

Remembering St Andrew's Children's Society in Your Will

When it comes to making a will, it is right that your family and friends come first. However many people also like to remember a cause that is close to their hearts - one which they have supported during their lifetime or which they or a loved one have benefited from.

Leaving a gift to St Andrew's Children's Society will help your support to live on. Each gift that we receive will be used to ensure that adoption and foster care services are available throughout Scotland and that the vital support services are there when needed.

Why should I make a will?

An up-to-date will is the only way of ensuring that those that you care about most are provided for in the way that you wish. It is not expensive or complicated. You simply need to contact a solicitor, who will help you to draw up a will. They will help you to consider what assets you have and who you would like to leave them to.

How can I include St Andrew's Children's Society in my will?

You need to let your solicitor know, either at the point when you write your will or by asking them to adding a written instruction (called a codicil) to an existing will. You may also wish to discuss Inheritance Tax with your solicitor. A legacy to charity is exempt from Inheritance Tax.

Are there different types of support?

There are three main ways to leave a gift in your will:

1. leaving part of, or the full remainder of your estate, once all other gifts have been made. It is often expressed as a percentage or fraction of your estate
2. leaving a fixed amount of money
3. leaving the gift of a particular item. Examples might include a property or land, an antique or piece of jewellery

Do I need to let St Andrew's Children's Society know if I have left a gift in my will?

Leaving a legacy to charity is a very personal decision and there is no need to tell us if you have included us in your will.

However, if you felt able to let us know of your plans, we would welcome the opportunity to thank you and to keep you in touch with our achievements so that you can rest assured that your legacy will make a lasting difference.

Can I speak to someone at St Andrew's Children's Society about leaving a gift in my will?

If you require additional information about leaving a gift to St Andrew's Children's Society and would like to discuss this in confidence, please contact Dan Docwra, our Fundraiser, on 0131 467 4239 or email ddocwra@standrews-children.org.uk