

Challengers Legacy Fact Sheet

One generous act of kindness by leaving a gift to Challengers in your Will could help make play possible for future generations of disabled children and young people.

Making a Will is something many of us put off as we don't know where to start and don't want to think morbidly. Putting a Will in place is really important and much simpler than you might expect.

What is a Will?

A Will is a legal document which is used to arrange who will be given your property and possessions and be responsible for your debts after your death. You can also use it to provide for your funeral arrangements and to nominate guardians for your children if they are under 18 or have an impairment which means they will be unable to look after themselves without help.

Why is it important for me to make a Will?

Many people think that if they die without making a Will their estate automatically goes to their partner or next of kin. However, if you die without making a Will it is possible that your entire estate could go to people who you never intended to benefit. Making a Will is the only way for you to plan how to take care of family, friends and support your favourite charities after your death.

How do I make a Will?

Making a Will can be complicated so to ensure that it is written properly, you should consult a qualified solicitor or use a Will writing service.

the Goodwill Partnership

Challengers is signed up to The Goodwill Partnership. If you'd like the convenience of having your Will written in the comfort of your own home, you may wish to contact our partners The Goodwill Partnership. They offer affordable home visits conducted by trained counsellors who come to your home to take your Will writing instructions at a time that's convenient for you. Your Will is then checked and provided directly to you by one of The Goodwill Partnership's approved solicitors.

Please call **0844 669 6148** and quote Challengers to find out more, or arrange an appointment.

Alternatively, you may wish to speak to your family solicitor or a solicitor of your choosing. You can find a recommended solicitor in your area by visiting the websites of The Law Society (England and Wales), The Law Society of Scotland or The Law Society of Northern Ireland.

What is a legacy?

When writing your Will you can choose who you want to leave money to. This is known as a legacy. There are several different types of legacy:

- ☆ Pecuniary: when you leave a specified amount of money
- ☆ Residuary: when you leave some or all of what is left over after all outstanding debts have been paid and after other legacies (e.g. pecuniary) are made
- ☆ Conditional: when you leave something dependent upon specific conditions
- ☆ Specific: a specific item of jewellery or other property. This kind of legacy is good for items which have sentimental as well as financial value and are best left to an individual person.
- ☆ Reversionary: when you leave a house or other property to someone for their use during their lifetime, after which it will go to another person or charity.

Why legacies are vital to Challengers?

Leaving Challengers a Legacy will help to make sure we can support and meet the needs of disabled children who need our help for many years to come. Over 1,400 children and young people come to Challengers each year, and it costs £152 for a child come to Challengers for a day to have best possible time. With each child attending an average of 20 times a year – a legacy of £5,000 or more could make a really big difference.