



## A guide to making a gift in your will

Create better futures for children  
facing mental health problems

Your support is vital to our work. Every year we help 40,000 children who are coping with mental health issues.

Gifts in wills are crucial in providing much needed funding whilst enabling our supporters to leave their own legacy, knowing it will be used to protect the mental well-being of children throughout the UK.

A gift of any size can change a child's life. Please support us today with a gift in your will.

Thank you.

**Catherine Roche,**  
**CEO Place2Be**



**“I am passionate about mental health. Leaving a gift in my will is a fantastic way to reach as many vulnerable children as possible and leave a legacy that reaches far into the future.”**

**William Russell, Legacy pledger**

# The difference a gift in your will could make

## ‘Place2Be changed my life.’

Parent counselling has given me a better understanding of who I am. It has helped me to feel better. I don't need to cope alone.

Everyone should feel able to ask for help. Parents as well as children. I believe if parents aren't sorted then it's a waste of time. Children can only feel safe if their parent is stable. Children want to please and they are more likely to feel well, if their parent is also well.

Without Place2Be I'm quite sure I would have lost my kids by now. I have faced a big fear and it has benefitted by whole family.

I want to tell other people they can reach out and ask for help if they need it. Place2Be has changed my life.

**Faridah, Parent, Streatham**

## ‘Everyone should have someone like Place2Be to turn to.’

When my son George was only 8 years old, my husband Derek was told he had just months to live. It was devastating for us all. Because of his disease, Derek stopped recognising people and got aggressive sometimes, so he couldn't be left alone with George.

I was at my wits' end and didn't know how to cope. I knew I had to do something but didn't know where to turn.

Thank goodness a teacher at school had seen George behaving out of sorts and suggested I speak to Place2Be. Place2Be not only helped him express himself through making art and talking but are there at his new school too. I believe this so much that I am training to become a counsellor myself.

**George's mum, London**

**To discuss with the legacy team you can call in confidence 020 7923 5593,  
email [legacies@place2be.org.uk](mailto:legacies@place2be.org.uk) or visit [place2be.org.uk/giftsinwills](http://place2be.org.uk/giftsinwills)**

## Why we're needed

Pupils cannot flourish in school if emotional issues distract them in class. Teachers cannot teach effectively if pupils are disruptive.

**1 in 8**

children and young people has a mental health disorder

**50%**

of those with lifetime mental health problems first experience symptoms by the age of 14

**93%**

of school leaders tell us that pupils bring more worries into school than they did five years ago, and that teaching staff have to manage issues that go beyond their professional role

## How your gift could be used

**£70**

could help us reach out to ten more children coping with serious issues such as bereavement, bullying, abuse or neglect.

**£700**

could pay for ten one-to-one counselling sessions for a child.

**£8,000**

could provide support to 5 parents for a year.

**£25,000**

could pay for the training and development of 50 counsellors who are working directly with children in schools providing vital one-to-one mental health support.

We believe that no child should endure mental health problems alone



Once you have taken care of loved ones you may wish to remember Place2Be in your will. We are grateful for every gift no matter how big or small. Just 1% of your will, after your loved ones have been looked after, can make a world of difference.

## Why is making a will important?

A will is the only way of ensuring that your dependants are provided for in the way you wish after your death.

Verbal agreements made during your lifetime have no legal effect, so loved ones could suffer – especially a partner to whom you are not married.

## What type and size of gift do people tend to leave to Place2Be?

There is no such thing as a 'typical' gift in someone's will. People leave gifts of all amounts to Place2Be – starting from just a few hundred of pounds. Leaving a gift in your will makes a significant difference as it is one of the most cost-effective ways of giving.

## What type of gifts are there?

There are three main types of gift that you can leave to individuals and organisations: A share of your estate (a residuary gift), a gift of money (a pecuniary gift) and a specific gift (a specific item).

## How do I make sure my gift reaches Place2Be?

Please ensure you use the following wording:

**I leave [.....] to Place2Be, 175 St John Street, London EC1V 4LW, registered charity numbers 1040756 (England and Wales) and SC038649 (Scotland).**

## What are the tax benefits when you leave a gift in my will?

Your beneficiaries will have to pay Inheritance Tax (IHT) only if your estate is over a certain value.

This means that making a gift to Place2Be could be just enough to bring your remaining estate below the Inheritance Tax threshold and ensures your family gets exactly what you want them to.

## Can I write my will online?

Yes you can visit our legacy page [place2be.org.uk/giftsinwills](https://place2be.org.uk/giftsinwills). Here you will be directed to our online will-writing partner Bequeathed. You will be able to start writing your will straight away.

## How do I get in touch?

Please contact Vanessa Boyle on **020 7923 5593**, or email [legacies@place2be.org.uk](mailto:legacies@place2be.org.uk).

# Tips for making or amending your will with a solicitor

## Making or amending a will has never been easier:

- 1** To write your will offline we always recommend that you get professional advice from a solicitor.
- 2** To write your will online Place2Be has partnered with Bequeathed. Please visit [www.bequeathed.org](http://www.bequeathed.org) for more information.
- 3** Think about your assets and take any details and questions about your will along on your visit. Use our handy check list.
- 4** Choose your Executors to organise your estate. It's a good idea to name at least two people.
- 5** Once you have taken care of any loved ones in your will, please consider leaving a gift to Place2Be. Make sure you use the correct wording if you decide to do so.
- 6** If you can please let us know of your intentions by filling in our pledge form. It helps us plan for the future.
- 7** Please don't forget you can change your mind at any time.



**“If you don’t come to Place2Be your feelings build up over the years like cement and then it’s hard to breathe.”**

**Chloe, Year 4**

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# Our legacy promise to you

- We will always respect your privacy. We recognise and appreciate that your will is completely personal to you.
- We realise that your family and loved ones will always come first.
- Because we are committed to giving children a brighter future, we always encourage people to leave something to Place2Be. But we recognise that it's your decision and you need to make it in your own time.
- You can tell us that you've left a gift if you want to, and we'd love to hear – but you don't need to and we won't keep asking.
- If you do choose to tell us, we will give you the choice about how we talk to you in the future about our work.
- We will give you and your family as much choice as we can about how and where your gift will be used to make a difference.
- At any time in the future, you have the absolute right to change your mind about a gift in your will to Place2Be.
- We will handle whatever gift you leave us efficiently – and also with care, sensitivity and respect.





# We would love to hear from you

Leaving a gift in your will to Place2Be is the very best way to give us that long-term funding – and help support children who urgently need our school-based mental health services in the future. Please note, all information will be held in the strictest confidence and none of the decisions indicated below are legally binding.

- I have already included a gift to Place2Be in my will.
- I would like to speak to someone in the Legacy Team.

If you have already included Place2Be in your will, please tell us why below:

- Yes I am happy for you to contact me in the future by email about fundraising activities or events.

Please tell us who you are:

Title

First name

Surname

Address

Phone

Email

**Please return this form to: Vanessa Boyle,  
Legacies, 175 St John Street, London EC1V 4LW**

# Your handy checklist

Consider your assets and liabilities before you visit your solicitors.  
You might also want to write down two suggested executors.

Name	<input type="text"/>	Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>	Address	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Occupation	<input type="text"/>	Occupation	<input type="text"/>

## The value of what you own

Assets	Estimated £
Your home (or share of it)	<input type="text"/>
Other property and land	<input type="text"/>
Cars and vehicles	<input type="text"/>
Household content	<input type="text"/>
Valuables (eg jewellery)	<input type="text"/>
Money in the banks	<input type="text"/>
Business assets	<input type="text"/>
Stocks and shares	<input type="text"/>
Insurance	<input type="text"/>
Other savings and assets	<input type="text"/>
<b>Total</b>	<input type="text"/>

## What you owe

Liabilities	Estimated £
Your mortgage	<input type="text"/>
Loans and overdrafts	<input type="text"/>
Credit card debts	<input type="text"/>
Credit and HP agreements	<input type="text"/>
Other liabilities	<input type="text"/>
<b>Total</b>	<input type="text"/>

By including us in your will our vision of providing mental health support to all children is an increasing reality.  
Thank you



“Since founding Place2Be 25 years have passed and now literally hundreds of thousands of children see life with a sense of hope. I believe Legacies are an opportunity to support the mental health and wellbeing of the adults of the future by being there for their childhood.”

**Benny Refson OBE, Place2Be Founder**



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