

# HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

**Action Cancer** has come a long way since 1973. Many thousands of people have been touched by our work – through our early detection services in Belfast and throughout the province, our information and support service for cancer patients, our Men’s Health Programme, awareness initiatives such as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the fruits of our cancer research programme.

Great challenges still lie ahead of us. Cancer is set to become the most common cause of death in Northern Ireland. Cancer treatment and detection have improved greatly, but there is still much more to be done. One way that you can help, is by remembering Action Cancer in your Will. Leaving a legacy is a positive and thoughtful act; a way to ensure that you contribute to the future. Supporting Action Cancer in this way will help save lives in Northern Ireland, that would otherwise be lost to cancer.

This leaflet tells you a little about the kind of people who will benefit, the work that requires your assistance long into the future, and how you might leave a legacy.



# YOUR WILL IS IMPORTANT

You may or may not think you have very much to leave, but when it is all added up, most people have rather more than they imagine to leave behind. If you have not left clear instructions, you will have no control over your assets. If you have no relatives, all your money will go to the government instead of those causes you would like to support.

You can avoid these difficulties by making a Will. We would recommend that you consult a solicitor. This will cost very little, and ensuring your wishes are clearly and legally expressed may save a great deal of confusion and distress for your relatives after your death.

By leaving a sum of money to help others, you can ensure that your influence for good carries on into the future, and that those things you believe in are supported. You should, of course, make sure that your dependents and those close to you are provided for before giving to Action Cancer – whether by assigning a specific sum to Action Cancer, or by deciding how much you want to leave to the people who are to benefit, and leaving what is left over – the residue – to Action Cancer.

If you already have a Will, but would like to support Action Cancer, a solicitor can help you to add a 'codicil', an easily arranged amendment to express this wish.

If you do decide to leave a sum to Action Cancer in your Will, please accept our thanks. It also helps us a great deal if you tell us about your bequest. Knowing how many people want to support us in this way helps us to plan for the future, making sure that future funds are used effectively.

Money left to Action Cancer as legacies is spent in the fight against cancer in Northern Ireland.



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**A LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE**  
HOW YOUR WILL CAN HELP FIGHT CANCER





Angela McCrystal



Joanne Magee

## CARING FOR PEOPLE

Cancer knows no prejudice: it attacks all sorts of people. Action Cancer helps all sorts of people. Here are two people who may owe their lives to our work.

### Angela McCrystal

Angela McCrystal was diagnosed with breast cancer at an Action Cancer early detection session shortly before she was due to retire as the nurse who worked at that selfsame clinic. It seemed a cruel irony at the time, that this woman who had been helping others should find that she, herself, had cancer. Action Cancer early detection meant that Angela could be successfully treated. Now, she is perfectly well, and enjoying her retirement. "Joining Action Cancer," she says, "was one of the best days of my life."

### Joanne Magee

Joanne Magee discovered she was pregnant four days after she was told she had breast cancer. It says a great deal for the advances in treatment that both Joanne and baby Ethan are doing fine now.

In fact, Joanne only discovered she had cancer because she followed the breast examination guidelines which came on the little card she received when she bought an Action Cancer Pink Ribbon for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. "That," she says, "saved my life."

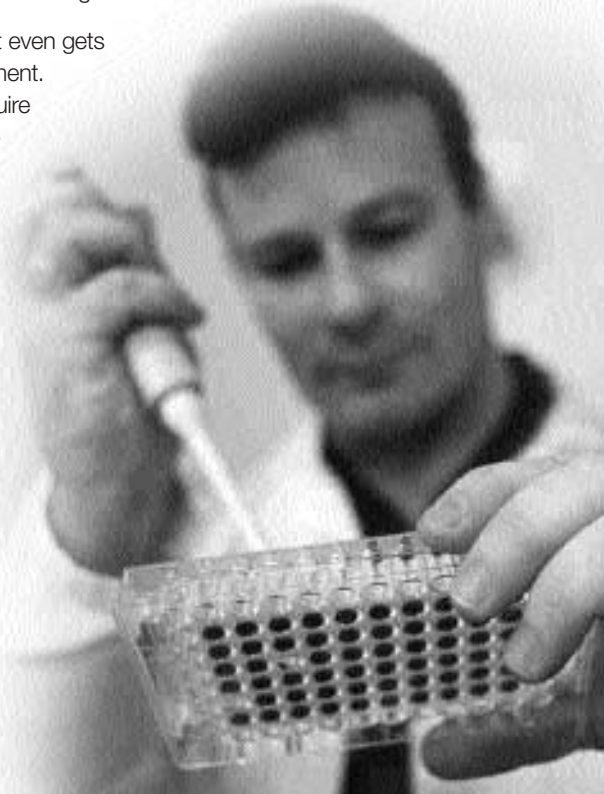


# CARING THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Action Cancer has been involved in cancer research for thirty years. Now, we have been able to put the results of research to a practical use, a use that will help us save many lives that would otherwise be lost to cancer.

One of our most innovative projects is the Northern Ireland Cancer Genetic Service. The programme operates at five hospitals – Altnagelvin, Antrim, Craigavon, Ulster, and the regional cancer centre at Belfast City Hospital. Our genes are the ‘codes’ that make us what we are, passed on by our parents. By looking at them, doctors can spot people at higher risk of some cancers that have a familial link. That is good news, because having identified the risk factors, we can do something about it, leading to life-saving early detection, or, in some cases, cancer prevention through lifestyle changes.

This ability to fight cancer before it even gets started is a very exciting development. However, this programme will require considerable ongoing funding into the future. On top of that, we cannot know what advances the future will hold. Our cancer genetics programme would have sounded like fanciful fiction not many years ago; now it is a reality. Who knows what new discoveries will help us save even more lives in the future. However, these advances in turn, will require funding, and that is where your legacy to future generations, given through Action Cancer, could be so valuable





# HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY

## You could help us save lives

Making a Will is a positive and important action. It can eventually make things so much easier for your family and executors, and it means you have control over your assets. Leaving a sum to Action Cancer means that not only can you benefit your family, but you can leave a positive legacy for the whole community by helping us fight cancer in Northern Ireland into the future.

If you already have a Will, but would like to amend it to leave some money to charity, your solicitor can help you. If you are making your first Will, make sure that your dependents and those closest to you are provided for first, before you give to Action Cancer.

If you have already left a legacy to Action Cancer, or if you intend to, please return this little slip to us. Whilst we hope it is many years before we receive your bequest, knowing how many people have pledged gifts to us helps enormously in our future planning, and it allows us to keep you up to date with our work over the coming years. Thank you so much for your help.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

I have already included a bequest to Action Cancer in my Will.

I plan to include a bequest to Action Cancer in my Will.

Please note this information will be treated in strict confidence.

I would like to make a donation now.

I enclose my cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ payable to Action Cancer.

Please return to Action Cancer, Freepost BEL421, 1 Marlborough Park, Belfast BT9 6BR