



**RAINBOW  
TRUST**

**SUPPORTING FAMILIES  
WITH A SERIOUSLY ILL CHILD**

## **HOW LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL CAN GIVE FAMILIES A FUTURE TO LOOK FORWARD TO**

Writing a will can seem daunting and easy to put off, but it's actually really simple to do.

A gift in your will means you're continuing to support those causes most important to you during your lifetime, making a lasting impact on future generations. It could also reduce the amount you pay in Inheritance Tax, leaving more to your other beneficiaries.

### **Why leave a gift in your will?**

Hearing the news that your child has a life threatening illness is devastating. Your world falls apart. You have to deal with so much, so many emotions – fear, grief and panic. And dealing with every day activities and supporting each other becomes overwhelming both practically and emotionally. Time with your family becomes more precious than ever before.

Families would have the support to help them cope, bring them comfort and have fun with their child, during the precious time they have left together. Families would be able to rebuild their lives and look forward to a more positive future knowing that Rainbow Trust will always be there, for as long as they need us.

### **You can be part of this future by remembering us in your will.**

Three ways you can leave a gift to Rainbow Trust Children's Charity in your will:

- **A share of your estate (residuary legacy)**

Once you have decided what you are leaving to family and friends, you can donate a share, or all of what is left.

- **A specific sum of money (pecuniary legacy)**

You can leave a specified amount to Rainbow Trust.

- **A specific item**

This could be a property, an item of jewellery or any of your possessions.

### **If you need help finding a solicitor:**

A homemade will can be problematic, if the correct formalities are not carried out. We always recommend that you contact a solicitor or a member of the Law Society. Contact our Legacy Manager for support on 01372 220085, or email Jenny-Anne at [jenny-anne.dexter@rainbowtrust.org.uk](mailto:jenny-anne.dexter@rainbowtrust.org.uk) for further help.

### **If you already have a will:**

If you already have a will and want to leave a legacy gift to Rainbow Trust, all you have to do is complete a simple codicil form which can be found at the end of this document. Have two witnesses sign it and keep it with your will.



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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What happens if I don't have a will?**

If you die without making a will, this could result in your estate not going where you intended.

### **Why is it important to leave a will?**

Leaving a will ensures your wishes will be carried out after you have passed away and can secure an inheritance for your family and loved ones. If you are considering leaving a gift to Rainbow Trust Children's Charity in your will, you will be investing in the future of families with a seriously ill child.

### **When should I make a will?**

We would advise you to make a will as soon as possible if you do not already have one.

### **How do I change my will to include Rainbow Trust?**

Amendments to an existing will can be completed through the addition of a simple codicil form. You can find one at the end of this document.

### **How do I find a reputable solicitor?**

One of the best ways to find a solicitor is through a recommendation from friends or family. Alternatively, all practising solicitors are required to be registered with the Law Society: [lawsociety.org.uk](http://lawsociety.org.uk)

### **What do I need to do to make sure Rainbow Trust is clearly named in my will?**

By including the charity's full registered address and registered charity number in your will wording, your executor will be able to identify the correct recipient of your bequests.

### **Should I inform you if I have left a gift in my will to Rainbow Trust?**

This is entirely up to you, but we would like the opportunity to thank you for the important decision you have made, and keep you informed about our plans for the future.

### **If I am an executor of a will, what should I do?**

If you are acting as executor for someone who has left a gift in their will to Rainbow Trust, please contact our Legacy Manager, Jenny-Anne Dexter on 01372 220085 or email [jenny-anne.dexter@rainbowtrust.org.uk](mailto:jenny-anne.dexter@rainbowtrust.org.uk).

### **How will Rainbow Trust use my gift?**

You will help us provide support to families who have a child with a life threatening or terminal illness, giving them the dedicated support of a Family Support Worker to give them precious time together. A gift in a will, however large or small will enable us to make a lasting difference.

### **Can a gift to charity help me pay less tax?**

A gift to Rainbow Trust can be exempt from Inheritance Tax and could reduce the chance of your estate being subject to Inheritance Tax. If 10% or more of your estate is left to charities, it also reduces your IHT rate significantly. It is strongly recommended that you speak to a solicitor regarding advice on tax issues.



## OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Imagine a future where every single family who has a child with a life threatening or terminal illness had the support they needed, when they needed it. A future where families didn't have to struggle alone, where parents no longer had to split their time between the hospital and home and could be united as a family.

Rainbow Trust is working towards providing this future - where every family who has a child with a life threatening or terminal illness has access to a Rainbow Trust Family Support Worker.

We know that this vision is some time off but we believe it is achievable and we are committed to making it happen. This is why gifts in wills are so vital to our work, and so appreciated. They ensure that our unique support can continue for many years to come.

### **With your support we can do more**

With your support we can make this happen. Gifts in wills make up only four per cent of our income, with your gift we can reach more families with the help they need.

A gift in your will to Rainbow Trust Children's Charity will provide future support to families of children that have a life-threatening or terminal illness. We appreciate the particular importance of this type of donation and make the following promises to all our legacy pledgers:

- **We will respect your wishes and decisions at all times**
- **You and your family will be treated in a respectful and considerate manner**
- **Your donation will be used in accordance with your wishes.**

You can speak to our **Legacy Manager, Jenny-Anne Dexter** in confidence on **01372 220085** or email [jenny-anne.dexter@rainbowtrust.org.uk](mailto:jenny-anne.dexter@rainbowtrust.org.uk)

# CODICIL FOR RAINBOW TRUST CHILDREN'S CHARITY

If you would like to remember Rainbow Trust Children's Charity in your will, you can do this easily by adding a codicil form to your existing will. It is advisable to contact a solicitor if you have multiple wills or codicils already in existence, or if you are drawing up your will for the first time.

For further information please contact Jenny-Anne Dexter, Rainbow Trust's Legacy Manager at [jenny-anne.dexter@rainbowtrust.org.uk](mailto:jenny-anne.dexter@rainbowtrust.org.uk) or call **01372 220085** for a confidential chat.



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## SIMPLE STEPS

1. Complete and date the codicil form.
2. Sign your name in the presence of two adult witnesses. No beneficiary or executor of your will (or any person in marriage or civil partnership with the beneficiary or executor) should be a witness.
3. Ask your witnesses to complete and sign the witness section. All must be present at this point.
4. You should then date the codicil opposite your signature where indicated.
5. Keep your will and codicil together in a secure place, but do not attach the codicil to your will, for example, with a paperclip as this can cause problems later.
6. Give a copy of your will and codicil to an executor or close friend, with a note detailing the location of the original. It is important to ensure both the original will and codicil remain together.

I (Full name) ..... of (Address) .....  
..... (Post Code) .....

declare this to be a 1st  2nd  3rd  Codicil to my will, dated and made DD/MM/YY

In addition to any Gifts in my will, I leave:

The sum of £ ..... and/or

The following specific item(s) .....  
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to Rainbow Trust Children's Charity, Rainbow Trust Children's Charity, Cassini Court, Randalls Way, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 7TW for its charitable purposes, and I direct that the receipt(s) of the duly organised officer of Rainbow Trust shall be sufficient discharge to my personal representatives. Registered Charity Number. 1070532.

In all remaining respects I confirm my will and any other codicils thereto.

Signature ..... Date .....  
Signed by the aforementioned in our presence and witnessed by us in the presence of him/her and of each other.

### Witness One

Name ..... Address .....  
..... (Postcode) .....  
Occupation .....

Signature .....

### Witness Two

Name ..... Address .....  
..... (Postcode) .....  
Occupation .....

Signature .....