



A GUIDE TO LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

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Leaving a gift to the Tuberosus Sclerosis Association (TSA) in your Will is a big personal decision but could be one of the most significant differences you can make to the lives of those affected by Tuberosus Sclerosis Complex (TSC).

For almost 45 years, the TSA has been supporting those living with the effects of TSC while also funding essential research. By remembering the TSA in your will, you could make that future breakthrough possible - the one that means future generations will not be faced with the devastating reality of life with TSC.



Change the future with a gift in your Will.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO WRITE A WILL

If you do not have a valid Will, you could leave loved ones in uncertain or complicated circumstances.

Having a valid Will that reflects your current situation gives you not only the control over the administration of your affairs but also gives peace of mind to you and those close to you.

TAX BENEFITS OF LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

A legacy gift to the TSA in your Will is exempt from Inheritance Tax. You can also cut the percentage that the taxman takes in Inheritance Tax if you leave at least 10% of your estate to charity.

For more information visit:
www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax.

TYPES OF LEGACY GIFT

There are three main types of gifts you can make to the TSA:

- 1) Residuary** - a share in, or all of, what's left of the value of your estate after family and friends have been taken care of
- 2) Pecuniary** - a set sum of money
- 3) Specific** - an item such as jewellery or piece of art





HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY

If you would like to leave the TSA a legacy gift in your Will, we strongly recommend that you speak to a solicitor to ensure your wishes will be carried out. You will need to take with you the TSA's registered address and registered charity number:

Tuberous Sclerosis Association
c/o Nightingale House, 46-48 East Street
Epsom, Surrey, KT17 1HQ.

Charity number 1039549 (England & Wales)
SC042780 (Scotland)

We can't recommend a solicitor, but you can find one in your local area by contacting the **Law Society** in:

England & Wales (020 7242 1222)

Scotland (0131 226 7411)

Northern Ireland (028 9023 1614)

or visit **www.lawsociety.org.uk**



I ALREADY HAVE A WILL, SHOULD I UPDATE IT?

Many people make a Will and assume that's all they need to do. But circumstances change, so it is good to review it every few years to make sure it still reflects your wishes.

Some changes in circumstances could be:

- Marriage, divorce or separation
- Children born since your last Will
- Death of named beneficiaries
- A change in your financial circumstances

A codicil is a simple way to make specific changes or additions to your Will while leaving the remaining provisions untouched. You can ask a solicitor to draw up a codicil for you or you can complete one yourself, a template is available online.

DO I NEED TO NOTIFY YOU ABOUT MY GIFT?

If you let us know about a gift you have left to the TSA in your Will, we can say thank you for the wonderful gesture.

Any information you share with us will be kept confidential.

WRITE YOUR FREE WILL WITH KWIL WITH CODE 'THETSA'

We all know the importance of writing a Will, which is why we've **partnered with Kwil** to give everyone in the TSC community the chance to write their Will online, **completely for free and in as little as 30 minutes**. Once your Will is complete enter the code **'THETSA'** and there will be nothing to pay.

Visit www.kwil.co.uk and enter code **'THETSA'**

HOW LEGACY GIFTS CHANGE LIVES



MAKING A POSITIVE
DIFFERENCE TO THE FUTURE
OF THE TSA AND THE LIVES OF
PEOPLE AFFECTED BY TSC



SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH TSC,
FAMILY MEMBERS, CARERS AND
FRIENDS THROUGH THE TSA
SUPPORT LINE



PROMOTING AWARENESS OF
THIS RARE GENETIC DISEASE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN I REQUEST HOW MY GIFT IS USED?

Yes you can, although we ask you discuss your specific wishes with us before making your Will. Then, along with the standard wording, which depends on the type of gift you are making, you will simply need to add: 'I express the wish for the money to be used for the benefit of [insert name of service or area of interest].' Alternatively, you can make your gift to the TSA as a whole and we'll use it where the need is greatest.

I HAVE A DEPENDANT WITH TSC. CAN I PROVIDE FOR THEM IN MY WILL?

If you have a child or other loved one with TSC you may want to discuss setting up a Discretionary Trust for them with a solicitor. This is because if they inherit a lump sum of money, it can affect any means-tested benefits they currently or may one day receive. A Discretionary Trust ensures that your money for your loved one is protected for their future.

IS THERE A SUGGESTED WORDING I SHOULD USE IN MY WILL?

Your solicitor should be familiar with the wording to use, however, here are two options, depending on the type of gift you would like to leave:

Leaving a percentage/share of your estate (residuary)

I give to Tuberos Sclerosis Association of Nightingale House, 46-48 East Street, Epsom, Surrey, KT17 1HQ, registered charity number 1039549 [all/_% of the residue] of my estate absolutely for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of a proper office at Tuberos Sclerosis Association for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor(s).

Leaving a cash gift (pecuniary)

I give to Tuberos Sclerosis Association of Nightingale House, 46-48 East Street, Epsom, Surrey, KT17 1HQ, registered charity number 1039549 the sum of [specify words and figures] free of tax for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of a proper office at Tuberos Sclerosis Association for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor(s).

KEYWORDS

Beneficiary: an individual or organisation who receives a gift in a Will

Codicil: A separate legally binding document making a change or addition to your existing Will.

Estate: The total value of all an individual's assets at the time of their death, including possessions, property and money.

Inheritance tax: a tax paid on the value of the property, money, and other assets of someone who has died

Legacy: A gift left to a person or organisation in a Will.

Pecuniary gift: a set amount of money left in a Will

Residuary gift: all, or a percentage, of an estate once family and friends have been taken care of

Specific gift: a gift of a particular item, for example a piece of jewellery or art

WHY I INCLUDED THE TSA IN MY WILL



"I am delighted to see how much research work is being undertaken to improve the lives of people affected by TSC and I hope that the day will come when it will be a disease of the past."

Kenneth Bird, who together with his wife Margaret who passed away in 2021, left a gift in their wills to the TSA in honour of their daughter Sarah who lived with TSC.

GOT ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about legacy giving, or if you are already planning to kindly leave a legacy to the TSA, you can speak to us by contacting **Sara Eltman** (Head of Fundraising):



fundraising@tuberous-sclerosis.org



0300 222 5737



THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to read our booklet and for considering leaving a gift in your Will to support people living with TSC.

We would love to hear from you if you have been kind enough to include a gift in your Will to the TSA or intend on doing so. Please so let us know your plans so we can give you our heartfelt thanks and, if you wish, keep you informed about our future developments.

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