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# Your gift will beat meningitis

Every day 22 people and their families and friends are hit with the devastating news that they've contracted meningitis. Loved ones will sadly be lost, with all the despair that brings for those left behind.

And for those who do survive, everyday activities that they took for granted may no longer be possible. Plans and dreams for the future will have to be put on hold, or abandoned altogether. A new life will have to be forged. Families and friends will have to adapt.

When the worst happens, we're there for these individuals and their families and friends - to explain, reassure, support and, most of all, to show them they're not alone as they strive to rebuild their futures.

We can't just turn a switch and stop those 22 cases. But, with your support we can continue to be there when we're needed.

Gifts in Wills from our supporters are one vital way to help us fulfil our vision of a future where no-one in the UK loses their life to meningitis and everyone affected gets the support they need to rebuild their lives.

Your gift could support research that finds new and improves existing vaccines to save lives and prevent disability. It may one day eliminate the scourge of meningitis forever.

In the meantime, it could help give people the knowledge and confidence to recognise the signs and symptoms of meningitis and take fast action, saving lives through awareness and education.

The fight against meningitis simply couldn't happen without you. Join the fight today and let your gift help us make a difference into the future.

*Tom Nutt.*

Dr Tom Nutt  
Chief Executive



## Mary and Howard's story

One family who have chosen to make a difference in the future through remembering us in their wills is our Community Ambassador Mary Garley and her husband Howard.

### Mary told us:

*"We lost our granddaughter, Maisie, in 2008, to meningitis; she was just eight months old. She was taken to hospital early in the morning of 15 October and sent home after being told it was just a virus.*

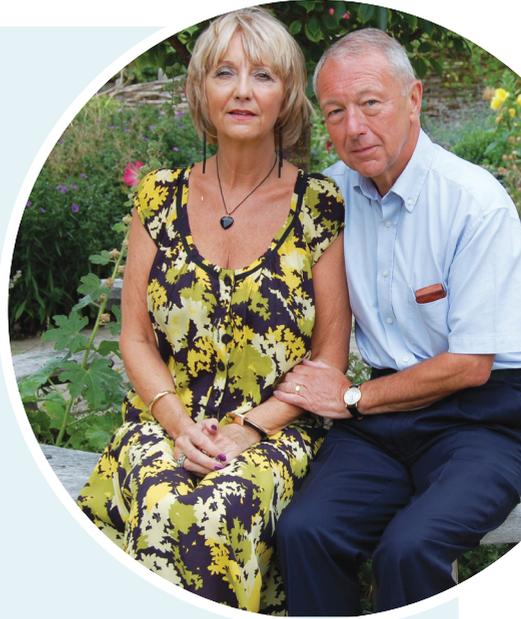
*"That afternoon she was taken to another hospital and diagnosed with bacterial meningitis. She was sent late that night to Great Ormond Street Hospital. Her little body could not take any more and she left us on the morning of 16 October. Just 24 hours and she was gone.*

*"Meningitis Now was there for our family at the time and since and everything we do now is for Maisie and to remember her. She's still with us in spirit and amongst our other support for the charity, which includes donating on Maisie's birthday and at Christmas when our other grandchildren get presents, we wanted to do something extra special in her honour.*

*"At the time of making our wills we immediately thought to leave a gift to charity and it was straightforward to include Meningitis Now.*

*"We are now safe in the knowledge that our wishes will be passed on to make a positive and lasting difference for others and that Maisie's name will live on through that gift.*

*"I'd encourage everyone to consider doing the same."*



# How to leave a gift in your will

We've teamed up with trusted online partners **Bequeathed** and leading law firm and our long-standing supporter **Irwin Mitchell** to provide a free, quick and easy way for you to leave your own special gift to the world.



Once you've looked after your loved ones, we would be really grateful if you could remember us with a gift in your will.

All you need to do is follow the link to the website <http://mymeningitislegacy.org> and fill in some basic contact information. The links will then be directly sent to you.

**Want to speak to a human?** We always love to hear from you and chat. If you want any information or have any questions, please feel free to call Joanne on 07587 554846 or email [joanne@meningitisnow.org](mailto:joanne@meningitisnow.org).

We would like to thank you in advance for your kind and incredible gift. You will remain in our hearts forever.

## Do you have a dependent with a learning disability?

It is vital that you make a will that includes specific trust structure to protect any dependent with a learning disability and their financial future. This is known as a Disabled Persons Trust. Both our partner organisations offer this specialised service and will be happy to help you. Please be advised as this is a specialised service there will be an additional charge as it is beyond the scope of the free will service.

Find out more at <http://mymeningitislegacy.org>  
– you can make a difference every day.



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