



make a will
make a
difference





“ If your child is diagnosed with a life-threatening condition your world collapses. When families come to Francis House we try to make the rest of their child’s short life as happy and full of exciting memories as we can.

David Ireland, Francis House Children’s Hospice

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Francis House Children’s Hospice supports hundreds of extraordinary families from across the north west of England by providing care for children and young people with life-limiting conditions and support for their families.



- ⦿ You can never be certain what will happen in the future. By making a Will, you can ensure that your money and possessions will be shared out in accordance with your wishes, thereby providing security for your family and friends.
- ⦿ When it comes to making a Will, your loved ones and family should come first in your thoughts. But many people also like to remember a special charity that is close to their hearts, and Francis House is one such charity.
- ⦿ Perhaps you would be kind enough to remember the families who come to Francis House in your legacy.



Children who come to Francis House have to be under 16 years of age when they join our roll and be diagnosed as having a life-limiting or life-threatening condition. Each family is treated individually and our aim is to care for the child in exactly the way that their family would care for them at home.

Whilst hospitals must focus on curing those who are ill, the hospice focus is on the care of those for whom a cure is unlikely. All of our support is centred on comfort, quality of care and death with dignity.

including Francis House in your will

By including a Legacy to Francis House your gift will help others make their own precious memories.

The expert care and support that we provide for our families is very costly. Our annual running costs exceed £4 million. We receive little support from the government and we rely heavily upon the support of people like you.

Almost £1 million of the £4 million that we need to fund our work each year comes from bequests.

Francis House is administered by the Francis House Family Trust, a Registered Charity.



what to do next

- ⦿ Making a Will isn't difficult or expensive but we would always recommend that you use a solicitor to prepare the Will for you. Only a properly drawn up Will is recognised by law, even if you have written down your wishes.
- ⦿ Your chosen solicitor will provide you with independent professional advice.
- ⦿ You can prepare in advance a list of the estimated assets, outstanding debts, beneficiaries and registered charities that you would like included in your Will. Decide who you would like to be your executors (the person or people you would trust to ensure that your wishes are carried out when you die).

1. Decide whom you would wish to benefit (please remember to include a gift to Francis House).
2. Contact your chosen solicitor for an appointment.

If you do not have your own solicitor please contact our fundraising team on **0161 443 2200** and they will be able to provide you with the details of a number of solicitors local to you who specialise in Will writing. Alternatively, the Law Society can put you in touch with a solicitor. They can be contacted on 020 7320 5650 or online at <http://solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk/>

there are three different types of gifts that are contained in a will

- ⦿ A residuary gift - a gift of the remainder or part of the remainder of your estate once all other gifts have been paid. This is a popular way to remember a charity because it is expressed as a fraction of your estate rather than a cash sum and therefore retains its value over time.
- ⦿ A pecuniary gift - this is a gift of a fixed amount of money. However, unless you review the amount regularly, the value of this legacy may reduce through the effects of inflation.
- ⦿ A specific gift of personal possessions such as antiques, furniture, jewellery, land or buildings. Gifts can raise much needed funds (dependent on their market value at the time of sale).

Please consider including a gift to Francis House in your Will to help us support the many children, young adults and families that rely on our services now and in the future.





Sometimes the toughest periods for parents are not at the end of the child’s life, but during their journey.

Knowing that their child is being cared for either at the hospice or by the hospice at home team, allows parents to have a break and spend some precious time with their other children, with each other or to have some space for themselves.

confidential information form



There is no obligation to answer these questions, but the information you provide will enable us to plan for the future and communicate more effectively with you.

Please complete this form and return it to us at: Legacies, Francis House, 390 Parrswood Road, Didsbury, Manchester M20 5NA.

Full name

Address

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Postcode

Tel no

Mobile

Email

Date of Birth





- I have already included a gift in my Will to Francis House Children’s Hospice ☐
- I intend to include a gift in my Will to Francis House Children’s Hospice ☐
- I have a specific question I would like you to answer ☐

Keep in touch

Your support is vital and we would love to keep you posted with our news, activities and appeals. Your details will only be used by Francis House Family Trust. We will never give your information to other organisations to use for their own purposes. You are free to change your mind at any time. Please tell us if you would be happy for us to contact you.

- By email ☐
- By post ☐
- By phone ☐
- By text ☐

Your privacy

We will always store your personal details securely. We will use them to provide the service that you have requested, and communicate with you in the way(s) that you have agreed to. Your data may also be used for analysis purposes, to help us provide the best service possible. We will only allow your information to be used by consultants working on our behalf and we will only share it if required to do so by law.

If you have included us in your Will, we would like to write and thank you.
Please tick this box if you would prefer not to be thanked ☐

Date

Signed

Print name



When parents are told that their child has a condition that will shorten their life, the news can be devastating. Caring for someone with complex medical needs - often for twenty four hours a day, seven days a week - puts a huge strain on the whole family.

Families need a break from their role as carers, and the children and young people need experiences to enrich their short lives. From the moment that they come through the doors of Francis House, they are made to feel completely at home.



As soon as we opened the doors to Francis House it seemed like we were coming home. It was nothing like we imagined a hospice to be. It was so full of life and joy.





If you wish to discuss anything further about Making a Will and Making a Difference please contact Rachael Taylor on 0161 434 4118 or email legacies@francishouse.org.uk

For more information on Francis House please visit www.francishouse.org.uk



Some important details that you will need to give your solicitor are the correct charity details:
**Francis House Family Trust of 390 Parrswood Road,
Didsbury, Manchester M20 5NA
Registered Charity Number 328659**