

Why leave a gift in your Will to Smile?

Thinking about Smile Support & Care today can make a real difference to those who need us in the future.

As a charity, Smile relies on the support and generosity of members of the public - people like you - to ensure we can be there for future generations.



How to leave a gift

We understand that family and loved ones come first. Once you have considered what you would like to leave them, you may decide to leave a gift to charity. It may also be a comfort to your next of kin to know that you are leaving a gift to a cause you really wish to support.

Making a Will is straightforward and relatively inexpensive to do. It is important that you use the services of a solicitor.

If you already have a Will, it is very simple to ask your solicitor to add a codicil to your Will, or this might be a good time to consider updating your Will.

If you do not have a Will, then a solicitor will be able to guide you on making a Will and how to include a gift to Smile.

What type of gift to make

There are several options for you to consider when making your Will, if you want to leave a gift to Smile.

These include:

- A share of your estate, after all other gifts and expenses have been taken care of. This is called a residuary gift.
- A specific amount of money, known as a pecuniary gift.
- Business shares, jewellery, a specific item or items, or a property.

Your solicitor or legal advisor will be able to guide you on the correct wording in order to leave a gift in your Will to Smile.

Please do include our full name, Smile Support & Care, and our charity number: 1047359.

“ We would be pleased to hear from you if you are considering leaving a gift to Smile in your Will. Do get in touch if you have any questions or require further information.



Any support you feel able to give will be most gratefully appreciated. May I thank you for reading this leaflet and I hope that you will be able to give us your support.”

Steven Clarke,
Chairman of Smile Support & Care



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Leaving a gift in your Will is the gift of a lifetime



A Legacy for future generations...

Sebastian's story

Seb was born a healthy boy keen to explore everything the world had to offer. But at four years old he was suddenly taken ill. After many months of medical tests and examinations, Seb was diagnosed with a very rare genetic disease called Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD). ALD is similar in its progress and outcome to Motor Neuron disease.

As time passed, Seb's illness became more complex, particularly as he got older - he never stopped growing! ALD takes away bodily function and over time Seb became totally dependent on his parents and carers 24 hours a day.

The family's local GP referred him to the services of their local children's hospice. However, the combination of looking after siblings and co-ordinating Seb's care with the NHS and Social Services left his parents at near breaking point. Caring for such a sick child was becoming very stressful, with years of sleepless nights, the challenge of one-way conversation, constant suctioning to keep Seb's airways clear, the regular medication, personal and social care, and time to deal with 'life'. The family needed a care team who could deal with this demanding 24-hour regime.

Seb was the first child Smile supported. In fact, he was the reason Smile Support & Care began. We aim to provide "a little help to make life work" for Seb and other families in similar situations.

Through Smile, Seb could access a carefully selected team of carers who integrated with the whole family. They were trained to meet all of his medical and social needs and supported him to get the most out of his life including test-driving his new wheelchair, helping him splash his sisters in the swimming pool, accompanying him during his hospital appointments and ensuring he benefited from his time at school. This meant the whole family were able to enjoy life a lot more. Seb's parents were able to have a break from the 24 hr care he needed, to look after themselves and other siblings so that they were able to enjoy time together as a family.



The Smile Centre



More than 20 years later and Smile continues to help make life work for more than 100 families like Seb's. Smile's services are more in demand today than ever before, and as we move into the future that demand looks set to grow even further.

Across Hampshire and West Sussex, there could currently be as many as 40,000 children with special needs. As medical techniques develop, those with complex disabilities particularly will require more long-term support. It is essential that Smile is able to grow to meet this demand.

By adding Smile to your Will, you will be making sure we are not only here for generations to come, but have the capacity to meet the needs of even more children. Whatever the size of the gift you may consider leaving to Smile, you can be assured that it will enhance the care and experience of the children and families we support in years to come. Children like Seb and families like his.

Smile is planning ahead to ensure a brighter future for children with disabilities. Our new Smile Centre, based in Hampshire, is a state-of-the-art facility offering short breaks for disabled children, young adults and their families. Our research has shown that it is often impossible for a disabled young person to go on holiday or enjoy a short break. This new setting provides comfortable hotel-like accommodation in peaceful surroundings where children and young adults with complex disabilities can stay.

The Smile Centre provides round-the-clock professional support and features eight ensuite bedrooms, two family apartments, a restaurant-style dining room, state-of-the-art sensory room and physiotherapy and treatment room. Specially planted gardens encourage sensory stimulation and there is also a safe play area with specialist equipment. Whilst the centre provides the perfect break for individuals it also gives them the opportunity to meet with others who share the same experiences.