

YOUR **WILL** CAN BE A LIFE-LINE
FOR WISHES



Granting wishes to children living with
a life-threatening medical condition

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Ireland

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VISION AND MISSION

Make-A-Wish® Ireland has one simple aim - We grant the wishes of children aged between 3 and 17 years living with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

A wish granted is true magic for the child, providing respite from their normal routines of hospitals, doctors and treatment.

Since arriving in Ireland in 1992, Make-A-Wish has granted wishes for over 1,400 brave children.

In all possible cases Make-A-Wish ensures that all immediate family members can participate in the child's wish. In doing so we provide long-lasting and happy memories for those relatives, whatever the future may hold.

As a well respected and popular children's charity, we are fully committed to providing the maximum level of care and enjoyment for our children and their families.

We achieve this through a combination of professionalism, attention to detail and sensitivity. Nothing is too much trouble for our children - after all they are the only reason we exist!

We receive no government funding, and rely overwhelmingly on the kindness of people like you to continue with our work and succeed in our aims.

With your generosity we can make a real difference to a child's life.



WHY DO I NEED A WILL?

Making a Will is extremely important, even if you don't plan to leave a gift. That's because a Will is the only way for you to say how your money and personal belongings should be used after your death.

Fortunately, it couldn't be more straightforward. If you already have a solicitor, your first step is as simple as a phone call. If not, you'll need to find a solicitor who will draw up a Will for you. This should be easy, as it's one of the basic services almost all solicitors provide.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

LEAVE A GIFT IN A WILL

By leaving a gift to Make-A-Wish in your Will, large or small, you can make a positive difference to the lives of children living with a life-threatening medical condition all over Ireland.

When it comes to your will, it's only right that your family and friends come first in your thoughts. But you can also leave a gift to a cause close to your heart.

MAKING A WILL

Leaving a gift to Make-A-Wish in your will is a straightforward, easy and cost-effective way to support our work.

Find out more about making a will from your solicitor. This leaflet contains all you need to know, to help you make or change your will and leave a gift to Make-A-Wish.



I'D LIKE TO LEAVE A GIFT IN MY WILL. WHAT TYPES OF LEGACIES ARE THERE?

There are two types of legacies:

1. Residuary Legacy: you make provisions for your nearest and dearest first, then leave the remainder or part of the remainder of your estate as your legacy after all other bequests and any debts have been paid.

Sample residuary legacy wording for your Will:

"I give to Make-A-Wish Ireland of 2, Leopardstown Business Centre, Ballyogan Avenue Leopardstown Dublin 18, all [or a fraction] of the residue of my estate whatsoever and wheresoever, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other officer for the time being of the said Organisation shall be a full and sufficient discharge of the same."

2. Pecuniary Legacy: a legacy gift of a fixed sum of money.

Sample pecuniary legacy wording for your Will:

"I give the sum of €_____ or I bequeath [the item specified] to Make-A-Wish Ireland, 2, Leopardstown Business Centre, Ballyogan Avenue Leopardstown Dublin 18, and I direct that the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the said Organisation shall be proper and sufficient discharge for the same."

I WANT TO LEAVE A LEGACY BUT I'VE ALREADY MADE MY WILL. CAN I CHANGE IT?

Yes. Even if you have an existing Will, it's easy to change it to include a legacy to the charity of your choice. This change is called a "Codicil" and if you have an existing Will, it can be changed to include a legacy to the charity of your choice. This change can be drawn up easily by your solicitor.

DO I HAVE TO NOTIFY YOU IF I LEAVE A GIFT TO MAKE-A-WISH

The decision to give is a personal one, and at Make-A-Wish we respect that. As such, the choice to notify us is entirely yours. But we hope you will consider letting us know you have left a gift to Make-A-Wish for three very important reasons:

- It gives us the chance to thank you.
- It lets us work with you personally in directing your gift to areas of Make-A-Wish work that are most meaningful to you.
- It allows us to plan for the future.

Our pledge of discretion to you is that any information you choose to provide will always be treated with the utmost confidentiality – and that Make-A-Wish Ireland remain equally grateful for the legacy support of those who choose not to advise us in advance. If you have any questions, please ring **Susan O'Dwyer** directly on **01 2052012** and she'll be happy to help you.

Thank you, as ever, for helping to grant lasting wishes.





REQUEST INFORMATION

There are several ways in which Make-A-Wish can help you make a new will, update your existing will or put a gift in it. If you have already included a gift to Make-A-Wish and would like to tell us, you can let us know on this form:

I would like you to contact me

Your details:

Title (Title other) First Name Surname

Phone Email

Address 1

Address 2

Town/City County Postcode

Tell us a bit more:

How did you hear about legacy giving?

I have already included a gift in my will to Make-A-Wish

I intend to leave a gift in my will to Make-A-Wish

I am considering leaving a gift in my will to Make-A-Wish Ireland

I am requesting information on behalf of a friend or relative

Any other comments

If you do not want us to contact you about other ways to support us, please tick here



THE 1% DIFFERENCE

The culture of leaving a gift in your will to a favourite charity is in its infancy in Ireland. Only 34% of people in Ireland have made a will & many people just don't realise that they can give money to charities in this way. However, the reality is that after looking after friends and family, a small share, even 1%, of whatever is left can make a long lasting difference to charities and the invaluable work they do. A gift in your will can help the work of our favourite causes to live on.

Susan O'Dwyer, Chairperson, MyLegacy.ie and CEO, Make-A-Wish Foundation



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"It is very difficult for parents to accept that their child has suffered greatly and will never live a normal life. Make-A-Wish was better than winning the lotto as we did not have to arrange anything. It brought the whole family back together after a traumatic period. We have never experienced such kindness & generosity ever in our life. It was an experience of a lifetime.

We will remember our trip every day as we have amazing photos and memories."

Wish Father

"We will never be able to thank you all enough or put into words what you, granting Oran's wish meant to him and all of us, as a family. You were willing to help us, give Oran a break from the terrible Mitochondrial disease that has taken over his body and allow him to live out one of his little dreams. You were so kind and understanding in your dealings with us, at all times Oran's needs and that of our family were paramount to you. You and all those who work for the Foundation, are ordinary people doing an extraordinary job for so many sick children and the organisation for us, symbolises a gift given to a family at a time of huge sadness, which will remain with them long after it has been given. The work done by the Foundation is priceless and timeless."

Wish Family

CONTACT

The Legacy Officer Susan O'Dwyer is always happy to answer any questions you may have about wills, legacies and Make-A-Wish. Reach us online, over the telephone, by letter, email or face to face.

ADMINISTERING AN ESTATE

If you are an executor or a solicitor administering an estate and require further information about Make-A-Wish Ireland please do not hesitate to contact

Susan O'Dwyer on 01 2052012 or email susan@makeawish.ie

See more at: <http://www.makeawish.ie/fundraising/Leavealegacy>