family and friends.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who supports Anthony Nolan. I owe you everything.'

Joanna, who received a stem cell transplant in 2016

‘While not many 21-year-olds would have the foresight to write a will, once Alice was given her ultimate odds of survival, she immediately asked to do so. She wanted to ensure that Anthony Nolan could continue helping others.’

Sharon and Jonathan Byron, whose 21-year-old daughter Alice left an incredible gift in her Will to Anthony Nolan when she died from leukaemia in July 2016



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