



**Your guide
to leaving a gift
in your Will**

Help us change a child's life



This guide explains how to make or change your Will and how you can include a gift to Newlife. **Legacy gifts have enabled us to help transform disabled children's lives over the last 30 years. Together we can do even more in the future.**

The number of disabled children in the UK has risen sharply, doubling over the last decade. This huge increase has been due to a variety of reasons including more babies born very early surviving; more children living for longer with cancer, genetic or life-limiting conditions; and increased diagnosis of learning disabilities. As a result, many families are looking after disabled children with complex care needs.

Now more than ever, we need your support

While needs are increasing, services to help families are stretched to breaking point and just can't cope with demand. Families are waiting longer than ever and are relying on Newlife to provide the things they really need like essential equipment to get around including wheelchairs, buggies, and car seats; as well as sensory toys that bring a smile; and emotional support for families.

If, like us, you believe that disabled children and their families shouldn't be left struggling, then a gift in your Will means you can be there, bringing hope, love and joy, so a disabled child can live their life to the fullest potential.

A gift of in your Will can help us to continue to be there for generations to come.



A gift in your Will can help a child like Oakley

Oakley is a lively two-year-old who loves to crawl and climb. He was born with Cerebral Palsy and can't walk without help, has no awareness of danger and is also tube fed through the night.

At night he would wake several times and try to climb out of his cot, becoming tangled in his feeding tubes and injuring himself. Oakley's situation became even more urgent when he was admitted to hospital and needed a safe bed to sleep in for him to be transferred home. Newlife was able to provide him with just the right bed which has high, padded sides and holes for his tube feeds to pass through. The bed is even big enough for Mum to stay and comfort him too.

"Oakley can't escape from his new bed meaning we know he is going to be safe in there. We were very anxious about going home from hospital without it. Having the bed is so reassuring – Oakley is settled and comfortable and sleeps well - so we can sleep too." - Oakley's Mum

Newlife timeline

How we help may change over time, but our values won't.

Inspired by our values of compassion and caring, we provide emotional and practical support to help disabled children and families enjoy happier, healthier lives.

1991 Newlife was founded to support children affected by genetic conditions and birth defects.



1993 Newlife's trading company is set up, allowing us to recycle and raise funds from clothing donated by our corporate partners.

2011 Our emergency equipment loan service is launched, providing items like beds, hoists and buggies to families in urgent need.



2011 Newlife's Sensory toy loan service starts, helping children enjoy play.

2012 The Newlife Birth Defects Research Centre is opened in London, to research some of the major causes of infant mortality and childhood disability.



2015 Newlife successfully campaigned to change the law so that disabled children are now able to use heavier electric wheelchairs.

2023 Newlife reaches major milestones helping over 20,000 children with specialist equipment and providing its 10,000th sensory toy loan.



Margaret's story

A gift in your Will can make a really big difference, helping us to support future generations of disabled children and their families. By leaving a gift to Newlife, you'll be making the future so much brighter for disabled children and their families.

Margaret is a Newlife supporter who has spent her working life as a nurse and midwife, and has cared for many children with disabilities throughout her career. She has chosen to support Newlife with a gift in her Will as it will enable her to continue supporting a cause close to her heart:

"I wanted to leave a gift to a cause that really matters to me. I've seen just how life-changing it can be for a child to have the right disability equipment. But these items are so expensive, and parents just can't afford them. I know Newlife do such a wonderful job helping families. I'm leaving a gift in my Will so I can help change disabled children's lives into the future."

Your questions about gifts in Wills answered

Making a Will can help ensure your wishes will be respected and those you love are looked after when you die.



Do I need a solicitor to write or amend my Will?

When it comes to writing or updating your Will, we always recommend seeking expert legal advice. You can find a solicitor in England or Wales by contacting The Law Society on 020 7320 5650.

I want to take care of my loved ones; can I still leave a gift to Newlife?

Yes you can. Most people want to look after their friends and family first. Whatever you decide to leave us will make a huge difference. Just 10% of your estate can help us be there for future generations of children, enabling them to be more independent and lead happier, fulfilled lives.

What type of gift can I leave and are there any tax benefits?

There are three ways of leaving a gift in your Will. A pecuniary gift is a fixed amount of money; a specific gift is an item like shares or property; and a residuary gift is a share of your estate once all other payments and gifts have been made. Many supporters choose to leave a residual gift as it is not affected by inflation over time. Leaving a gift to Newlife can reduce the amount of inheritance tax on your estate.



Can Newlife help me write my Will?

Newlife offers a free online Will writing service with Octopus Legacy. The Will is simple to complete and is checked by their expert team to ensure it is legally binding before you sign it. There is no obligation to leave a gift to Newlife but we hope that after thinking about loved ones, you may wish to consider us as well. You can also use our 'Suggested wording' for different types of legacy gift or Codicil form to add a gift to an existing Will, and take these to your own solicitor. See our website for more help and information: newlifecharity.co.uk/a-gift-in-your-will.

Any gift, large or small, will help us to continue our vital work for generations to come.



What impact could your gift have?



Gifts in Wills make a real difference to Newlife and gifts of all sizes can change lives. The examples below will give some idea of what your gift could make happen for disabled children today:



A gift of £500 could purchase a box of specialist sensory toys as part of our toy loan service, bringing smiles to disabled children across the UK.



A gift of £3,000 could fund our specialist Nurse Helpline for a week, providing emotional support and information to hundreds of families.



A gift of £25,000 could fund a specialist powered wheelchair enabling a young person to be independent, access college and pursue their dreams.



A gift of £100,000 could fund equipment for 50 children, helping all the families that need equipment very urgently for one month.

Our promise to you

We would love to have a chat with you about a gift in your Will to hear if this is something you are planning or have already done. It helps us to plan for the future and is wonderful to know people are supporting us in this way.

We promise:

- **To respect your privacy.** We won't ask you about the details of your gift as this is private to you.
- **To be respectful.** We understand and respect that loved ones come first.
- **We will be transparent about our work.** We will use your gift effectively, so it has the most impact for disabled children.
- **We will keep in touch in the way you wish.**
- **You and your family** are very welcome to visit Newlife and see the work we do.

Contact us

For more information on our Will offers please contact us on fundraise@newlifecharity.co.uk, see our website newlifecharity.co.uk/a-gift-in-your-will or call **01543 462 777** for more details.



Thank you

If you would like any more information or have any questions, please do get in touch. Call us on **01543 462 777** or email **fundraise@newlifecharity.co.uk**

Information you may need:

When including a gift in your Will to Newlife you will need our full name, address and registered charity number.

Newlife the Charity for Disabled Children

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