

# Leaving us a gift in your will

**contact** a family  
for families with disabled children

You do not have to be wealthy to leave a gift in your will, and Contact a Family understands that you will want to make provision for your loved ones first.

But please be assured that a gift of any size will be appreciated and, in our hands, will make a difference to many families with disabled children across the UK.

***Thank you for thinking of Contact a Family in this special way.***

Legacies are incredibly valuable to the work Contact a Family does. They enable us to commit to the type of long-term projects which have the most profound and lasting impact on the lives of families with disabled children. Your support also allows us the financial flexibility to respond immediately and effectively and maintain our work with and for families in the face of sudden funding cuts and policy changes affecting families with disabled children.

There are a number of different ways to remember us, depending on your circumstances:

A **residuary** gift allows you to leave Contact a Family a share of your estate, once your family has been taken care of.

A **pecuniary** gift allows you to leave a specific amount of money to Contact a Family.

A **reversionary** gift allows you to leave your estate to your dependents while they are living, but after they pass away it will revert to Contact a Family.

Please consider leaving a legacy to Contact a Family to ensure that we can continue to offer the best possible help and support to families who care for disabled children across the UK. Every gift, no matter how large or small, will make a difference to families with disabled children now, and into the future.



## Kathleen Barnett's gift that keeps on giving

Kathleen Barnett left a gift of £50,000 to Contact a Family West Midlands in memory of her and her stepmother, Ivy Barnett. Kathleen was very seriously disabled in a car accident in which her fiancé was killed and her stepmother Ivy devoted her life to her care. Her legacy went towards funding our West Midlands office, where in 2009/10 Contact a Family staff and volunteers answered 1,220 enquiries from families and professionals, on topics such as benefits, grants and other financial support.

## Can I add Contact a Family to my existing will?

Yes you can. If you already have a will, and would now like to include a gift to Contact a Family, this can be done using a Codicil. A Codicil need not change the terms of your current will, it can simply add a new instruction. Simply complete it and keep it with your will. A Codicil form is included in this pack. **Please do consult with your solicitor or advisor before completing the form.**

To help us plan ahead and thank you properly, please do let us know if you would like to include Contact a Family in your will, by completing and returning the form below.

To write or amend your will, you need to see your solicitor. **But for any queries, our Legacy Officer would be delighted to hear from you on 020 7608 8734 or [legacies@cafamily.org.uk](mailto:legacies@cafamily.org.uk)**

**Codicil form** Our codicil form, included with this pack, is a simple way to make small changes to an existing will. We would always recommend using a qualified solicitor when using this form.

**Clause wordings** Our clause wording document includes the words your solicitor needs to include Contact a Family in your will. You may find it useful to take with you when visiting your solicitor.

**Glossary of legal terms** Legal language can sometimes be difficult to follow, so we've put together a short list of legal terms used when talking about legacies.



## I want to be there for families with disabled children and help plan for their future

I wish to help Contact a Family support some of the most vulnerable families with disabled children in the UK.

- ☐ I have included a gift to Contact a Family in my will
- ☐ I intend to leave a gift to Contact a Family in my will

Name:

Address:

Postcode

Telephone  Email

**Please return to: Legacy Officer, Contact a Family, FREEPOST LON8801, London EC1B 1EE.**

☐ Contact a Family may contact you in the future about our work and how you can support us. If you prefer not to be contacted, please tick this box

*Please note that this pledge is not legally binding and does not commit you to leaving a legacy to Contact a Family. It is simply a statement of*

*your intent at this time and any information you provide is confidential. Data protection: Contact a Family is committed to the confidentiality of your personal information. Personal data will be held and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and will not be shared with any third parties for commercial use.*