

# A GUIDETO LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

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Making or amending your Will can, at Ways we achieve this are through: first, seem a little daunting. But with the · Providing a Helpline where people can straightforward.

Leaving a gift in your Will helps ensure · Providing good quality, up-to-date on to provide support and information health matters close to them, help to reduce feelings of a SAUK Regional Representative isolation, poor body image, inadequate · Organising campaigns and activities of scoliosis among health professionals professionals and the general public, and thanks to your · Holding patient meetings at which is understood and respected.

- right information, and support from a call or email the friendly SAUK team for solicitor, the process can be surprisingly advice or support, or just someone to talk
- that the Scoliosis Association UK can go information on scoliosis and related
- to people affected by scoliosis and their · Running a membership network that families. We do this so that we can be allows people with scoliosis to get in there for people with scoliosis and those touch with other and offers the support of
- care, needless pain, worry, fear, and lack of to help increase awareness of scoliosis information. It is our aim to raise awareness in the general public and among health
- gift we will be able to continue doing this specialists provide advice on scoliosis and create a community in which scoliosis and people have the chance to get their questions answered



# A GIFT IN YOUR WILL: YOUR **QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

### Should I use a solicitor?

solicitor's expertise will give you the peace which is a fixed sum of money. of mind of knowing that your wishes will be respected, are legally correct, and What is an Executor? that your estate will go to the people and An Executor is the person you choose to causes you hold dear.

# Can I still leave a gift?

Of course. Even a small gift after loved I already have a Will, how do I add a we do.

### Will I pay tax on my gift?

No. Gifts to charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax. They can even reduce your existing Will. the amount of tax your estate has to pay. Please visit the HM Revenue and Customs Isn't making a Will very expensive? website for details.

## difference?

are not. But together they account for because doing so will ensure your estate approximately 15% of our income, which isn't stuck in probate for months after you makes a huge difference!

## What type of gift can I leave?

There are two types of gifts you can leave to a charity. Many supporters prefer to leave a residuary gift, or percentage of their estate. This type of gift gives people the reassurance of knowing their gift will

be protected against inflation. You could We would strongly advise you to do so. A also choose to leave a pecuniary gift,

make sure your wishes, as laid out in your Will, are adhered to. This can be a family I want to take care of my loved ones first. member, friend, or trusted professional.

## ones are provided for helps fund the work codicil to leave a gift to the Scoliosis **Association UK?**

We recommend you talk to your solicitor before adding a codicil. If you do, it's a good idea to keep it in a safe place with

Drawing up a simple Will should cost between £150 and £300. More complicated How much should I give to make a situations or requirements generally increase the cost. The peace of mind it Some gifts we receive are large. Many can give you, however, can be priceless, die.

## **WORDING FOR YOUR WILL**

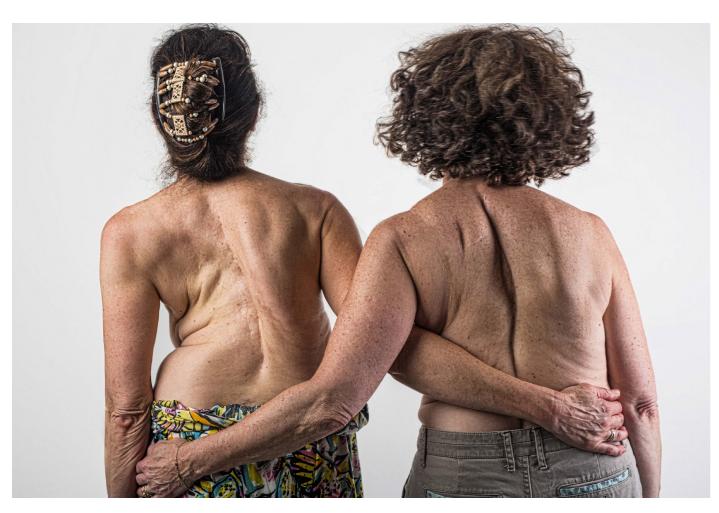
If you are seeing a solicitor, you can use the following wording and give it to them to ensure your wishes are carried out.

## To leave a share of your estate

'I give my Residuary Estate [residuary estate will need to have been defined elsewhere in the Will and is a gift made after deductions of debts, taxes and expenses, which usually fall on residue] to the Scoliosis Association UK of Ground Floor, 329 Latimer Road, London, W10 6RA, Registered Charity Number 1181463.'

## To leave a cash gift

'I give the sum of [£ in words and numbers] absolutely to the Scoliosis Association UK of Ground Floor, 329 Latimer Road, London, W10 6RA, Registered Charity Number 1181463 and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or any other proper authorised officer of any charity benefitting under my Will shall be a sufficient discharge for my Trustees who shall not be concerned as to the application of any gifts or payment.'



# YOUR GIFT CAN ENSURE THAT NO ONE HAS TO FACE SCOLIOSIS ALONE

A gift in your Will can mean that people are diagnosed sooner thanks to greater awareness, which can lead to better outcomes. It can mean that those with scoliosis and their loved ones have a trusted source of information to prepare them for what lies ahead. It can mean that anyone in search of support or advice will have someone to talk to who is there to help and listen to them.

It can mean that people with scoliosis and their loved ones can connect with a community of people with similar experiences, helping each other through the tough times and celebrating their achievements. It can mean giving people access to the expertise of world-renowned spinal specialists by hearing them speak at events or reading their articles.

A gift left in your Will can help us maintain, expand, and develop our range of support services. Nobody should have to face the pressures of scoliosis without support. Leaving a gift in your Will can ensure that nobody has to.

