



A future everyone can see

A guide to leaving

a gift in your will

Fight for Sight
Pioneering eye research

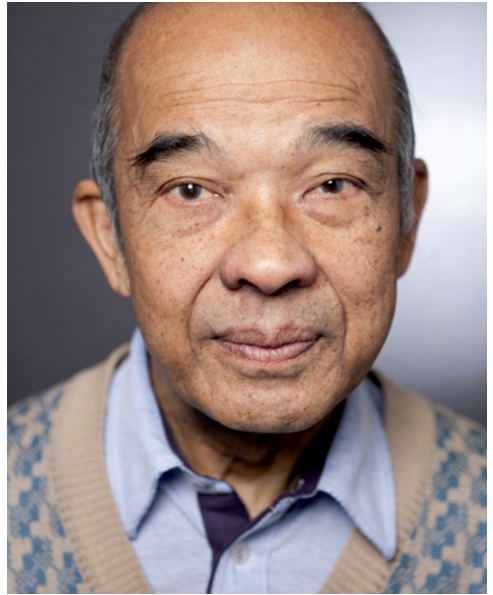
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“I have been treated for glaucoma and cataract, and feel incredibly grateful to everyone who has made it possible for me to continue to live with the full use of my sight.

I realise how without years of investment into research, treatments and surgery would not exist to help people like me, which is why I support Fight for Sight – wouldn't it be wonderful if there was a way to help everyone who develops a problem with their eyes.

On behalf of everyone who could one day benefit from eye research, thank you for supporting this important work.”

Horace Chung



Gifts in wills change lives

After remembering friends and family, many people choose to support Fight for Sight beyond their lifetime with a gift in their will. Gifts made in this way have helped to enable a number of Fight for Sight's achievements to date.

These include:

- restoring sight by establishing the UK Corneal Transplant Service enabling over 52,000 corneal transplants to take place
- identifying new genes responsible for keratoconus and Nance-Horan syndrome
- bringing hope to children with inherited eye disease by helping to fund the team responsible for the world's first gene therapy clinical trial
- saving the sight of thousands of premature babies through understanding and controlling levels of oxygen delivery

Each year, gifts in wills contribute between a third and half of the funds we spend on pioneering eye research and we are so grateful to those who have remembered Fight for Sight in this way.

With your gift we can pioneer revolutionary research that will help create a future everyone can see.

Why make a will?

An up to date will is the only way to make sure your wishes are followed when you die. Dying without a will may mean the decision how to divide your estate will be made on your behalf and those you did intend to benefit, such as friends, family or charitable causes will miss out. With the help of a qualified professional it is simple and affordable to have a will properly drafted.



“My half sister lost her sight through age-related macular degeneration (AMD). The loss of independence hit her hard. Her great hobbies – reading, driving and gardening – were taken away from her. That is why I feel it is so important to support research to find ways to prevent this and so many other eye conditions.”

Margaret Grant

How will my gift make a difference?

No matter how large or small, gifts in wills are a vital contribution to our work. They have enabled Fight for Sight to support research to reduce sight loss in adults and children that otherwise may not have gone ahead

Unfortunately, each year, there are a large number of excellent projects that cannot go ahead quite simply due to a lack of funds, so your gift will ensure we can fund more pioneering eye research to develop ways to prevent sight loss and treat eye disease.

We are dedicated to making a difference to the lives of people with conditions such as age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataract, diabetic retinopathy and inherited eye conditions by developing treatments to give people better sight today – and in the future.

Making your will

What kind of gift can I leave?

There are various types of gift you can leave in your will.

Your solicitor or professional will writer will be able to give you more detailed advice.

Remember, a gift made in this way to a registered charity is exempt from Inheritance Tax.

The most common types of gift are residuary and pecuniary gifts of money. You may choose to take the following suggested wording with you when visiting a solicitor or professional will writer.

Residuary gift

(a share of your estate)

I give _____ % of the residue of my real and personal estate to Fight for Sight (Registered Charity No. 1111438) of 5th Floor, 9-13 Fenchurch Buildings, Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 5HR and the receipt of the authorised officer shall be a complete discharge to my executors.

Pecuniary gift

(a set sum of money)

I give the sum of £ _____ to Fight for Sight (Registered Charity No. 1111438) of 5th Floor, 9-13 Fenchurch Buildings, Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 5HR and the receipt of the authorised officer shall be a complete discharge to my executors.

Changing your will

What if I already have a will?

It is important that you regularly review your will, especially if there have been any significant changes in your life. For example, is there anyone you wish to add, such as a new family member or a charitable cause?

If you need to make changes you may not need to make a new will. To include a gift to Fight for Sight you can add a Codicil. This need not change the terms of your current will but can simply be used to add a new instruction, which should be kept with your will. Your professional adviser will be able to help you with this.



“I received Fight for Sight funding to help prevent sight loss by improving techniques for glaucoma surgery.”

Dr Sumit Dhingra,
UCL Institute of Ophthalmology

**Thank you for your interest
in supporting Fight for Sight
in this special way.**

Form of intention

Please tell us about your plans

If you have decided to leave a gift to Fight for Sight in your will – thank you so much. We really value your support and contribution to our life-changing work. We would be grateful if you could let us know if you intend to support us in this way:

Title

First name

Surname

Address
.....

Postcode

☐ **I have already left a gift in my will to Fight for Sight**

☐ **I intend to leave a gift in my will to Fight for Sight**

If you feel comfortable doing so we would be grateful if you would share details of your special gift:
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We would be delighted to contact you from time to time to update you about our work. If you would prefer not to hear from us please tick here ☐

Please return this form to: FREEPOST RSSA-UHBJ-USYZ, Fight for Sight, 9-13 Fenchurch Buildings, Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 5HR

Please note, this form is not legally binding.

If you have any questions about the information in this guide or any aspect of Fight for Sight's work, please contact:

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