

FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to know more about leaving a legacy to Beams to support the work that we do with disabled children please call:

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Beams is a local charity that supports disabled children and their families.

The disabled children and young people who access our services will typically have one or multiple learning difficulties, complex health needs, physical or sensory impairment, challenging behaviour, Autism or severe ADHD.

Our work is divided up into four key areas. These are Short Breaks Services, Family Advice Service, Direct Payment Service and Dragon's Retreat Short Break Unit. At any one time we can be supporting at least 350 families.

Beams needs to raise £1.4 million in order to continue their care services.



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A Lasting Legacy...



15 year old Holly is a child
we support at Beams

*Leaving a gift in your
will to Beams*

A LASTING LEGACY...

A charitable legacy is when you leave money to a charity in your will.

Anyone can choose to do this, and you can decide to leave a fixed amount, or whatever money is left once the other gifts in your Will have been given out.

Leaving a gift to a charity like Beams in your Will can not only give you profound satisfaction in knowing that your support will live on into the future, but can also make the burden of inheritance tax on your estate lighter. Trusts also allow you to provide for your children in a secure way; minimising the risk of financial abuse whilst maximising receipt of state funded benefits.

However you choose to remember us through your Will, and whatever size your legacy may be, you can be sure it will really be appreciated.



WHY MAKE A WILL?

A Will is vital if you wish to be certain as to who will benefit from your money and other possessions when you die. Without a Will the law decides as to whom gets what and this may not reflect your real wishes. For example, some people incorrectly assume that on their death everything they own will automatically go to their partner. However, this is not invariably the case and making a Will guarantees your wishes will be met.

In addition, a Will allows you to specify funeral arrangements and to ensure those that you care about, especially children, are provided for and it will give you the opportunity to appoint a guardian for your children.

Having your Will professionally written may also help you to reduce inheritance tax liability.

Absence of a Will can cause a great deal of anxiety and worry for your loved ones at the distressing and difficult time of your death. Everyone who is aged 18 or over is entitled to make a Will, so for the sake of the people and charities you care about, it is important you have a valid Will.

TYPES OF LEGACY

There are different types of legacies to consider. The main ones are:

Residuary Legacy

Part, or all, of your estate (after debts, funeral costs and Pecuniary gifts are paid).

Pecuniary Legacy

A specific sum, which can be index-linked to safeguard its future value, otherwise the value of a pecuniary gift will decrease over time as the cost of living increases.

Specific Legacy

A particular item to be used or sold by the beneficiary.

Reversionary Legacy

If you are worried about providing for your family but don't want to turn your back on your favourite charity, ask your advisor or solicitor about a reversionary legacy. This allows you to leave assets to a named individual, such as your disabled child, for their lifetime while deciding who should benefit after they have passed away.