

Thank you

for considering leaving a gift in your Will to Helen & Douglas House – these very special gifts are vital to the support we give local families.

When a child is terminally ill, we help make this desperately difficult time just a little easier for children and their families. In a comforting cocoon of care, we provide 24-hour medical, emotional, and practical support, helping families create happy memories in the last years, weeks, or days they have left together.

As a charity we rely almost entirely on donations to the support families who need us. The gifts people kindly leave in Wills are essential, so thank you for considering a gift in your Will.

Writing a Will can be an easy and quick process – and thanks to our partnership with online Will writers Guardian Angel you can get it done free of charge.



Thank you so much for taking an interest in gifts in Wills.

Alex Hegenbarth

Legacy Manager
Helen & Douglas House

Making your Will

Whether you're writing a new Will, or updating an existing one, leaving a gift to charity is easy, and we're always here to help:

Are Wills expensive?

The cost varies depending on the way you create your Will, but thanks to arrangements we have made with online Will writers Guardian Angel, you can create or amend a Will free of charge.

Can I alter my Will if my circumstances change?

A relatively simple change to your Will can be done through something called a Codicil. This is an official and legally binding appendix which is 'read' alongside your Will.

How long does it take to write a Will?

It's often much quicker than you'd think. First, you need to gather information about your finances and decide who you want to leave things to. After that, it can be a very quick process to complete your Will.

How can I write a Will?

You can contact a solicitor, or Will advisor, and write your Will together in person or over the phone. Or you can create it using an online service like Guardian Angel, who we have partnered with. Please visit hdh.org.uk/gifts for more information about our free Will writing services, which covers all these ways of writing a Will.

What type of gift should I consider?

There are two main types of gift you can leave:

A **fixed amount** - which can be any sum of money depending on your circumstances.

A **percentage of your estate** - which remains after other amounts of money or property are given to others. Formally called a residuary gift, it can be from 1% to 100% of your estate – whatever feels appropriate for you.

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will, please get in touch with Alex Hegenbarth on 01865 799150 or email legacy@helenanddouglas.org.uk



“Coming to Helen House has made all the difference in the world to Josh and us as a family. Josh loves it there, but more than that, by helping us as parents and giving us respite, advice, and emotional support and medical guidance we are so much better able to care for Josh.”
Clare, Josh’s mum.

Our promise to you

We respect that the decision to leave a gift in your Will is special and personal, and you will want to consider this decision in your own time. And to reassure you about the personal gift you are considering leaving, we make the following promises:

- ♥ We promise to use your gift wisely.
- ♥ We absolutely recognise your loved ones come first.
- ♥ We will not put any pressure on you to give a gift in your Will – it is entirely your decision.
- ♥ You never have to tell us your intentions – we respect your right to privacy.
- ♥ We absolutely recognise your loved ones come first.
- ♥ Your Will writer will only share with us information of your pledge if you give them consent to do so, and we will not share it with anyone outside the organisation without your consent.

There’s no need to inform us if you leave a gift to us in your Will, but if you choose to tell us, it will enable us to plan for the future and to say thank you. You’re also very welcome to visit us so that you can see first-hand, the vital work that your gift would be supporting.

Help make every moment count, with a gift in your Will.



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