

# A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

*It's the little things in life  
that can mean the most*



Leaving as little as 1% of your Will  
to The Brain Tumour Charity can  
make a world of difference.

**[thebraintumourcharity.org](http://thebraintumourcharity.org)**



## Welcome from CEO

With your help we've come further than we ever imagined but, we must continue to work hard and unite in our battle to defeat brain tumours. Now more than ever, we need your help to plan for the future and give hope to generations to come.

Writing or updating your Will is an important step to take but it is about more than simply getting your affairs in order. It's an amazing opportunity to express your appreciation to loved ones and leave a gift to a cause that matters to you.

### Did you know

Brain tumours are the biggest cancer killer of people under 40, yet less than 2% of all funding into cancer research in the UK is invested in brain tumours. Gifts in Wills are helping to change this.

It's the little things in life that can mean the most and leaving as little as 1% of your Will to us, after your loved ones have been cared for, can make the world of difference.

Leaving a gift, no matter how big or small, is easy to do and will play a vital role in helping to find new and safer treatments.

*Thank you for your outstanding support.*

Sarah Lindsell  
CEO of The Brain Tumour Charity

# Together, we can defeat brain tumours

Whilst survival has doubled across all cancers, ten year survival rates for brain tumours have improved little for adults in over 40 years. This must change.

Our goals are unashamedly ambitious and are an essential step towards our vision of a world where brain tumours are defeated. We will:

- **Double survival within 10 years in the UK**
- **Halve the harm that brain tumours have on quality of life in the UK**

By leaving a gift in your Will to The Brain Tumour Charity, you could be part of the remarkable life-saving breakthroughs of the future to improve survival and quality of life.

Your gift could help fund research like that of Dr Chris Jones and his team at The Institute of Cancer Research in London. The team are studying high risk paediatric brain tumours, like DIPG, and are focussing on turning biological discoveries made in the lab into effective new treatments. To find out more please visit [thebraintumourcharity.org/new-research](http://thebraintumourcharity.org/new-research)



*"Your money will help me and my team find better treatments for children."*

Professor Chris Jones,  
The Institute of Cancer Research



# Your money in action

We rely 100% on voluntary donations so every penny really does make a difference. Here's what your gift could do:

**£250** could cover the cost of giving 10 children and their families the immediate support and information they need after the devastation of a diagnosis.

**£7,500** could fund one of our world-class research projects for a month at a leading UK institution to find new and safer treatments.

**£1,000** could pay for 15 tests to understand the genetic changes associated with the development of brain tumours.

**£10,000** could fund two Family Days, giving 60 children with brain tumours and their families a fun and supportive day out together.

**£50,000** could fund a piece of specialist equipment to enable our researchers to continue their pioneering research.

**£80,000** could fund an early-phase clinical trial to test new treatments in children and adults.

## Did you know

For every £1 you leave us, 80p will go directly to our charitable work, helping to increase survival rates and reduce the harm of brain tumours.



## Choosing how to leave your gift

There are three main types of gifts you can choose to leave in your Will.



### Percentage

You can choose to leave a percentage share once all other payments have been made and loved ones cared for.



### Fixed amount

You may prefer to leave us a fixed amount of money which you can link to inflation so it doesn't lose value.



### Specific item

You could also leave a specific item like personal possessions, land, buildings or shares.

*"When someone you care about dies, I think one of the hardest things to get your head around is the fact they no longer have any kind of impression in the world."*

*"Dave's brain tumour deprived him of many years of life, laughter and achievement, and so it's very important to me that some good had to come out of the situation."*

*"In my view, leaving a gift in your Will in that person's name, after your family have been looked after, is a small act of kindness that shows we care. It has enabled me to feel that somehow Dave's life continues to have an impact and a purpose."*

Gill, who lost her husband Dave to a Glioblastoma in March 2012.

### Did you know

You can leave a gift to The Brain Tumour Charity as a tribute to a loved one. You can also leave it to one of our amazing Supporter Groups. To find out more visit [thebraintumourcharity.org/supporter-groups](http://thebraintumourcharity.org/supporter-groups)





# In safe hands

The Brain Tumour Charity will look after your gift with integrity and compassion.

## Our promises

- 1 The decision whether or not to leave a donation in your Will is entirely yours.
- 2 We know your Will is a private matter, and we will always respect this.
- 3 We know that your loved ones will always come first.
- 4 We'll look after every gift to ensure it is spent where it will have the greatest impact.
- 5 You can change your mind at any time and you can choose how much you want to hear from us.
- 6 We'll never pass your details on to anyone else without your permission.

If you're interested in leaving a gift in your Will to The Brain Tumour Charity and would like to see where your money could go, you can join a tour of one of our labs across the UK. Let us know by emailing [legacy@thebraintumourcharity.org](mailto:legacy@thebraintumourcharity.org) or call 01252 749043.

*Leaving as little as 1% to us is a small act of kindness which can have an impact for generations to come.*



*"To include a gift in your Will to charity is just a couple of extra lines – it's simple, easy and doesn't increase the cost of your Will – but it has an impact for generations to come."*

**In 2011 Mary had a successful operation to remove a brain tumour.**

As a solicitor and someone who has remembered us in their Will, Mary knows first-hand how much of an impact a gift can make:

*"I chose to leave a gift in my Will to The Brain Tumour Charity as I have a great understanding of how much difference my money can make – there is just so much research that needs to be done and so many families that need support."*

### Did you know

We're investing £25m in research over the next five years. We rely 100% on donations so every penny really does count. You can find out more about our research work at [thebraintumourcharity.org/our-research](http://thebraintumourcharity.org/our-research)

## How to leave a gift

You can include a gift to The Brain Tumour Charity by adding a few extra lines to your Will. We've prepared suggested wording for you to give to your solicitor or professional Will writer which can be found on the next page.

If you already have a Will you're happy with and would just like to include a gift, you can write a codicil. This is a legally binding document which is stored alongside your Will. You can use the codicil at the back of this booklet or you can ask your solicitor or professional Will writer to prepare one for you.

*Whatever you choose, we recommend that you seek the guidance of a solicitor or professional Will writer when you are writing your Will or codicil, so that your Will is legally recognised and that your intentions can be fully carried out.*



## Suggested wording for Will

*If you have chosen to leave a gift to The Brain Tumour Charity, below is the suggested wording which you can give to your solicitor or professional Will writer.*

### A percentage share

I give [insert % share] of the residue of my real and personal estate which I can dispose of by Will in any manner I think proper to The Brain Tumour Charity (Registered Charity No. 1150054 (England and Wales) SC045081 (Scotland) of Hartshead House, 61-65 Victoria Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 7PA) to be applied for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or the proper officer for the time being of The Brain Tumour Charity shall be a complete discharge to my executors.

### Fixed amount

I give the sum of [include the amount in numbers and in words] to The Brain Tumour Charity (Registered Charity No. 1150054 (England and Wales) SC045081 (Scotland) of Hartshead House, 61-65 Victoria Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 7PA) to be applied for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of The Brain Tumour Charity shall be a complete discharge to my executors.

### Specific item

I give [insert description of the item] to The Brain Tumour Charity (Registered Charity No. 1150054 (England and Wales) SC0045081 (Scotland) of Hartshead House, 61-65 Victoria Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 7PA) to be applied for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of The Brain Tumour Charity shall be a complete discharge to my executors.



*Give hope and life to future generations by leaving a gift in your Will to The Brain Tumour Charity.*

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Leaving as little as 1% of your Will to The Brain Tumour Charity can help fund vital research to help us double survival and halve the harm that brain tumours have on quality of life for generations to come.

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## Preparing your own codicil

Creating a new Will is the best way to avoid any errors or disputes if you are looking to modify your existing Will but if you decide to update your Will using a codicil, here are a few basic rules:

- 1 If you have made more than one Will, it is important to ensure that this codicil relates to your most recent Will.
- 2 Keep the codicil alongside your Will in a safe place. It is advised that you should not staple or clip anything to your Will. If it has staple marks or indentations from clips, a court will need to be satisfied that your Will did not have a codicil attached which has since been removed. This could delay the grant of probate.
- 3 The codicil must be signed in the presence of two adult witnesses who are not your family, married to your family or set to benefit from your Will.

Send or give a copy of the Will and codicil to your executor or a trusted friend. Indicate with a note where the originals are held. It is important that the original Will and codicil are kept together and that those who have a copy of your Will also have a copy of the codicil, to help prevent confusion at a later date.

### Did you know

You can find your local solicitor or professional Will writer by contacting our team on 01252 749043 or email us [legacy@thebraintumourcharity.org](mailto:legacy@thebraintumourcharity.org).



# Codicil

Please complete this codicil form if you would like to add a gift to The Brain Tumour Charity to your existing Will. See the other side of this page for more information about how to use the codicil form and what to do if you don't already have a Will.

I (full name) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
of (address) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (postcode) \_\_\_\_\_

declare this to be a  First  Second  Third  
codicil to my Will, dated and made the day/  
month/year \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (date of original Will)

**I give (please tick as appropriate):**

a \_\_\_\_\_% share of the residue of my estate  
 the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (in figures and in words)

the following specific item(s), free of the  
expense of delivery, namely (please name and  
describe the items): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I wish that donations are given in lieu  
of flowers at my funeral

to The Brain Tumour Charity (Registered Charity  
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charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt(s) of  
the Treasurer or duly authorised officer for the time  
being of The Brain Tumour Charity shall be sufficient  
discharge of my Executor/Trustees.

The gift(s) I leave to The Brain Tumour  
Charity are done so as a tribute to my  
\_\_\_\_\_ (son, daughter, mother,  
father, friend etc.), \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (full name).

The gift(s) I leave to The Brain Tumour Charity  
should be given to a Supporter Group \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of Supporter Group)

In all other 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 each other

**Witness one**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness two**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_