



DEPAUL

Homelessness has no place

**Give young people
a brighter future
with a gift in your Will**

You can give young people hope



Thank you for showing an interest in leaving Depaul UK a gift in your Will.

At Depaul UK, we are committed to putting our words into action to create a world where everyone has a place to call home and a stake in their community. Where fewer young people are forced to sleep in unsafe places, and more young people have futures filled with hope and promise. A world where they can realise their full potential.

The young people who come to us have often experienced trauma in their life. We support young people through the initial crisis of finding themselves homeless. We provide them with a stable place to live so they can begin to focus on their future. Do they need any support with their mental health? Can we support them with education or training? We meet young people's needs so they don't get entrenched in homelessness. Instead, with the right help and support, it can just be a moment in their life they can move on from.

A gift in your Will, however large or small, strengthens our ability to deliver vital services so that young people in crisis can receive the help they need to rebuild their lives and begin to realise their hopes and dreams. By leaving a gift in your Will you can give the young people we support a brighter future.

Your lasting legacy will make the difference of a lifetime to future generations of young people experiencing homelessness.

Thank you so much,

Alexia Murphy
Chief Executive Officer

We hope that this booklet provides everything you need to help you include a gift to Depaul UK in your Will. For any questions you may have please email julia.billington@depaulcharity.org.uk

Leaving a gift in your Will

Gifts in Wills provide vital income, so we can continue to deliver prevention services, including Nightstop emergency accommodation and family mediation support to keep families together. Our progression coaches work with young people to empower them to live independently. By providing support for managing their mental health, building healthy relationships and accessing education, training or employment, we can help young people realise their full potential. Your legacy will ensure young people will get the chance they deserve.

Many people choose to leave a gift that helps young people in our services, wherever the need is greatest. However, if you would like your gift to be used to support a particular service, you can specify this in your Will.

If this is something you wish to do, please contact **julia.billington@depaulcharity.org.uk** to discuss your intentions and ensure that your wishes are met.

Legal considerations

Please also ensure that you refer to your financial or legal advisor for advice on inheritance tax. Inheritance tax is not payable on charitable gifts and if you make a gift of 10% or more from your estate to charity, the inheritance tax liability can be reduced from 40% to 36%.

When it comes to writing your Will or updating your existing Will, we recommend you seek legal advice.

Next steps

Your Will is a personal matter and we appreciate that family and friends come first. However, even leaving a small percentage of your estate could make a significant difference to the life of a young person experiencing homelessness.

On the following pages, you will find information about how to leave a gift in your Will to Depaul UK. We hope this will help you decide which type of gift is appropriate for your personal situation.

Different ways to leave a gift in your Will

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RESIDUARY GIFT

This type of gift is a percentage share of your estate after tax, expenses, and all other gifts in your Will have been paid. You can leave the residue to one beneficiary or share it amongst several. All the other bequests will be settled before the residuary gifts are made. If you decide a residuary gift is right for you, here's an example of how your Will could be worded:

'I give a X% share of the residue of my estate to Depaul UK (registered charity no. 802384) of Sherborne House, 34-36 Decima Street, London, SE1 4QQ for its general purposes.'

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PECUNIARY GIFT

A pecuniary gift in your Will is a specified amount of money. You can leave any chosen sum. However, when making a gift of this kind it is worth taking inflation into consideration – either by reviewing your Will every few years, or index-linking your cash gifts (essentially, linking your gifts to the rate of inflation). Your solicitor will be able to advise how to do this. Here's an example of wording for a pecuniary gift:

'I give the sum of [amount in figures and words] to Depaul UK (registered charity no. 802384) of Sherborne House, 34-36 Decima Street, London, SE1 4QQ for its general purposes.'



SPECIFIC GIFT

If you would like to leave a specific gift, such as a personal possession, land, building or shares, we would be incredibly grateful if you could please let us know, so that together we can agree the best means of looking after your gift.



Free Will writing service in partnership with Bequeathed

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Having an up-to-date Will is the only way to be sure the people and causes you care about are looked after.

With Bequeathed you can make a start on your **Will For Good** immediately. Just go online any time that suits you and follow the simple steps to create your draft Will.

A member of staff from one of the Bequeathed partner legal firms will then advise you in a free 30-minute appointment, which can be by phone or video call, at home or in the office. They'll discuss your circumstances

and your wishes and confirm the Will fully caters for your needs.

Once your Will is complete, the firm will help you get it signed and witnessed, and store it for you, also at no cost.

Whichever way you choose to make your **Will For Good**, please consider leaving a gift to Depaul UK. Your generosity will help us to carry on our vital work long into the future.

To help get you started Bequeathed has created a free guide, **Making Your Will For Good - Everything you need to know** and a handy checklist for you to complete in preparation. Scan the QR codes with your smartphone camera or QR reader to view each guide online.



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guide
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checklist
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When you are
ready you can
visit Bequeathed
to start making
your Will



Already have a Will?

If you have already made a Will and would now like to include a gift to Depaul UK, we advise that you speak to your solicitor.

We always advise that you speak to your solicitor when writing or re-writing your Will.

Letting us know your plans

We understand that the contents of your Will are a private matter and that your wishes may change over time. However, should you wish to let us know of your intention to leave a gift to Depaul UK, we would very much like to take the opportunity to thank you.

You can let us know if you are planning to leave a gift in your Will to Depaul UK by using our intention form on the next page. Anything you tell us is not legally binding and does not commit you to leaving a gift.

Thank you.



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We are delighted to have partnered with Bequeathed to offer you this free Will writing service.

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Kristina Hedderly-Perez
Director of Public Engagement
Depaul UK

LET US KNOW



Thank you for considering to support Depaul UK with a gift in your Will

If you would like to let us know that you intend to leave a gift to Depaul UK, please complete this form and return a scan of it by email to **julia.billington@depaulcharity.org.uk** or send it to the address detailed below.

This intention is not binding and does not commit you to leaving a gift.

Name:.....

Address:.....

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..... Postcode:.....

Telephone:.....

Email:.....

We ask this question as we'd really like to say thank you to you, and let you know about the impact of our work. You can opt out at any time.

I intend to leave a gift in my Will to Depaul UK

I have already included Depaul UK in my Will

Signature:

Date:.....

Please return to:

Julia Billington
Depaul UK, Sherborne House
34-36 Decima Street, London, SE1 4QQ

Thank you for your support.

Why I'm leaving Depaul UK a gift in my Will

After many years of helping young people experiencing homelessness through her support for Depaul UK, Trish Taylor decided to leave us a gift in her Will. Here she explains why:

"I felt so sad for young people when in a lot of cases they are made homeless because they don't get on with their families. That could happen to anybody.

"I've done various things to support Depaul UK down the years. In the past, I used to raise funds through raffles, and I've donated bags of toiletries for young people. Three years ago, I did a sponsored sleep out and raised nearly £1,000, and most recently I did the Weighted Walk with my granddaughter, who carried a rucksack for me.

"Because it has been important in my life, I wanted to leave something in my Will. My husband and I did a Will years ago but we really needed to update it. So I will provide for my son, my daughter and my grandchildren, and I have made a small gift to Depaul UK as well.

"It just breaks my heart to see young people suffering, and I know the money I leave will be helping them in the future."

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“It was just something I wanted to give as a final gesture when I'm not here anymore. Just to say, I still wanted to help in some small way, even after I'm gone.”

Trish Taylor