

A Simple Guide to Leaving a Gift in your Will

Strengthening family life
for future generations





Care for the Family's befriending service meant that I knew I was not alone. Someone who understood my situation and offered me support and a listening ear, without judgement.

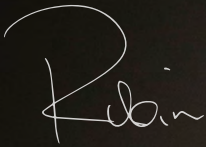
Parent of a child with additional needs

Dear Friend

For more than three decades we have sought to help families in the tough times, and to encourage them in the good times. We know that life for so many is often a mix of both. None of this would have been possible without the kindness and faithful support of those that have stood with us financially. One way of doing that is to include a gift in your will – a lasting legacy towards the work of strengthening family life.

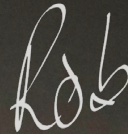
We are genuinely touched you would take an interest in making a gift to Care for the Family in this way. Whether large or small, it will make a difference. We have always believed that we are here to help families today, but also to invest in the generation of families tomorrow – because family life will always matter.

We trust that this booklet is both useful and informative about the difference that your generosity could make. Thank you!



Robin Vincent, Chief Executive

When Care for the Family began, I had no idea how the decades ahead would unfold. I am so grateful to God for the thousands of families we have been able to help. But what of tomorrow? Mark Twain said, “Plan for the future – it’s where you’re going to spend the rest of your life.” Our aim is that this charity will continue strengthening family life long after I am gone – that is the heart of legacy. I join with Robin in thanking you for even considering us in your will.



Rob Parsons, OBE
Founder



Sam's story

My journey with Care for the Family started when I attended a single parenting family session. It was lovely to find a charity that supported families like mine, so I began to regularly support them. I came home with several Care for the Family books, which I read with interest over the next few months. They were all so helpful in my single parent journey, with useful advice and parenting suggestions. One thing I came away with was to have no devices at meal times. We use those

times of eating together to just talk with each other.

I applied to take my children on a Care for the Family's *Take a Break* holiday for single parent families, and we were lucky enough to get a place and go. It was life changing! We all came away with treasured memories, new friends and increased strength and confidence in our family relationships. We all wish we could go again!

A year later, I was asked to go to Care for the Family's main office, Tovey House, to record two podcasts for a single parenting resource. I am now also volunteering with Care for the Family, administering their Single Parent Support social media.

Care for the Family is truly part of my family, as it has supported my journey since 2016. I feel thankful that they are there for me and that I have been given an opportunity to give something back to such a valuable charity.

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PHOTOGRAPH: Sam

Why your gift matters



Every family is unique, yet common to all is that each one will face both good times and times of difficulty. Children form their first view of the world within the home and it is where their character and attitudes are developed. Whatever our age, it is within our families that we learn – for better or for worse – how to speak to one another, to listen, to be loved and to love. Family life *really* matters. Your gift will help us continue to strengthen family life for future generations.

Why make a will?



Ensure your loved ones are looked after when you are no longer here



Ensure that your instructions are carried out



Ensure the causes you care about can continue to transform lives

Stephen and Rose



Stephen and Rose are passionate supporters of Care for the Family and they have made the very special decision to leave us a gift in their will.

Why are you leaving a gift to Care for the Family?

We have greatly valued the support and resources available from Care for

the Family for nearly thirty years. In the first few months of our married life Rob Parsons came to speak on marriage at our church. We knew from those early days that this was a charity we wanted to support.

Throughout the years Care for the Family has been a constant reminder to us of the importance of family life. As a couple we have a strong Christian faith. Therefore, we have really appreciated Care for the Family's willingness to share both

the love that God has for families, as well as providing valuable life-giving wisdom on relationships and parenting whatever someone's family background.

How do you hope your gift will make a difference?

We hope that the gift in our will can be used by Care for the Family in a way that is both practical and relatable to any family seeking help and resources in their time of need.

Consider the type of gift you would like to leave in your will



A specific sum

This is a gift of a set amount of money, also known as a 'pecuniary gift'.



A specific item

This could be something of value such as jewellery, a painting, property or shares.



A share of your estate

Also known as a 'residuary gift', this is a percentage of what remains of your estate after all other gifts and expenses have been paid. Many people choose this as it allows you to provide for your loved ones and then leave a gift to Care for the Family. There is no typical or standard percentage. However large or small, your gift will make a difference.

In our view the importance of the work of Care for the Family cannot be over emphasised. It is brilliant!

Alan and Margaret have been passionate supporters of Care for the Family for over twenty four years.



How will your gift make a difference?

Here are some of the ways that a gift will help us make a difference to family life in the UK.

We are supporting and equipping families every single day through specialist support, events and our resources. In particular, we have a significant focus on parenting, couple and bereavement support. We provide training to equip those who wish to support families in their communities so they can run projects and courses

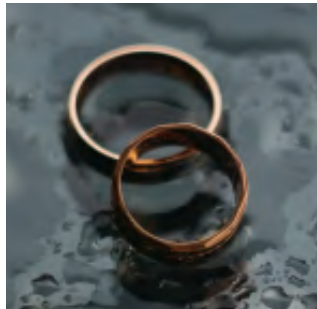
where they live. Our befriending support touches the lives of hundreds of families each year, standing with them as they walk the heart-breaking journey of the loss of a child, or a partner early in life. We also provide befriending support for those who parent a child with additional needs.



£500

could help subsidise one of our activity holidays for one single parent family, helping them to grow in confidence, bond together and create precious memories that will last a lifetime.

Leaving a share of your estate could pay for numerous families to have a holiday.



£2,500

could help us produce and deliver an event, providing hundreds of couples with the necessary wisdom and guidance to create a healthy and long-lasting relationship.

Leaving a share of your estate could pay for a whole series of events.



£10,000

could help sustain our essential, free to access, confidential phone line that has helped many people, bringing hope back into their lives.

Leaving a share of your estate could pay for the salary of one of our counsellors.



£25,000

could enable us to expand our support for those who have been bereaved.

Leaving a share of your estate could allow us to train more befrienders across the UK.

Sian

I am leaving a gift to help ensure that family support is going to be available to those in need long after my days.

I have used a number of books, courses and leaflets and attended many events during the time I have supported Care for the Family. As well as showing me the importance of investing in my marriage, the resources helped me throughout my parenting years and gave me confidence to deal with challenging situations. I have also received incredible support from the Care for the Family bereavement team as I came to terms with the recent loss of a loved one.

It is wonderful to think that my gift will help promote healthy family life for generations to come. It is also heart-warming to know that not only my family, but countless other families will have Care for Family to turn to for support if needed in the future.



PHOTOGRAPH: Sian with her grandchildren

Care for the Family has certainly journeyed through the generations in my own family. I am now a grandparent and I see the values I have invested in my children passed on as I witness them parenting their own children.

How to leave a gift in your will

Once you've looked after your family and friends, including a gift in your will to Care for the Family is an incredible way to help families across the UK. Whatever type of gift you decide to leave to us, however large or small, it will be used to strengthen family life for future generations.

I already have a will

If you wish to give an amount of money or a specific item to Care for the Family in your will, please complete the codicil form at the back of this booklet and store it safely alongside your will. The request on the codicil will be carried out in addition to your wishes in your original will.

If you wish to remove anything in your will, or leave a share of your estate to Care for the Family, please ask a solicitor to advise you.

I don't have a will

Just add the details of your desired gift at the time of writing your will. For peace of mind, we recommend you find a qualified solicitor to prepare your will, which can be done cost effectively.

Alternatively, for a straightforward will, you can find the necessary forms to download online or via a reputable stationer's shop. However, if you are in any doubt about the process or paperwork, we recommend you always seek legal advice.

Over the past thirty years we have been greatly blessed by all that Care for the Family has done for us. You have no idea how much it means to us and we will continue to support you.

Roger and Liz attended one of Care for the Family's first ever events in 1988, and have been supporters for over thirty years.



As a single mum of three, I realised a lot of the thoughts I have on parenting, marriage and relationships can be attributed to the times I have listened to Rob, and others from Care for the Family. I look forward to supporting you all in turn in the next twenty years.

Caroline from East London has supported Care for the Family for twenty years

I am so grateful to you for your interest in leaving a gift in your will. We are truly committed to using your gift for the important work of strengthening family life. If you have any further questions or you wish to let us know you will be leaving a gift then I would love to speak to you. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us on **029 2081 0800** or email **mail@cff.org.uk**.

Thank you so much,



Robin Vincent
Chief Executive

Codicil form



This form should only be used, in conjunction with your existing will, to give an amount of money or a specific item(s) to Care for the Family. Keep this form safe with your will. To remove anything in your will, or to leave a share of your estate to Care for the Family, ask a solicitor to advise you. If you haven't yet made your will, you won't need this form.

This is my first/second/third* codicil to my last will.

My last will is dated of me (name)
of (address)
..... Postcode

- ◀ *Delete as appropriate
- ◀ Insert the date of your will and your full name. Insert your full address and postcode.

I give:

the following sum of £
and/or** the specific item(s), namely
to **Care for the Family**, Tovey House, Cleppa Park, Newport, NP10 8BA (Registered charity number England and Wales: 1066905; Scotland: SC038497; Isle of Man: 1231) to be applied to the general purposes of the said charity.

- ◀ Insert here the amount of money using both words and figures, e.g. one thousand pounds (£1,000), or a clear description of the item you wish to leave Care for the Family.
- ** Delete as appropriate

In all other respects I confirm my said will and any existing codicils thereto.

Signed Date
Signed by the above named testator in our joint presence and then by us in his/hers.

Witness 1	Witness 2
Name	Name
Address	Address
Occupation	Occupation
Signed	Signed

- ◀ Your signature and the date here.
 - ◀ In your presence, two witnesses must write their names, addresses, occupations and sign the form.
- The following people cannot witness your codicil:
- someone under eighteen years of age
 - a beneficiary of your will or their spouse or civil partner
 - your executor or their spouse or civil partner


Send a copy of the will and codicil (in a sealed envelope if you prefer) to your executor or other trusted friend, with a note indicating where the original is held. Please note: legal advice is not to staple the codicil to your will.

Thank you
for your support



For more information

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Cleppa Park, Newport, NP10 8BA



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