

## In Memoriam donations

When someone close to you dies many people want to make a donation to a charity that was particularly meaningful or special to that individual.

The Scleroderma Society has often been a recipient of In Memoriam donations and we continually find it touching that this is so.

We have found that people are increasingly wishing to create online tributes to their loved one's and to seek donations to their loved ones chosen cause or the charity that reflects a health condition, such as scleroderma, that played such an important role in their life.

It is now possible to set up In memoriam donation pages in support of the work of the Scleroderma Society at Justgiving and MuchLoved. Donations collected in memoriam of a loved one will help the Scleroderma Society to continue in its support of the many people in the UK who have been diagnosed with or affected by scleroderma.

If you would like more information on how you can support the Scleroderma Society through an InMemoriam donations please contact us on [info@sclerodermasociety.co.uk](mailto:info@sclerodermasociety.co.uk) or call us on 020 7000 1925.

## The Scleroderma Society supports people with scleroderma and their families by providing:

- educational literature
- a telephone helpline
- a comprehensive website & forum
- a newsletter with research information
- member contact
- informal group meetings
- an annual conference

We also work to promote awareness of scleroderma among the medical profession and general public in order to improve early diagnosis and prognosis. We fund medical & scientific research in the UK and are a founder member of FESCA (Federation of European Scleroderma Associations), working to forward the cause of people with scleroderma throughout Europe.

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# Leaving a legacy to the Scleroderma Society

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“I have come to know very well how much patients appreciate the support provided by the Society, as well as the growing support that the Society provides for basic and clinical research on this challenging disease.

It is often difficult to raise funds for rare diseases, and by remembering the Society in your Will you can make a very valuable contribution to its work, to benefit future patients.”

**Professor Dame CM Black**

DBE, FRCP, FMedSci  
President of the Scleroderma Society

If you would like some more advice about how you could leave a legacy to the Scleroderma Society or would like us to find you a local solicitor please contact us by email on [info@sclerodermasociety.co.uk](mailto:info@sclerodermasociety.co.uk) or on 020 7000 1925.

**Why Leave a Legacy?**

The Scleroderma Society provides much appreciated support and advice for people living with this little known disease. Above all, it has been funding essential scientific and medical research into understanding the cause of scleroderma and the development of new treatments for over 25 years; our hope and aim is to find a cure for scleroderma in the future.

**A remarkable way to help us achieve this mission would be to remember the Scleroderma Society in your Will.** You can do this by leaving a legacy; a legacy is a gift to a charity in your Will. Legacies are exempt from inheritance tax and probably the most tax-effective gift you can make to charity. It is a powerful and effective way to support the work of the Scleroderma Society in funding medical research and supporting those affected by scleroderma both now and in the future.

**If You Already Have a Will**

If you already have a Will in place but would like to make a legacy gift to The Scleroderma Society, you can make an addition to your Will. This is called a Codicil and should be simple and inexpensive to arrange. Once you've chosen the type of gift you'd like to bequeath (see some examples below), you should contact your solicitor and arrange for the Codicil to your Will.

**If You Don't Yet Have a Will**

To make a Will and include a legacy to The Scleroderma Society, you should seek professional advice from a solicitor. If you don't have a solicitor, ask someone you trust to recommend one, or check a telephone or online directory. There are many different types of legacies; the following bequests are commonly chosen by people leaving a legacy to a charity:

**Residual Bequest**

This is all, or a percentage, of your estate once all other commitments, such as bequests to your family, have been met. This type of legacy is the most valuable to us as it is protected against depreciation through inflation.

**Pecuniary Bequest**

This is a fixed sum of money in your Will. The value of pecuniary legacies will decrease over time; for example a sum of £100 pledged in 2008 would be less valuable when received after 20 years, due to inflation.

**Specific Bequest**

This is a specific item left as a gift in your Will; for example a piece of jewellery or a painting.

**Donations in Lieu of Flowers**

This gift can also be included in your Will which requests that family and friends make donations to the Scleroderma Society instead of sending flowers at your funeral.

**If you decide to leave a legacy to the Scleroderma Society in your Will, you will need to include our address and registered charity number (see over).**

**We sincerely thank you for taking the time to consider leaving us a legacy in your Will.**

