

CHARLIE HOUSE GIFTS IN WILLS



Life is precious

Registered charity - SC042643



WHY WRITE A WILL



Writing a will ensures that the people and causes that mean the most to you are looked after. It is your way of leaving a legacy and passing on your values for the future. You can write a will at any age and you can update it as required over time. We understand that you will want to make sure your friends and family are taken care of first, once you have done that you may

want to consider leaving a gift in your will to Charlie House. Leaving a small gift will make a huge difference to the future of our work and help us to continue to support babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions and complex disabilities, and their families, in the North-east of Scotland.

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WHY LEAVE US A GIFT

Currently, there are over 1,600 children with life-limiting conditions and each and every one of those children, and their families, deserve to have the necessary support they require from the very start of their life journey, including a smooth transition from hospital to home, and to receive practical and emotional support and have the opportunity to enjoy activities, make memories and live life to the fullest.

By leaving a gift to Charlie House you will be helping to ensure we can continue to provide practical, emotional and therapeutic support to improve the mental health and wellbeing of the families, to help them maintain positive relationships, reduce isolation and improve their ability to cope with the challenges they face throughout their child's life journey.

CHARLIE HOUSE WAS ESTABLISHED TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF SPECIALIST SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR BABIES, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LIFE-LIMITING CONDITIONS AND COMPLEX DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES, IN NORTH-EAST SCOTLAND.

TYPES OF GIFTS

THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF GIFTS THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO LEAVE IN YOUR WILL.

A SPECIFIC SUM:

A gift of a fixed sum of money. The value of a fixed sum gift will decrease over time as the cost of living increases. This is known as a pecuniary legacy.



A SHARE OF YOUR ESTATE:

A gift of the residue (or a share of the residue) of an estate. Residue is whatever is left after all debts, expenses and any other legacies have been deducted.

This is known as a residuary legacy. Many people prefer to leave a residuary gift because it will remain in line with inflation and does not lose its value over time.



WE RECOMMEND SPEAKING TO YOUR SOLICITOR, OR OTHER LEGAL ADVISOR, ABOUT THE TYPE OF GIFT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO LEAVE TO CHARLIE HOUSE.

A SPECIFIC ITEM:

A gift of a particular named item, for example, a piece of jewellery, furniture, a painting, buildings, land or shares.



TAX BENEFITS

Leaving a gift to Charlie House in your will may reduce the amount of Inheritance Tax paid as the value of your gift is deducted from your total estate before the amount of tax payable is applied. Gifts to charities are 100% tax-free.

Please speak to your solicitor or contact HMRC for the most up to date advice and information about Inheritance Tax.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

- 1 We understand that your family and friends will always come first and any gift you chose to leave to Charlie House will be appreciated
- 2 We will never ask you tell us if you have left a gift in your will as we understand it's personal to you, however, we would love to have the opportunity to thank you
- 3 We will never pressure you to leave a gift to Charlie House, you can make that decision in your own time. We're here to provide more information, but only if you wish
- 4 You can change your mind at any time, we will never ask you why
- 5 We will use your gift carefully to ensure it benefits the children and families we support as much as possible
- 6 If you chose to tell us about your gift, we will handle that information with discretion and sensitivity and will never pass the information on to anyone else



MAKING A DONATION TO CHARLIE HOUSE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE IS A THOUGHTFUL WAY TO HONOUR THEIR MEMORY AND CONTRIBUTE TO A CAUSE THAT IS SPECIAL TO YOU AND THEM.

GIFTS IN MEMORY

You may wish to create a tribute fund, which friends and family can contribute towards. You can do this by creating a personalised 'in memory' page via Just Giving www.justgiving.com

Alternatively, you can make a one-off or regular donation to Charlie House in their name

or you may wish to request donations in lieu of flowers at their funeral. Whatever you decide we can help you to honour your loved one.

Please contact us on 01224 313333 or email legacies@charliehouse.org.uk

FAQS

WHY DO I NEED A WILL, AND WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T HAVE ONE?

Having a professionally written up to date will ensures that your wishes are carried out and the people and causes that mean the most to you are taken care of. If you don't have a will, or your will isn't valid, your estate will be 'intestate', and your wishes may not be carried out.

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER LEAVING A GIFT TO CHARLIE HOUSE AND WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH IT?

Leaving a gift in your will to Charlie House will help us to continue to support babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions and complex disabilities, and their families, in the North-east of Scotland. It's a way for you to leave a legacy to a cause that is close to your heart or it can be a tribute to a loved one. We will use your gift carefully to deliver our services and ensure it helps to makes the biggest difference possible to those we support.

DO I NEED A SOLICITOR TO WRITE MY WILL?

No, however a will is a legally binding document and a solicitor can give you appropriate legal advice. This will ensure your will is valid and that your wishes will be carried out. You can contact the Law Society of Scotland, or the Law Society of England and Wales depending on where you live, for further information, visit: www.lawscot.org.uk

HOW CAN I LEAVE A GIFT TO CHARLIE HOUSE?

Leaving a gift to Charlie House is very straightforward, your solicitor can arrange it for you. You will need to provide them with our details, which are as follows: Charlie House, 38 Albyn Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1YN. Registered charity number SC042643.

WHAT IF I'VE ALREADY GOT A WILL, DO I NEED TO MAKE A NEW ONE?

No, you can simply update your current will. It's always a good idea to review your will to ensure it still reflects your wishes. This is particularly important if your circumstances have changed, such as, marriage, divorce, moving home, a change in financial circumstances, a death in the family or a new arrival.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I CHANGE MY MIND?

You can change your will at any time. We understand that your circumstances may change, and we will never ask you why you have changed your will or ask you to reconsider.

OUR DETAILS

Your solicitor will need our registered name, address and charity number, which are:

**CHARLIE HOUSE
38 ALBYN PLACE
ABERDEEN, AB10 1YN**

**REGISTERED CHARITY IN
SCOTLAND, SC042643**

USEFUL LINKS

www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax

www.lawscot.org.uk

www.lawsociety.org.uk

CONTACT US

If you have any questions about Charlie House, or would like to discuss leaving a gift in your will, please contact us using the details below or complete this form and send it back to us at:

Charlie House
38 Albyn Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1YN
Phone: 01224 313333
Email: legacies@charliehouse.org.uk

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

We appreciate that your will is personal and private to you and we understand if you would rather not share the details with us. However, if you have left a gift to Charlie House, we would love the opportunity to say thank you if you are happy to share that information.

Please tick as applicable:

- ☐ I have left a gift to Charlie House in my will and I am happy for you to contact me about it
- ☐ I am thinking about leaving a gift to Charlie House in my will and would like you to contact me to discuss further
- ☐ I am happy for you to hold my details on our database
- ☐ I am happy for you to send me regular updates on Charlie House events and news

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