



hope and homes
for children

Guide to making a Will

Use your Will to
change a life today,
a generation tomorrow,
and the world forever.



Why leave a gift in your Will?

Every child needs someone to love them and somewhere to call home. Every child belongs in a family. Our supporters have enabled us to free more than 268,000 children from the threat of family separation, and help us champion the global movement that will bring the antiquated orphanage system to an end.

This is your opportunity to be there for vulnerable children long into the future, too. By remembering Hope and Homes for Children in your Will, you can impact children for generations to come whilst bringing us even closer to a world without orphanages.

A note about Inheritance Tax

It's worth remembering that a gift to us will reduce the Inheritance Tax payable by your estate, because the value of your legacy is deducted before you are assessed for Inheritance Tax. If you would like to know more about this, please get in touch with our Head of Supporter Care, Joe Sutton, by calling him on +44 (0)1722 786952 or emailing joe.sutton@hopeandhomes.org

Professional help with your Will

We recommend that you use the services of a solicitor or professional advisor to ensure your wishes are clearly set out in your Will. Local solicitors regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority can be found at solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk or by calling +44(0)20 7320 5757.

Some useful wording

Leaving a gift in your Will to Hope and Homes for Children is a very simple thing to do. And if this is something you're considering—thank you. You may find the following wording helpful for either drawing up a new Will or adding a codicil to your existing Will.

Wording for a residuary legacy

A residuary legacy is a proportional gift made from your estate after all debts, taxes, expenses and other gifts (such as cash sums to other beneficiaries) have been deducted. This kind of legacy proves popular because it enables your Will to benefit others to the extent chosen by you. It also means the value of your gift increases with the value of your estate.

If you would like Hope and Homes for Children to benefit in this way, the following clause is suggested:

I GIVE [all / a specified proportion of] the residue of my estate subject to the payment of funeral and testamentary expenses and just debts to Hope and Homes for Children of East Clyffe, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP3 4LZ, UK (Registered Charity 1089490) absolutely to be applied for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly appointed officer for the time being of the said charity shall be sufficient discharge for my Executors or Trustees.

Wording for a pecuniary gift

A pecuniary gift is a specified sum of money. Optionally linking the sum to the Retail Price Index will maintain its real value and prevent it from being eroded by inflation.

I give to Hope and Homes for Children of East Clyffe, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP3 4LZ, UK (Registered Charity 1089490) absolutely to be applied for its general purposes the sum of £ [amount].

If you would to link your gift to the Retail Price Index we recommend agreeing the specific wording with your adviser. It may be along the lines of...

I give to Hope and Homes for Children of East Clyffe, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP3 4LZ, UK (Registered Charity 1089490) absolutely to be applied for its general purposes such sum as shall be produced by dividing the sum of £ [amount] by the index figure in the Index of Retail Prices ("the Index") from the date of this Will and multiplying it by the index figure in the Index for the month in which my death occurs.

Amending your existing Will with a codicil

If you have already made your Will but would like to change a Clause—either by replacing it completely or by adding Hope and Homes for Children as a beneficiary—it may be possible to execute a codicil to reflect your wishes.

A note about witnesses for a codicil

A witness cannot be an Executor of the Will, nor a beneficiary or the spouse of a beneficiary under a Will / codicil. Each witness must attest and sign your Will / codicil in your presence. They must do so after you have signed or acknowledged your signature, in ink at the end of your Will / codicil.

In Scotland only one witness is needed; in the rest of the UK two witnesses are required.

Wording for a codicil

We recommend that you use the services of a solicitor or professional advisor for the correct wording. However, the attached form may be used if you wish to add a pecuniary legacy. For residuary gifts this wording may not be applicable, because you might already have agreed to disperse 100% of your estate. If so, please consult your solicitor or professional advisor as it may be necessary to draw up a new Will (with today's technology this may prove cheaper and easier than you expect!).

Codicil form attached →

Codicil form

Please keep this codicil with (but not attached to) your Will. We recommend that you use the services of a solicitor or professional advisor if you have any questions about completing and using this form to suit your requirements.

I (full name) _____

Of (address) _____

_____ Postcode _____

Declare this to be a First / Second / Third codicil to my Will

which is dated

[If it is your intention to completely change a Clause:]

I hereby revoke Clause [number] _____. I give to Hope and Homes for Children of East Clyffe, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP3 4LZ, UK (Registered Charity 1089490) absolutely to be applied for its general purposes such sum as shall be produced by dividing the sum of £ _____ by the index figure in the Index of Retail Prices ("the Index") from the date of this codicil and multiplying it by the index figure in the Index for the month in which my death occurs.

In all other respects I confirm my said Will.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand this

Signed by the above-named

Full name _____

As a First / Second / Third codicil to his / her

Will dated and made

In the presence of us both present together at the same time who at his / her request and in his / her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses:

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand this

Signature _____ Date _____

Signed by the Testator in our presence and then by us in the Testator's presence and in the presence of each other.

First witness

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Occupation _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Second witness

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Occupation _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for considering a gift in your Will to Hope and Homes for Children as a powerful investment in families for generations to come.

For peace of mind, some people like to provide a copy of their Will and codicil to their executor or a trusted friend, with a note indicating where the original is held.

Front cover: After seven years in the orphanage and two months in a specialist hospital, Jane is so happy to finally be returned to a loving family home.

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