## Continue their story

Information about supporting Macmillan in memory of your loved one







## In their memory

Remembering and sharing a loved one's little quirks, stories, jokes and the unique things that made them special can keep their memory alive. If supporting Macmillan Cancer Support in their memory is a way you'd like to continue their story, this booklet can help.

You'll find useful information on some of the ways you can help us be right there for people with cancer. For example, you could make a tribute fund for donations, volunteer, or organise an event inspired by your loved one – anything from a karaoke evening to a family fun day.

Grief affects people in different ways, and for different lengths of time so please don't forget we're still here for you, too. For information, emotional support or just someone to talk to, call the Macmillan Support Line on **0808 808 00 00** (open seven days a week, 8am-8pm). You'll also find other ways we can support you, and those close to you, in this booklet.





### **Create a Tribute Fund Page**

This is a dedicated online space where you, your friends and family can come together and remember your loved one by posting photos, leaving messages and sharing stories. You can also use this space to create events pages and share the fundraising you're doing in their memory.

It's a lovely, positive way to celebrate your loved one's life and make a real difference to people with cancer and those close to them.

Find out more, donate to an existing tribute fund or create your own at macmillan.tributefunds.com





## **Donate in memory**

You could choose to honour your loved one's memory by donating to a cause that they supported and continue the good work that you know meant a lot to them. It can also be a way of acknowledging a charity that was there for your loved one, if they needed support themselves. If the cause you wish to support is Macmillan, we can continue your loved one's story together...

On our website: Just visit macmillan.org.uk/donate and be sure to include your loved one's name in the field provided.

**Through our Supporter Care team:** You can get in touch with us by calling **0300 1000 200** or emailing **fundraising@macmillan.org.uk**. We can take donations over the phone, provide BACS details if you'd like to make a bank transfer, and arrange a paying-in slip if you'd prefer to pay in at a bank.

By Post: You can order your free donation envelope from our Supporter Care team and fill out the form or send us your donation and a covering letter with your details and those of the person you're remembering to: Freepost RUCY-XGCA-XTHU Macmillan Cancer Support, PO Box 791, York House, YORK YO1 ONJ.

Please note, cheques should be made payable to **Macmillan Cancer Support**, and can be sent to the address above.

Every single pound you give will help us provide more Macmillan nurses, a listening ear and other essentials, such as grants for heating bills and help with fares to hospital.





## **Collect in memory**

This is a really nice and personal way for friends and family to remember someone who has died. It provides an opportunity for you to continue their legacy and support a cause that was important to them.

You might choose to collect in person at their funeral or celebration of life, by asking for donations instead of flowers. The funeral director may be able to help organise this.

Alternatively, you can collect these donations online by creating a tribute fund page or a donation on our website **macmillan.org.uk**.

We can provide free postage envelopes with a Gift Aid form in them. Call our Support Care team on **0300 1000 200**, or visit **be.macmillan.org.uk** 





#### **Get involved**

There are so many other ways to get out there and do something for your loved one. Here are just some of them...

**Events:** Organising or taking part in an event is a great way to celebrate their life and raise money. You can search for events taking place near you or arrange your own – you can even link it to your tribute fund page!

**Volunteer:** From giving whoops of support to marathon runners, to hoovering people's homes, there are lots of ways to volunteer for us. Whether you're with us for half an hour, two weeks, or for life, the time you give really does matter.

**Campaign:** You can help make a real difference by joining our campaigns to improve cancer care and support at every stage of a cancer experience. Get involved online, at an event or help us to lobby MPs.

**Share your story:** If it helps, you can share your experience of cancer with people who've been there too. Our Online Community is a safe place where you can say whatever you need to, ask for advice and support others. To join the Macmillan Online Community, please visit **community.macmillan.org.uk**.

For more information about all of the above, please visit macmillan.org.uk/getinvolved





## Leave a gift in your will

Doing this in the name of the person who has died is one of the most impactful and lasting ways in which you can continue their story and yours.

Gifts in wills make up 39% of Macmillan's income. By leaving a gift, you'll be helping us be there for even more people with cancer in the future. We understand that this is a big personal decision, so, if it is something that you'd like to consider, we're here to make it as simple and straightforward as possible.

If you'd like any more information about gifts in wills, please visit macmillan.org.uk/giftinmemory or get in touch with our supporter care team by calling 0300 1000 200 or emailing fundraising@macmillan.org.uk.

By taking these steps now, you will have made a big impact for years to come and leave your lasting legacy.





# The difference your support can make

The money you give in memory of your loved one can help make sure we're right there for people who have cancer, providing all kinds of vital physical, financial and emotional support.

It can help us be right there to suggest foods that can soothe a sore mouth or help people cope with fatique.

It can mean we're right there to ease money worries and enable someone to tell their boss 'I have cancer'.

It can provide someone to turn to during difficult times, a safe space to talk to people going through something similar and many other ways to help people feel a bit more like themselves again.





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Macmillan's Online Community is a place to share experiences and provide round the clock support. Visit **community.macmillan.org.uk** 

There is information about losing someone close to you on our website. You can find this at macmillan.org.uk/bereavement

If you'd like to find out more about what services – such as information and support groups – are available near you, visit macmillan.org.uk/in-your-area





#### Get in touch

If you'd like advice about anything to do with continuing your loved one's story, just contact the Support Care team on **0300 1000 200** (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) or e-mail us at **fundraising@macmillan.org.uk** 

At Macmillan, we give people with cancer everything we've got. If you're diagnosed, your worries are our worries. We will move mountains to help you live life as fully as you can.

And we don't stop there. We're going all out to find ever better ways to help people with cancer, helping to bring forward the day when everyone gets life-transforming support from day one.



