



**St John of Jerusalem
Eye Hospital Group**

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Help our work live on



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**A third
of our
patients
are
children**





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Leaving a gift in your Will, once you have provided for family and friends, is a simple thing to do.

But it can make the world of difference.

With your support we can help our patients, doctors and nurses achieve their full potential.

We can bring a smile to their faces.

Whenever a gift is made to the St John Eye Hospital Group as a legacy or in memory of a loved one, your name is entered into our Book of Remembrance.

Why Us?

In the occupied Palestinian territories, the rate of blindness is ten times higher than in the West, and food insecurity affects 34% of families in the West Bank and has reached 57% of households in the Gaza Strip.

There are high incidences of hereditary disease, including ordinarily rare, severe childhood cataracts, which can cause irreversible damage if left untreated. Cataracts are one of the leading cause of blindness in Palestinians over 50 years, and are correctable if detected and treated.

The **St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group** has been operating for over 130 years and aims to continue caring for those without the ability to pay, regardless of race, religion or ethnicity. Over 100,000 patients are treated annually, a third of whom are under the age of 18.

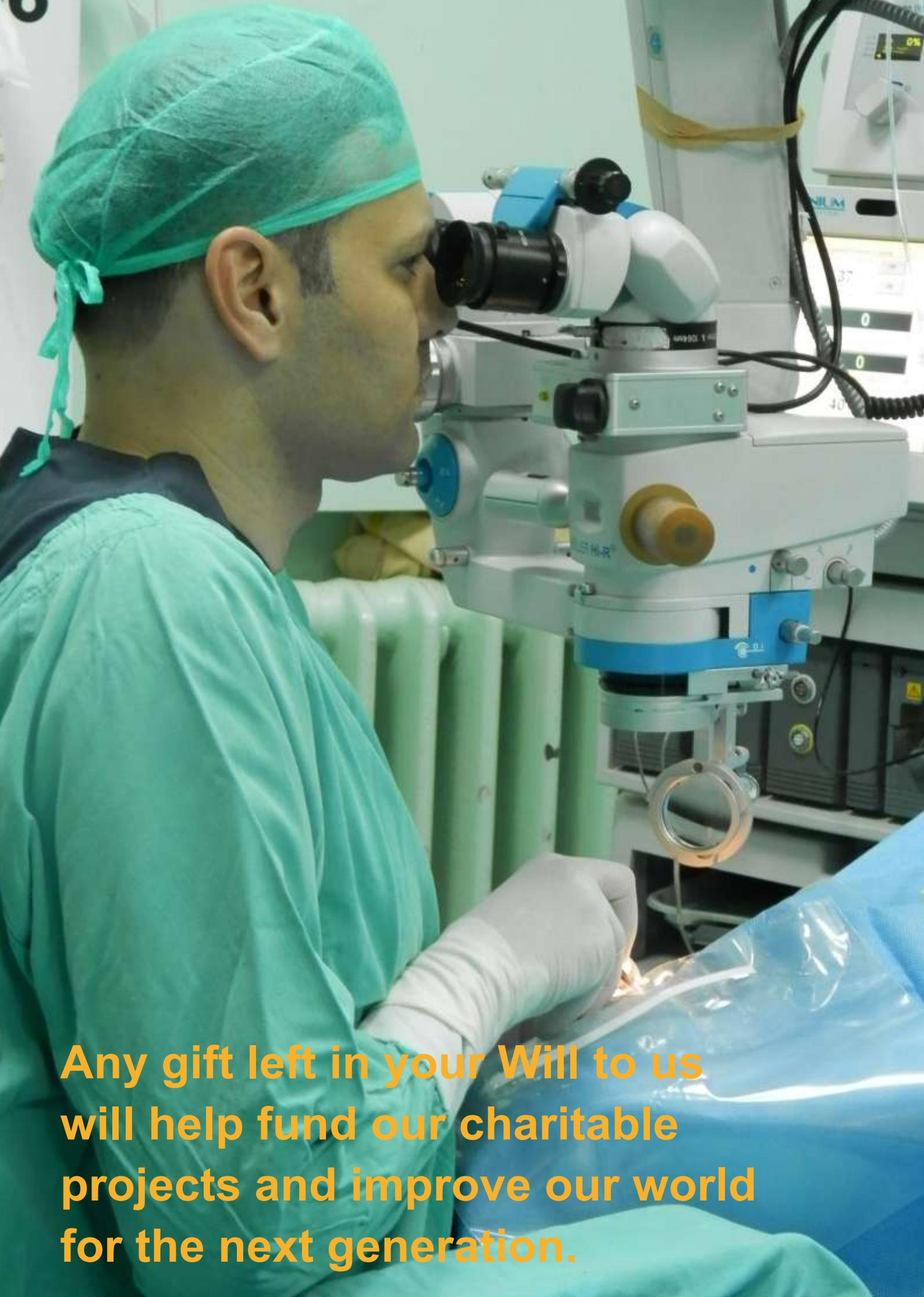
Although our main hospital is in Jerusalem, our services cover the entire occupied Palestinian territories. We have another hospital in Hebron, clinics in Gaza and Anabta, as well as our Mobile Outreach Units to access remote communities.

Together, we are not only protecting sight but also safeguarding the economic and social independence of individuals and the livelihood of their families.

At St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group, we make every penny count. So a gift in your Will, big or small, will have a huge impact on the people we care for.



**80% of blindness
is preventable**



Any gift left in your Will to us will help fund our charitable projects and improve our world for the next generation.

Our Work

The **Jerusalem Eye Hospital** has just achieved Joint Commission International accreditation in patient care and safety, meaning it meets the highest standards achievable and is recognised internationally by its peers.

The **Gaza Clinic** was established in 1992 and treated over 24,000 patients last year. These patients are often unable to leave the Gaza Strip to reach the Jerusalem Hospital, so this service is a lifeline.

The **Anabta Clinic** in the north of the West Bank and **Hebron Hospital** in the south have been established to serve the many communities who cannot access the Jerusalem Hospital without permits, if at all. Last year, these two services treated over 30,000 patients.

A **Mobile Outreach Programme** has also been established to access those living in remote, rural and impoverished communities in the West Bank. This cares for 10,000 patients a year.

Our **Training Programme** in Jerusalem trains up local doctors and nurses in specialist ophthalmological care, thereby investing in the shattered Palestinian infrastructure.

Our **Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Programme** will reduce the proliferation of preventable eye disease through screening, treatment and management. In the next three years, 40,000 patients will be screened.

Why Make a Will

Making a Will is both imperative and easy to do.

Without one, it will be left to the law to decide how your possessions should be divided. If you are not married or in a civil partnership, there is no guarantee that your estate will go to your partner. And if you have dependent children, without a Will, you have no control over their care if anything should happen to you. You could also be lumbered with unnecessary inheritance tax.

A Will is a uniquely personal document, and will give you peace of mind knowing that your final wishes will be carried out. It will ensure that those you love are provided for, and is an opportunity for you to help those causes you have supported during your lifetime.





What Your Gift Would Mean To Us

By leaving a gift in your Will to St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group, whatever the amount, you will be helping to transform the lives of people with sight issues.

£50 could pay for Outreach education sessions in the rural West Bank
£300 could pay for 50 St John bed sheets for hospital beds
£500 could cover the cost of 50 children's gowns
£1,000 could make a crucial impact on the development of our teaching and training programme
£2,000 could pay for a laser lens to be used in major operations
£15,000 could sponsor a nurse for a year
£65,000 could pay for a much needed surgical microscope

Or leave us an unrestricted gift so that we can use it to provide for urgent needs at the time.



Getting Started

It is important to consult a solicitor when drawing up a Will. This costs less than you would imagine, and will give you peace of mind that your wishes are going to be fully carried out.

For information on solicitors, contact the Law Society on www.lawsociety.org.uk or 020 7242 1222.

Should you decide to leave something in your Will to St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group, we would love to know.

Use our Asset Checker

Before you can make a Will, it is good to have a clear idea of what your estate is worth, and how you would like it to be divided among the people and causes you care about.

We have included this aid to assist you in making a list of your assets. Then you can decide who you would like to benefit from your estate and the value or share of your assets you would like them to have.

PLEASE NOTE: This asset checker is to be used as an aid and is for your own reference only. It is not to be sent in to us and is not a suitable replacement for a valid Will.



ASSET CHECKER

1 What do you have to leave?

It is important when you make or change your Will to have a clear idea of what your estate is worth. The checklist will help give you an idea of the value of your estate, and will save time with your solicitor.

Everything I own – your assets (current value)

House	£ _____
Furniture/antiques/collectables	£ _____
Car	£ _____
Jewellery	£ _____
Bank accounts (current balance)	£ _____
Building society (current balance)	£ _____
ISAs/Premium Bonds	£ _____
Stocks and shares	£ _____
Life assurance policies	£ _____
Money owed to me	£ _____
Other possessions	£ _____
TOTAL ASSETS	£ _____

Everything I owe – your liabilities

Mortgage – outstanding balance	£ _____
Bank loans	£ _____
Overdrafts	£ _____
Credit card debts	£ _____
Other debts	£ _____
TOTAL LIABILITIES	£ _____

TOTAL ASSETS	£ _____
LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES	£ _____
TOTAL ESTATE VALUE	£ _____

ASSET CHECKER

2 Who to include in your Will?

Decide who you want to remember in your Will – people, causes and organisations. And consider the types of gifts you might want to leave them.

Family			
Name	Share of the Estate	Specific Sum	Specific Item
Friends			
Name	Share of the Estate	Specific Sum	Specific Item
Charities/organisations			
Name	Share of the Estate	Specific Sum	Specific Item

3 Who to make your executor(s), and legal guardian(s) if you have children under 18

Executors			
Name	Address	Postcode	Telephone
Legal guardian(s) if you have children under 18			
Name	Address	Postcode	Telephone

How to Leave a Gift in Your Will

A Residuary Gift: a share or the remainder of your estate once friends and family have been provided for.

A Pecuniary Gift: a gift of a set amount of money.

A Specific Gift: a gift of a particular item to be used or sold by the beneficiary.

If you have already set out your wishes, but would like to update your Will to include St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group, this can be done through your solicitor by adding what is known as a 'codicil.'

A Tax Efficient Way of Giving

There are sound financial reasons for leaving a gift to charity.

Not only is a legacy entirely free of inheritance tax, but if you were to leave more than 10% of the value of your estate to charity, then the government will reduce what inheritance tax you pay on the remainder of your estate.

Your solicitor will be able to explain the benefits and how they will apply to your circumstances in full.



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Pledge Form

If you have remembered, or intend to remember, St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group in your Will, thank you for thinking about us and our work.

If you want to help us plan for the future, please complete this pledge form and return to our address below.

The information you provide will not be binding in any way and will remain confidential if you so wish.

Title _____ Full Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Country _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

I have already left a Legacy to St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group

I intend to leave a Legacy to St John of Jerusalem Eye hospital Group

I would like more information about leaving a Legacy to St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group

I would like my Legacy to be anonymous

Thank you