



MAKE A DIFFERENCE BEYOND YOUR LIFETIME

Your Gift in Wills Guide



QEF

queen elizabeth's
foundation for
disabled people

WHY I AM LEAVING A GIFT IN MY WILL TO QEF

Mr David Hypher OBE DL

Friend and loyal supporter of QEF



There was a moment in my life around 6 years ago, when I was in your position; sat reading a booklet on how I could help change the lives of people at QEF. Seeing and hearing stories of personal tragedy and personal triumph and then discovering that I could do something to help.

It is not only the achievements of the people that QEF helps that amazes me most, it's the impact their personal achievements have on others around them. Such as seeing the joy on the faces of a family when they are able to go on holiday together for the first time with their disabled child, or the moment when a husband takes his first steps after months of rehabilitation following an acquired brain injury. Moments like these are to celebrate and to cherish.

This is why I am leaving a gift in my Will to QEF, confident that my legacy will have a measurable impact on the future achievements of disabled children and adults supported by QEF.

I hope you will be as inspired as I was, and you too will consider leaving a gift in your Will to QEF.

Thank you.

EVERYONE MATTERS EVERYONE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Thank you for your interest in supporting QEF with a gift in your Will.

A gift in your Will is a wonderful way of making a positive difference beyond your lifetime, helping thousands of children and adults with a disability or brain injury. You can be confident that your gift will always be carefully used where need is at its greatest. Your generosity will help provide a brighter future for those affected by disability or brain injury.

This booklet explains how you can remember QEF in your Will and leave a lasting legacy for the thousands of children and adults we support each year.

Without the generosity of our supporters we couldn't continue offering the expert care and rehabilitation in our state-of-the-art facilities to those who need it most. Gifts in Wills allows us to do just this. Please consider being part of this wonderful community.



If you have any
questions, please contact
us on **01372 841132** or
email **legacy@qef.org.uk**

Make a difference beyond your lifetime

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL CAN HELP DISABLED CHILDREN AND ADULTS ENJOY A BRIGHTER FUTURE





You can help people like Perry,
Leonore and Daisy...

Make a difference beyond your lifetime

A tragic accident changed Simon and Sarah's lives forever, but thanks to our supporters, like you, QEF was there to help them recover.

SIMON & SARAH'S STORY



Simon had an awful mountain-biking accident, which could easily have been fatal. With broken bones in his back and neck and a serious bleed to his brain, he had to fight for his life.

Thankfully, Simon survived and one month later, he came to QEF for intensive neuro rehabilitation. He'd made some progress, but he couldn't sit, stand, eat or drink by himself. His journey to recovery was daunting.

From the day they arrived, it was clear that Simon and Sarah had something special. We saw his grit, determination and dedication and Sarah's steadfast love and support. It was wonderful to witness their bond.

Simon's improvements didn't happen by chance and he couldn't have made his journey to recovery without the right equipment and the right team in place to give him the support he needed, without the kindness and generosity of our supporters like you.

Shortly before Alex was 30 weeks old in the womb, a blood vessel burst in his brain. He survived but was born prematurely. Alex's parents were told shortly after the birth that Alex would have difficulties. These difficulties became apparent as time passed and Alex was unable to support himself or move his arms or legs.

Doctors diagnosed Alex in having cerebral palsy. Alex has always been in a wheelchair and has some learning difficulties, but that hasn't stopped him. He is a very determined young man.

Alex moved to QEF for the opportunity of independent living. QEF offer residents a variety of different living accommodation options, and since Alex arrived, he has tried a few out and has now found the way of living that suits him best. QEF is a home from home, ensuring that every resident lives in comfortable and happy surroundings. None of which would be possible without the support from people like you.

ALEX'S STORY



GIFTS IN WILLS ARE VITAL TO THE WORK OF QEF

Over 35% of our donated income comes from gifts in Wills from our generous supporters.

Leaving a gift in your Will to QEF, no matter the size or type, will help us to continue to provide the expert care and rehabilitation and mobility services to children and adults living with a disability or brain injury.

Gifts in Wills have been crucial to the significant progress that QEF has made, and they continue to be instrumental in our charitable income supporting our work today and securing it for the future.

In 2019 the UK charity sector saw an incredible £291m donated through gifts in Wills.

Specialist computer equipment and assistive environmental controls



£300

could enable someone affected by a brain injury to relearn basic movement skills with a physiotherapist and the support of an overhead H frame hoist.

£2,000

could supply specialist physio rehabilitation equipment such as the Sara Steady, a transfer aid that is vital in providing essential stability and reassurance to help people learn to walk again.

£5,000

could build a bespoke Bugzi wheelchair that gives a child like Dylan the chance to benefit from the discovery, experience and learning that independent mobility brings.



The Bugzi wheelchair

£20,000

could purchase a vehicle to drive people to and from our centres enabling them to re-learn everyday skills that have been lost as a result of a brain injury.

£35,000

could pay for specialist computer equipment and assistive environmental controls for three disabled people to enable them to communicate with others and move around independently.

Where our money came from in 2018-19:

£872,000

Gifts in Wills

£1,317,000

Fundraising

£270,000

Events

WRITING A WILL

Writing a Will and keeping it updated is the only way for you to decide what happens to your property, money and possessions after you die, giving you peace of mind that your loved ones are looked after.

If you would like to leave a gift to QEF in your Will there are three main ways to do this.

A residuary gift

This is a share of your total estate after all other payments have been deducted. Many people choose a residuary gift as it can be a percentage of what is left over once loved ones have been provided for and keeps its value over time.

A pecuniary gift

This is a fixed sum of money. It is a good idea to review pecuniary gifts regularly as the value can be lessened by inflation and become less powerful than you might have hoped.

A specific gift

This is a specific item of value, such as personal possessions, property or shares. Gifts like these should be named in your Will.

Need help writing your Will?

We have teamed up with The Goodwill Partnership to offer QEF supporters a Will writing service – please refer to the enclosed leaflet for more information.

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SIMPLE STEPS TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING YOUR WILL

1 Value your estate
Your estate is the total amount of assets you have minus any debts that you owe. List your assets such as property, shares, savings and any other items of value minus any debts such as mortgages, loans or bills. Doing this will give you a better idea of the value of your estate and save time and money with your solicitor.

2 Your beneficiaries
Make a list of the people and organisations that you wish to remember in your Will, and how you would like to divide your estate between them. If you decide that you want to leave a gift to QEF please remember to include our full name, address and registered charity number in your Will.

QEFs details are as follows:

Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People, Leatherhead Court, Woodlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 0BN.

Registered Charity No. 251051.

3 Dependants
If you have a child under the age of 18, or a disabled family member that you care for, you may want to include who should care for them in your place.

4 Choose your Executors
Choose the person who you want to appoint to administer your estate and carry out and fulfil your wishes outlined in your Will. Many people choose their solicitor and/or a trusted family member.

5 Drawing up the Will
Once the Will has been drawn up, many people prefer to leave it in the safe hands of their solicitor and keep a copy in a safe place. Don't forget that it is important to review your Will regularly.

We recommend that you use a solicitor to help you write your Will.

SUGGESTED WORDING FOR YOUR WILL

Should you decide to leave a gift in your Will to QEF, please use the suggested wording and share with your solicitor to ensure your wishes are fulfilled.

A residuary gift (a share of your total estate)

I leave to ***Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People of Leatherhead Court, Woodlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 0BN; Registered Charity No. 251051***, the residue (or % share of the residue) of my estate for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

A pecuniary or specific gift (a fixed amount or item)

I leave to ***Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People of Leatherhead Court, Woodlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 0BN; Registered Charity No. 251051***,

- (i) (free of tax) the sum of £_____ (and written in words) OR
(ii) (free of tax and cost of transfer) the gift of my _____ (description of item) for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

Updating an existing Will

If you want to leave a gift but you've already made a Will, that's no problem, there are a couple of ways you can change it. You can either write a new Will or you can add a codicil for simple amendments such as adding a charity or changing an amount. **A codicil form is enclosed or available from the QEF Legacy team, simply call 01372 841132 or email legacy@qef.org.uk.**

In both cases we recommend you consult a solicitor.

NEXT STEPS

If you have any further questions, please call the QEF Legacy team on 01372 841132 or email: legacy@qef.org.uk

If you do leave a gift in your Will, we'd love to say thank you.

Making a Will is a personal and private affair, and the needs of your loved ones naturally come first. Once you are happy that you have provided for those closest to you, if you are kind enough to remember QEF in

your Will, it would be wonderful if you could let us know, so that we can thank you for your generosity. Leaving a gift to QEF will have a measurable impact on the thousands of children and adults that we help each year living with a disability or brain injury.



At QEF we are determined to provide practical, caring and innovative solutions to enable people, whatever their disability, to live their lives to the fullest extent possible.

Our aim is to help every individual to achieve their goals for life, which may involve learning to drive a car, gaining the skills and confidence to live independently or starting on a programme of rehabilitation following an acquired brain injury. We provide support, teach skills and develop expertise to help achieve greater independence.

**Independent Living Services | Neuro Rehabilitation Services | Mobility Services
Accessible Holidays | Equipment and Mobility Solutions | Retail Trading**

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