



Meet Marie and Lorraine



Marie and Lorraine were already friends but they didn't expect to end up next door to each other in the isolation side rooms on Rendcomb Ward. Marie was diagnosed in 2016 with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia and spent many months receiving intensive chemotherapy in Cheltenham.

She went through an incredibly

tough time but always remained so brave and determined to stay well to see the birth of her new granddaughters.

A 10 out of 10 stem cell match was found from a lady in South America so Marie received her transplant in Birmingham. Remarkably these new cells came with a poignant letter from her donor, "her new South American family" and Marie remains in touch with the family.

Lorraine also received a stem cell transplant. In November both of these lovely ladies returned to visit their Rendcomb family and to visit the newly refurbished isolation rooms that they had both spent so much time in. It was extremely emotional but a very special moment.

"I was a patient on Rendcomb Ward for nearly a year. The reclining chairs, the television and Wi-Fi are all things that make life a little more bearable whilst spending months in hospital"

Marie



The Leukaemia & Intensive Chemotherapy Fund (LINC) is a local cancer support charity that works to improve the care of patients who are receiving treatment for blood cancer within Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. We do everything from offering financial grants and emotional support, to funding refurbishments and providing home comforts like toasters, chairs and TVs.

We help thousands of blood cancer patients and their families in Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire every year. The LINC Outpatients Department alone sees nearly 300 patients a month.

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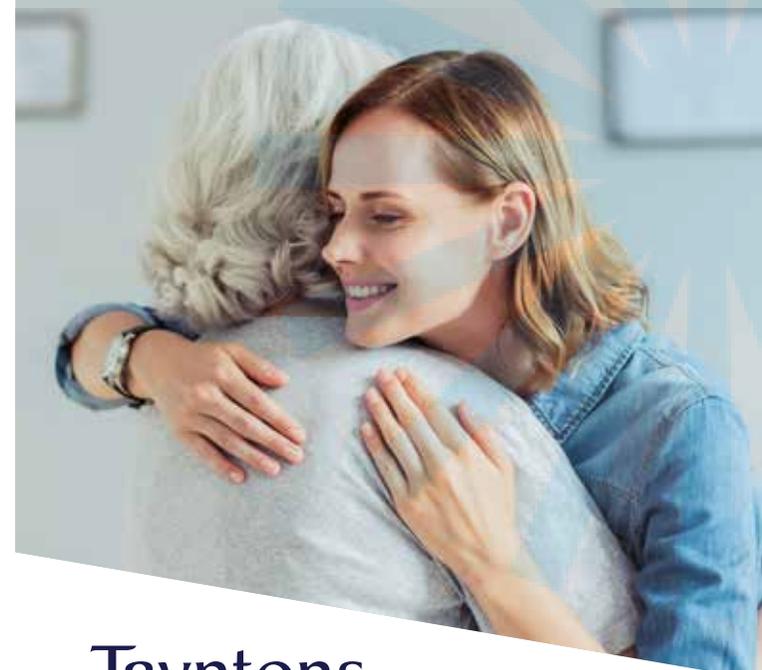
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Using your Will power
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The Leukaemia & Intensive
Chemotherapy Fund

Give the gift of care
and compassion to make a
difference to someone's life
in their time of need



Leaving a gift in your Will to LINC

How your gift could help make life better for others

As a registered charity, we rely on donations from the public. A growing number of people have left us a legacy, also known as bequests or gifts in their Will. This can really make a difference to help us secure and plan for the future of LINC and support more leukaemia and blood cancer patients.

A legacy does not have to be large and doesn't prevent you from taking care of your family and loved ones. Any gift, no matter the size, will enable us to reach and support patients with cancer and their families in Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.

LINC is a charity that offers care and support to blood cancer patients above and beyond what is provided by the NHS. Just to fund our two clinical psychologists and researchers, we have to find at least £100,000 a year – and we desperately want to do more to improve the lives of patients and families, including funding a fulltime research nurse.

£25 could help to fund an hour with one of our clinical psychologists for one of our patients.

£30 could go towards the cost of a reclining chair.

£50 could fund a vital hour of blood cancer research.
£500 could provide an emergency grant for a family who have hit crisis point.

How would a legacy work?

Tax Efficiency

A legacy can actually ease the burden of Inheritance Tax. Gifts to UK registered charities are 100% Inheritance Tax free. They are taken out of your estate and will be paid out before any tax is calculated. This may mean that your legacy could eliminate or reduce your estate's tax burden. Inheritance Tax is currently paid to the government at a rate of 40% if your estate is worth more than £325,000 (2019). If you leave 10% or more of your estate to charity the usual inheritance tax rate of 40% is reduced to 36%.

How do I make a Will?

You should always consult a lawyer if you wish to make or change a Will. Using a DIY kit may seem cost effective but it's easy to make technical mistakes which could invalidate your Will or lead to disputes.

I already have a Will so how do I add a legacy?

If you already have a Will and want to add a Legacy, simply complete a "Codicil" (an addendum to your existing Will) or make a new Will with the help of a lawyer.

Who should I ask?

You should find a qualified lawyer such as a Solicitor or a Chartered Legal Executive who specialises in this area of work. They are regulated by professional bodies and have the most up to date knowledge to hand.

Tayntons Solicitors, Gloucestershire's premier law firm, have kindly agreed to donate 10% of the cost of every Will prepared by their legal team back to LINC but you must remember to quote "LINC10" at the point of instructing them.

You can contact the Wills team at Tayntons by calling 01452 222445 or emailing them at info@tayntons.co.uk

What kind of gift can I leave in my Will?

You can make several kinds of gifts in your Will. No matter the size of legacy you choose to leave, your kindness and generosity will enable LINC to continue to make a difference.

Residuary Gift: Simply a share of your estate. After you have provided for your loved ones and administrative expenses such as debts, funeral expenses, certain other costs and tax, you can provide a share or the remainder of your estate to charity.

Pecuniary Gift: this is a cash gift, an exact amount of money which could be left to charity.

Specific Gift: A named item, such as a painting or land shares, a specific named item left to charity.

Life Interest Trust: this is a gift left to someone for a specific time at which point it can be passed onto the charity.

Conditional Gift: This is conditional, it could be dependent upon another event happening first e.g., your Will may state that a gift can only apply if all other beneficiaries named in your Will die before you do.

A lawyer will be able to advise you regarding inheritance tax and any benefits of legacy giving.

£1000 could help with a major refurbishment, like putting in new shower rooms.

£2000 could fund a post graduate student to study leukaemia or lymphoma.

LINC would be extremely grateful for any support you can give.

If you would like to leave LINC a legacy in your will, please ensure you use our registered address - LINC Charity, LINC Outpatients Department, Cheltenham General Hospital, Sandford Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7AN and charity number 1078183. You are under no obligation to tell us what you have decided, however we do like to thank our supporters properly for their support. If you would like to let us know, you can contact us through our website www.lincfund.org or T: 0300 422 4422. Alternatively, the address above The LINC. Anything you tell us will be confidential and not legally binding.

