



**SarcomaUK**  
The bone & soft tissue  
cancer charity

# Donations in memory

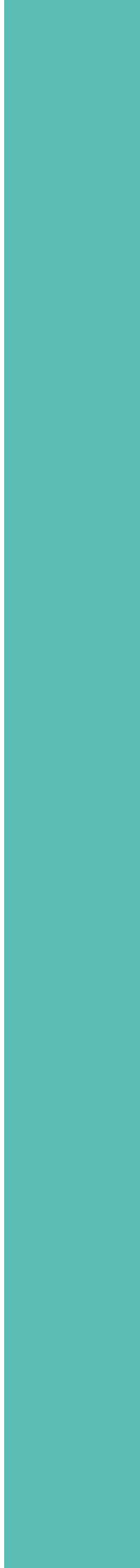


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# Hello there,

**Thank you for being in touch with our charity. We are very sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that you and your family and friends are all in our thoughts at this time.**

**Thank you so much for thinking about our charity in memory of your loved one. This is a truly powerful way to celebrate and honour their life. We understand that this decision means a lot to you.**

Your generosity will help us to continue funding ground-breaking research that will find better and kinder treatments for patients with sarcoma. Your support will also help continue our important work in raising awareness of sarcoma and providing practical advice and emotional support by our Support Line service, ensuring even more people are receiving the help they need.

Inside this guide, you will find all the information to help you with donations made in memory of your loved one and details on how your support will make an impact on the sarcoma community.





## Charlotte's story

**When Charlotte's father, Martin, was diagnosed with sarcoma, we were beside her and her family all the way.**

"The whole year, from Dad's first diagnosis until the day he died was a scary rollercoaster ride. I was so grateful to be able to contact the Sarcoma UK Support Line, even though I wasn't the one who was ill.

Although we got to know Dad's NHS specialist nurse really well, our contact

ended as soon as Dad died so it was so good to know we could still call Sarcoma UK's Support Line.

I know things would have been so much harder to bear if these wonderful people hadn't been at the end of the phone. They get to know you. They always have time for you and they really want to help... you never feel just like a number to them."



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# We are here for you



**Not everyone understands sarcoma. We do.**

We have a Support Line available if you or your family have any questions about sarcoma or if you just want to chat to one of our specialist nurses and advisors at this time for support. Our Support Line is independent and confidential, and they can offer a listening ear when you need it most.

## How to get in touch

The number is **0808 801 0401** or if you would prefer to write, their email address is [supportline@sarcoma.org.uk](mailto:supportline@sarcoma.org.uk) or you could text **07860058830**.



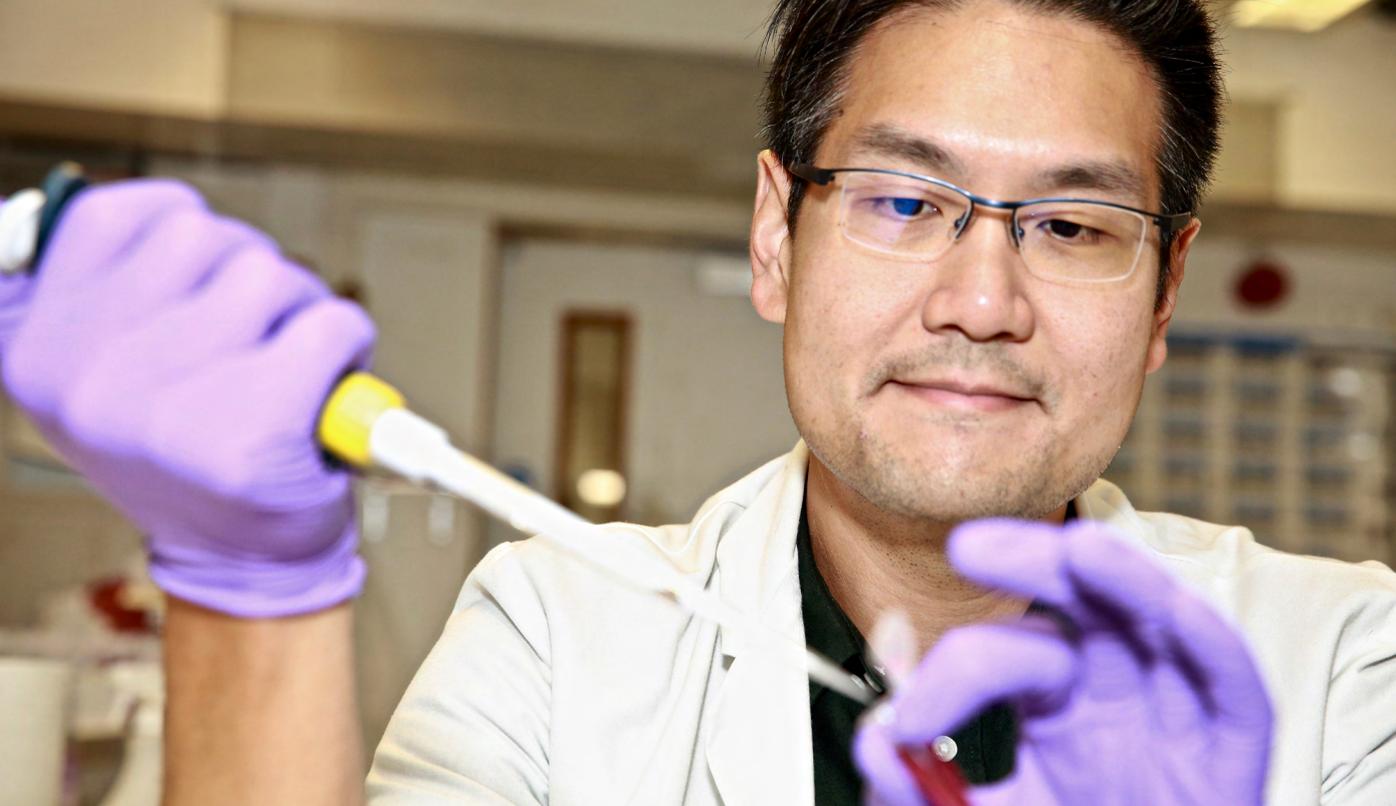
**Thank you for all your hard work on this, you are amazing! Words cannot express how thankful we are. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.**

**Feedback from people who have contacted our Support Line**



# How will my support help?

Sarcoma UK is the only cancer charity in the UK focusing on all types of sarcoma. Our charity receives no government funding or support from larger charities. We rely solely on the generous donations and energy and imagination of the kind and caring people like yourselves



**Sarcoma is a very uncommon form of cancer, there are over 100 subtypes of sarcoma and it can develop almost anywhere in the body including in the soft tissue, in the bones or in the stomach or bowels. Most people don't know what it is until they know someone affected by it. With this in mind, we value every ounce of your support and we will make sure the legacy your loved one leaves behind will make an impact on the future of the sarcoma community.**

Sarcoma UK is the only charity funding scientific research only on sarcoma cancer. Since our charity first started in 2011, Sarcoma UK has invested millions into high quality scientific research projects. We fund both laboratory-based and clinic-based research to reveal the cause of sarcoma, find solutions and put together kinder treatments for patients.

We have also helped thousands of individuals through the free and confidential Support Line which was launched in February 2016. Through

this service, we have provided advice, reassurance, and a listening ear to everyone affected by sarcoma including patients, family, friends and healthcare professionals.

**“Thanks to your support, we can continue this important work and be there for everyone affected by sarcoma.”**

In 2019, our charity grew to welcome a team dedicated to tackling the problems and issues faced by the sarcoma community. Our Policy team have highlighted several important areas that need to be improved including earlier and more accurate diagnosis, better access to psychological support and for all patients to have access to the best possible care within the UK. Our team are the driving force to make these changes to improve the future for the sarcoma community.

Thanks to your support, we can continue this important work and be there for everyone affected by sarcoma.



# In memory donations

We want to thank you for thinking of our charity at this difficult time. We know many people wish to ask for donations to a cause important to them in lieu of flowers at a funeral. We can help you with the easiest option to collect donations and send them to us.

**Above:** Christine Rhodes (left) who has raised money in memory of her daughter, Hannah (right) who died of sarcoma in 2018



Sarcoma UK is a national charity that funds vital research, offers support for anyone affected by sarcoma cancer and campaigns for better treatments.

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## Offline

If you would like to organise a collection at the funeral for Sarcoma UK, we can provide you with collection boxes or donation envelopes to help you at this time.

Along with these collection materials, we also have small leaflets available about our charity to help raise awareness and outline why your support is so important to us. Contact our team on [fundraising@sarcoma.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@sarcoma.org.uk) or call our office on **0207 856 0445** to request these materials.

Once the collection has been made, there are a few ways to send us these donations:

- Send us a cheque made payable to 'Sarcoma UK' to our office address: **Sarcoma UK, 17/18 Angel Gate, City Road, London, EC1V 2PT**
- Pay via our website at **[sarcoma.org.uk/donate](https://sarcoma.org.uk/donate)**
- Contact us for our bank account details by calling 0207 856 0445 or email **[fundraising@sarcoma.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@sarcoma.org.uk)**
- Pay over the phone by calling our main office number **0207 856 0445**
- Whichever method you choose, please include a note with the name of your loved one, your name and address so we know who the donation came from and so we can send you a thank you letter from the charity.



## Online

**We recommend JustGiving to collect your donations online, it is simple to set up your page and dedicate your efforts in memory of your loved one.**

Our charity is already registered with JustGiving so they send the donations directly to us and even process Gift Aid on our behalf. Using an online page means that people can still donate in

honour of your loved one but they are unable to attend the funeral. It is very easy to share your page with your friends and family by emails, texts, or on your social media pages.

It only takes a few minutes to set up your page and receive your first donation. All you need to do is go to [www.justgiving.com/sarcomauk](http://www.justgiving.com/sarcomauk) and click 'Fundraise' to set up your page.



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# Share your loved one's story on your giving page

Here are our ways you can make the most out of your online giving page and ensure your loved one leaves a lasting legacy.

**Above:** John Keogh, who has raised money in memory of his son-in-law Shaun McKinley, who died of sarcoma cancer.



## Image

Let your picture do some talking too. You can add a picture of the person you are collecting donations in memory of here, this will be the first thing someone sees visiting the page. **People support people**, so show your friends and family the face of the person they will be honouring the memory of.

## Tell your story

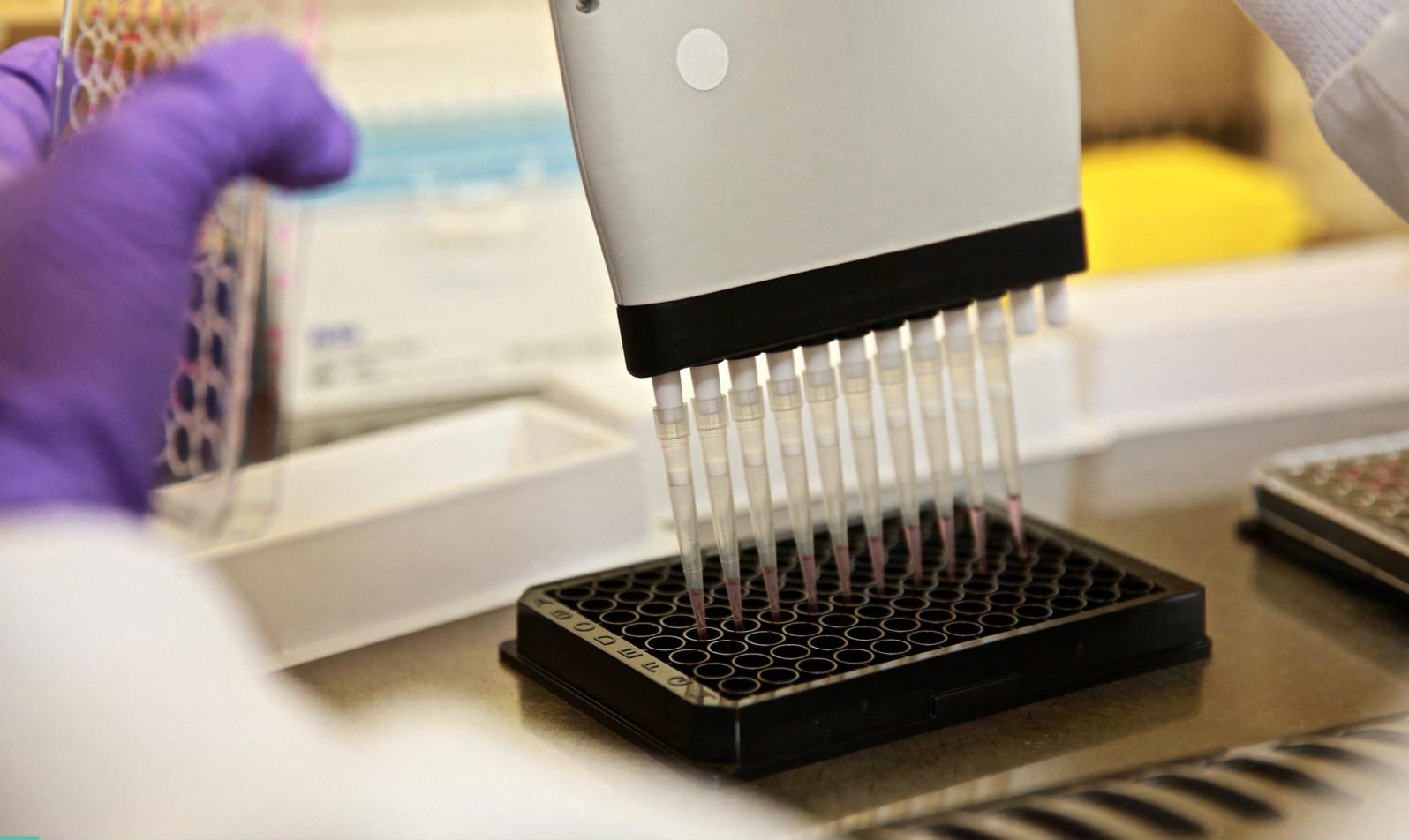
Why does supporting Sarcoma UK mean so much to you? Adding your connection to sarcoma will let people know what a difference they will be making by supporting you. This is the place you need to grab people's attention. By sharing your loved one's story, you will be raising awareness of this type of cancer and our charity. You can also use this area to include the details about the funeral or memorial service so everyone will see it when they first open your page.

**Alexandra Batty**, started a fundraising campaign to run 100 miles before her birthday which raised £2,500 in memory of her dad Adrian.

## Include all donations

Include the donations you have received by cash and cheque so that all the funds raised can be seen. You can add these amounts under the 'offline donation' section under your fundraising page settings.





## Key facts about sarcomas and Sarcoma UK you can include on your page:

- 15 people are diagnosed every single day in the UK
- Sarcoma is cancer. It can develop anywhere in the body.
- Although sarcoma is one of the top 5 most common cancers in children, it's so uncommon in adults that a GP might only ever see one person with a sarcoma in their whole career.
- Sarcoma UK has helped thousands of individuals through the free and confidential Support Line which was launched in February 2016.
- We are so grateful for your energy and for the effort that you put into raising funds for Sarcoma UK. Your hard work makes a real difference in the lives of so many people.

## Here are some examples of how your generous donations and fundraising could help our charity:



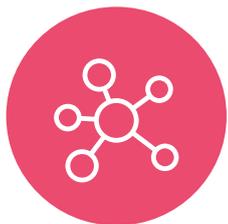
**£150**

could fund the **Support Line for a week**.



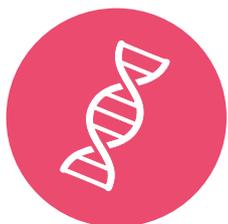
**£500**

could cover the **annual grant for one sarcoma support group**, ensuring patients and family members can meet others going through a similar journey to them in their local area.



**£1,000**

could fund an **incubator for growing cells in the laboratory for our sarcoma research projects**.



**£2,000**

could fund **whole genome sequencing of one sample from a sarcoma tumour**, helping us to understand in greater detail why the cancer cells behave the way they do, and how we might target this with new treatments.



**£5,000**

could help us host a **national meeting of leading sarcoma clinicians** to discuss improving sarcoma care nationwide.



# How can we help in the future?

Thank you again for choosing to support our charity in memory of your loved one. If you would like to keep supporting Sarcoma UK in the future, here are some ways you can continue making a difference.



## How you can continue to make a difference:

- To find out more about the work you have helped fund and news from the sarcoma community, join our mailing for our E-news, which you'll receive every six weeks. Register through our website or let our team know.
- Take part in a challenge activity or organise an event in memory of your loved one. We have charity places available in a range of challenges from marathons to skydives and we can provide advice and materials to help you organise your fundraising. Contact our Fundraising team to find out more.
- Set up a regular donation and continue your support within the sarcoma community
- Nominate our charity for your workplace, school or community group fundraising in honour of your loved one

- Use our free will service to leave your own lasting legacy for the sarcoma community.
- Sign-up as a Sarcoma UK volunteer and meet other people in the sarcoma community at our events.

If you need any further advice or support, please contact our Fundraising team at [fundraising@sarcoma.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@sarcoma.org.uk) or call our office on 0207 856 0445.

We are here to help in any way that we can. Our Support Line is still here for you.





# Bereavement, emotional and practical support

You may feel you need extra support.  
Here are some of the organisations  
our Support Line recommend

Losing a loved one can affect each of us in different ways. You may feel you need extra support alongside the help you have received already from your specialist sarcoma team and your GP. Make sure you ask your GP to refer you to any available mental health and wellbeing services.

Our Support Line team talk to many people who are bereaved and are able to sign post to other services that might be able to help.

You may also find the organisations below helpful to contact or use their available resources:

### **Cruse:**

Cruse Bereavement Care is the leading national charity for bereaved people in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. They provide information and advice about grief following the death of someone close and specialist support for children and young people and their families. You can contact their Helpline or use their web chat service. You can also attend bereavement support sessions and support groups.

To find out more, visit their website:  
[cruse.org.uk](https://www.cruse.org.uk)

### **Child Bereavement UK:**

Child Bereavement UK help children and young people (up to the age of 25), parents and families to rebuild their lives when a child dies. They provide a wide range of information and support, from telephone support to group support.

To find out more, visit their website:  
[childbereavementuk.org](https://www.childbereavementuk.org)

### **The Good Grief Trust:**

The Good Grief Trust is there to help all those affected by grief in the UK. They offer a range of support line services tailored for everyone at their stage of grief. From support for those newly bereaved to those looking to move forward.

To find out more, visit their website:  
[thegoodgrieftrust.org](https://www.thegoodgrieftrust.org)



Fundraising has been important for the family. It helps us psychologically, as we're doing something positive for the charity to help other people in the same position.

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