



A child's precious time.

A gift beyond your lifetime.

Give a gift in your Will to CHAS.



Children's Hospices Across Scotland

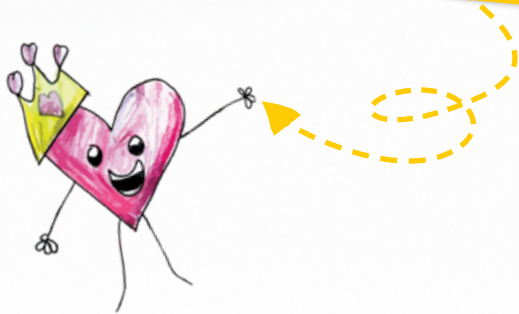


Did you know? Our CHAS alphabet is designed by the very best designers – the children and families we care for.

Ivy-Rose designed her alphabet letter with help from her brother.

Mum says, “The heart design is because her brother had heart surgery and is fighting strong.”

**Ivy-Rose’s ‘fighting heart’ will lead you through this brochure!**



Hello,

**As a CHAS board member and a big brother, I want to thank you for taking the time to consider the difference a gift in your Will could make to children who may die young and their families.**

CHAS has been a vital part of my family's journey, supporting my sister from childhood until her passing. They provided compassionate care, not only for her but for our whole family, giving us strength and comfort during the most difficult times.

CHAS allowed us to create cherished memories together and ensured my sister's final moments were filled with love. I will always be grateful for their unwavering support throughout this journey.



**For over 30 years, CHAS has supported families like mine. Our ambition for the future is to ensure no-one faces the death of their child alone.** We want to grow our services, reach more families than ever before, and provide the most exceptional care possible. **We want to be there for families at every step on this hardest of journeys.**

We hope you feel inspired to include the families supported by CHAS alongside those closest to you in your Will.

My heartfelt thanks to you.



# Together, we can provide unwavering care to children who may die young and their families, at every step on this hardest of journeys

Three children a week die in Scotland from an incurable condition. With your help we can support all families across Scotland in homes, hospices, and hospitals. Families say there are three critical stages on their journey when they need CHAS.

**Learning your child is seriously ill and may die young**

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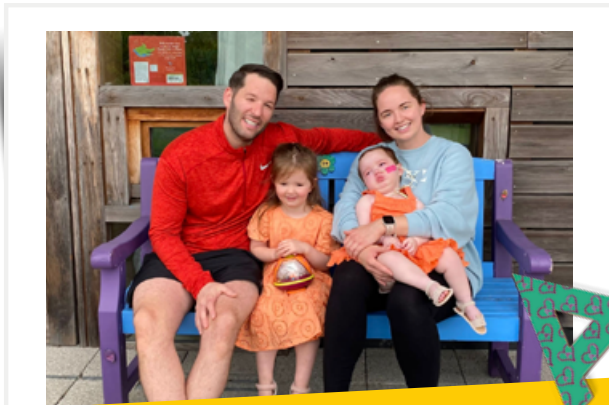




# Your support can help families when they hear the heartbreaking news that their child may die young

Learning your child is seriously ill and may die young is heartbreaking.

Families tell us they need support sooner after diagnosis, to help them adjust to their new and unexpected life.



**“We had the perfect life then everything changed almost in the blink of an eye.”**

**Ainslihd, Amelia’s mum**

With a gift in your Will, you can help us be there earlier for families, and to reduce their feelings of loneliness and isolation.

**Did you know? A gift in Will helped fund training for our incredible doctors and nurses across Scotland.**

We now have staff in all children’s hospitals across Scotland, to help us be there for families as early as possible.

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**I am assured to know that the gift in my Will, will be put to very good use helping families through the most difficult time of their lives.**

**John, Glasgow**

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We cannot thank you enough for considering making CHAS part of your personal legacy.



# You can bring joy and fun to short lives



**“With Jessica’s condition, we don’t know what her future is going to be like. It’s so important to us that we’re able to make memories together.”**

**Lyn, Jessica’s mum**

Families tell us how important it is to have fun in the short time they have together; to live well. Since CHAS was founded more than 30 years ago, we have helped families experience countless precious moments together, thanks to people like you. Moments which become memories to cherish forever.

Here are just some of the ways your gift can bring joy to short lives:

- Make wishes come true – like a family going for their first swim together in our hydrotherapy pool, or a trip to watch their favourite band in concert, or see their favourite football team play.
- Special experiences such as Clowndoctors visits, music therapist sessions, and hands-on encounters with animals.
- Memory making activities to remember their loved one, such as hand and foot casts to treasure.

**Did you know? A recent gift in Will contributed to our Rebecca Rocks fund, which provides once in a lifetime musical experiences for children and families.**

With you by our side, we can help so many more families in the future to live well

**Did you know? It was a gift in Will that funded the laburnum walkway at Robin House. It's a special and peaceful place in the garden where families spend precious time together.**



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When I went to visit the hospice, I couldn't believe what a special place I'd walked into – it was so uplifting it's held a special place in my heart ever since. I'm glad to include a gift in my Will to CHAS.

Cath, Kilsyth

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“During unimaginable heartache, CHAS stepped in. From the bottom of my heart, I really don't know how we would have coped without CHAS. We have memories of Hannah to cherish forever and CHAS will always hold a special place in our hearts.”

Katrina, Hannah's mum

# You can give families the chance to say a meaningful goodbye


Families tell us how much this helps them in their immediate grief, and life beyond.

With your help we can grow this vital aspect of our work. You can give families more choices about their child's end of life care - whether in our hospices, in their own home, or in a hospital.



**"We were lost when Finn died. I'm certain that the love we received during our stay with you at Rachel House - which felt like pure unconditional love - led to our ability to see the beauty, joy and meaning in the loss - right from the start."**

**Sarah, Finn's mum**



**"Everyone made sure we understood and felt supported as we headed onto our chosen path for Cole. The level of care we received from the CHAS at Home team never faltered. Not just for Cole, but for the whole family."**

**Cassy, Cole's mum**





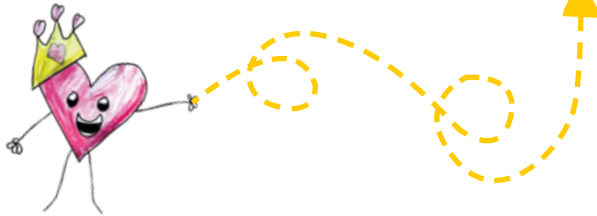
# You can help families to carry on

We support families in grief and beyond.

Our specialist Bereavement Team help families to cope with the death of their loved one and adapt to their new life without them. They provide one to one support, group support, and advice. They host events such as the Remembering Day Service and the Christmas Candlelight Service, giving families opportunities to connect with others who understand what they've been through.

We're there for families every step of the way. With a gift in your Will, you can ensure we help families navigate the future.

**Did you know? Our Bereavement Team has grown in recent years, which means we can support more families with life after loss. Gifts in Wills have helped to make this possible.**



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I don't think anyone can really know what it's like unless you have been through it too. But I know a gift in my Will can make a difference, and that feels good. I wish I could do everything now, but a gift in my Will is a good thing I can do for the future too.

Karen, Livingston

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# Why your Will is important to YOU

Your Will is your lasting legacy. By leaving gifts to the people and causes you love, your love and kindness continues beyond your lifetime. Celebrate the things that matter to you, with the gifts in your Will.

It's important for all adults to have an up to date Will. It reflects your wishes, makes things easier for those left behind, and could also reduce inheritance tax.

You should write or update your Will when:

- You marry
- You have children and/or grandchildren
- You separate or divorce
- You retire
- Your finances significantly change.

You should check your Will still reflects your wishes every five years.

We hope you feel inspired to consider a gift in your Will to CHAS – the gift of precious time to children and families.



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**When it came to discussions with my family about leaving gifts in my Will, they all knew what CHAS means to me. I feel so incredibly proud to be a part of the wonderful work of CHAS.**

**Fiona, Edinburgh**

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# Three simple steps to writing your Will

## **Step One: Value your estate**

This doesn't have to be exact, but it's helpful for a solicitor to know the value of your estate. Think about your house, savings, and any high value items.

## **Step Two: Executors and beneficiaries**

The executors are the people responsible for ensuring your Will is carried out. It should be someone you trust, who's capable. Your beneficiaries are the people who will receive from your estate. Loved ones, friends, and causes you care about. You should consider carefully who will be your executor, and your beneficiaries.

## **Step Three: Consider your wishes**

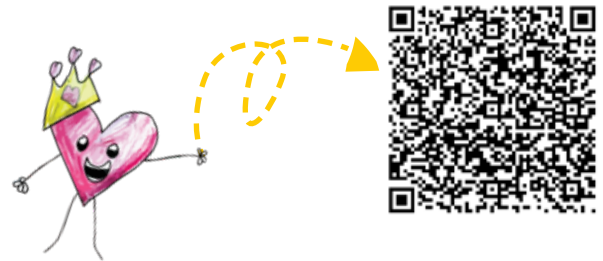
You can leave specific items, pecuniary gifts (set amounts like £3,000) or residual gifts (a percentage of your estate). Consider what you might want to leave to who.

You don't need to have all the answers, but when you have a good idea of what you want it's time to contact a solicitor. They can guide you through the process and capture your wishes.

## **Free Will Writing Service**

**As a CHAS supporter, you can access our Free Will Writing Service, which will connect you with a law society registered solicitor in your area. There's no obligation to leave a gift to CHAS, but we're so grateful to everyone who considers it.**

Simply complete the form at the back of this booklet and return to us. If you prefer to register online, visit [www.chas.org.uk/free-will-offer](http://www.chas.org.uk/free-will-offer) or scan the QR code.





# Why are gifts in Wills important to CHAS families?

## To fund our services

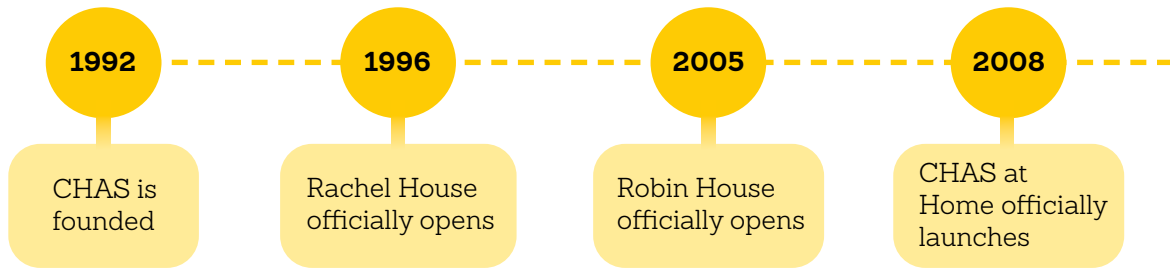
Thanks to people like you, gifts in Wills funds the cost of care to 1 in every 6 families we support. 25% of donations are from gifts in Wills.

## To provide a vital lifeline

The generous support from gifts in Wills helps us through challenging times; like the pandemic, when so many of our fundraising activities had to stop overnight, but the needs of children and families did not.

## To plan for the future

Knowing that caring individuals like you have included CHAS in their Will allows us to plan ahead. It means together, we're already working to support families in the future.





**"I will always hold dear the CHAS staff for the constant support they gave our family through the scariest but most precious eight months of all our lives."**

**Cassy, Cole's mum**



Visit [www.chas.org.uk/legacy](http://www.chas.org.uk/legacy) or scan the QR code to hear mum Cassy express in her own words why these gifts are so important to families like hers.



**2014**

The first Diana Children's Nurses are appointed

**2021**

CHAS has a presence in all children's hospitals across Scotland

**The Future**

CHAS reaches every child that needs us, in the way they need us

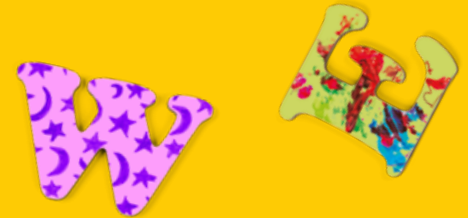


**Did you know? Over the last 30 years, almost £40 million has been gifted to CHAS through Wills.**



## Our promise to you

You've shown love, care, and compassion to the children and families supported by CHAS. We know how important your support is to our future; we don't take for granted the kindness of your gift. We promise to use your gift responsibly, to demonstrate to you the impact your gift will have, and to communicate with you in the way you wish.



## Our promise to families

Our first responsibility is to every child in Scotland with a life-shortening condition. Knowing your child may die young has a devastating impact on every family member. We provide unwavering care at every step on this hardest of journeys, in a way that is right for each family. Our completely integrated care is of exceptional quality, stretching seamlessly across homes, hospices, and hospitals. We'll share and learn from other organisations to meet the needs of children. We do this so that every child can feel respected, loved, and is able to make the most of their short life.

# Our Free Will Writing Service

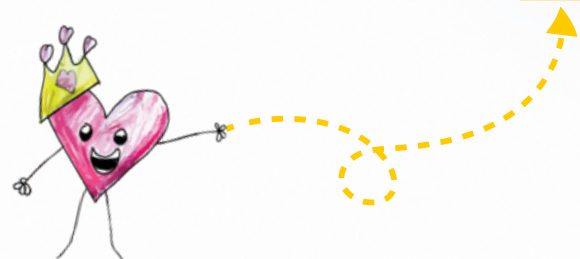
Discover the peace of mind writing or updating your Will can give you, whilst taking care of the people and causes you love.

To register for our Free Will Writing Service complete the short form below, tear off, and return to CHAS. Use a freepost envelope or send to CHAS, 2nd Floor Buchanan Tower, Buchanan Park, Cumbernauld Road, Stepps, G33 6HZ. Or you can visit [www.chas.org.uk/free-will-offer](http://www.chas.org.uk/free-will-offer) and register online.

We'll be in touch with information on solicitors near you who can help you write your Will free of charge. Thank you for considering a gift in your Will to CHAS.

<b>Name</b>	<input type="text"/>
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<b>Email</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>I'd like to use the CHAS Free Will Writing Service.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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If there's even an ounce of joy that can come out of that experience, they should have that.  
Supporter  
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**A gift in your Will to CHAS, is the gift of precious time to children and families in the future. Thank you for considering this most special gift.**

If you have any questions, please contact me – I'd love to talk with you.



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