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Help us transform local children’s experiences and outcomes in healthcare and bereavement by leaving a gift in your will.

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Leaving Archie a gift in your will

When you are making your Will, we know the most important thing to you is to provide for your loved ones. Many people find that, after they’ve done this, they can leave a gift for a cause or charity they care about. Leaving a donation to Archie in your Will is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can support us. Money we’ve received in this way has made a difference for sick children and their families in truly amazing ways and continues to have a powerful impact for years to come.

The Archie Foundation aims to transform experiences and outcomes in healthcare and bereavement for local children and their families. Donations and gifts help us make the difference for over 200,000 babies and children every year across the north and north east of Scotland. Some of the other people who have given Archie a gift in their Will have done so because a loved one was helped by the charity. Others have supported us simply in celebration of the difference we make for babies, children and families when they need it most.

“When our grandson suddenly became ill and was rushed to hospital, his mum was able to stay with him overnight because of Archie. This meant the world to our family. We want to help other families in the same situation by leaving a gift in our Will”
Five steps to making a will

1. Work out the value of your estate - online calculators can help if you’re unsure
2. Decide who you want to provide for - family, friends, charities and causes
3. Choose your executors - people who will carry out the instructions in your Will
4. Make notes of any questions you have
5. Make an appointment with your solicitor

If you have already made your Will and would like to amend it to include a gift to Archie, a codicil is a good and inexpensive way to do so. We’ve provided wording further on in this guide as an example, but your solicitor will be able to help you if you prefer. Depending on the value of your estate there may be inheritance tax to pay. Leaving a gift in your will to charity can in many cases reduce the total amount of inheritance tax liable, without affecting the sum your family and friends will receive. You can find out more about inheritance tax on the HMRC website.

Types of gifts

There are three main types of donations you can make:

- Residuary – the gift of a percentage of the total value of your estate after you have looked after your nearest and dearest
- Pecuniary – allocating a fixed sum of money (bear in mind that this will not move with changes in the value of your estate)
- Specific – naming a particular item, for example a property, family heirloom or personal possession

Your gift can be as small or as large as you like. In this pack you will find more information about the work of our charity. Perhaps there is an aspect of our work that you feel a particular affinity towards? You can specify how and where you would like your money used or you can leave it to us to allocate your gift to the project or type of support that will make the greatest difference.
The Archie Foundation exists to make the difference for children and their families accessing local NHS healthcare and in bereavement. By working with NHS colleagues and child development and childcare professionals, Archie provides a lifeline of support and services across Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Moray, the Highlands, and Tayside. This includes funding and managing parent accommodation at Royal Aberdeen Children’s Hospital to help keep families together through a crisis; providing emergency financial grants to help families who are struggling with unexpected hospital visits or stays; employing specialist care providers where they are needed the most; creating child-friendly environments and facilities across our local hospitals and delivering a bereavement service to help children who have lost a loved one to manage their grief. Everything we do, from an amazing £2million fund-raising campaign to transform a major NHS project to a £2 cup of tea that will provide a vital, brief moment of comfort and respite for an anxious parent, is all thanks to the generosity of our supporters. If you would like to support a particular local project, or help provide care for children with a specific health condition, we can make that happen.

Wording of your will

If you would like to leave a gift for Archie in your Will, the following wording may be helpful when you visit your solicitor or legal advisor:

**Will:** “I give all (or a % share of) the residue of my estate to The Archie Foundation (Registered Charity Number SC039521), Royal Aberdeen Children’s Hospital, Westburn Road, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZG, for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a valid and appropriate form of discharge.”

**Codicil:** “I (name) of (address) declare this to be my first codicil to my last Will dated (date). I give (details of gift) to The Archie Foundation (Registered Charity Number SC039521), Royal Aberdeen Children’s Hospital, Westburn Road, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZG, for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be valid and appropriate form of discharge. In all other respects I confirm my Will.”
Supporting Neonatal Babies & Families

The Archie Foundation’s support of neonatal services began in 1984 when a group of “Friends of the Special Nursery” raised a phenomenal £900,000 to support the build of the 40-bed Neonatal Unit which opened in 1988. Archie’s support for the very youngest patients in Grampian continues to this day and now includes a £2million fundraising appeal which aims to deliver the difference at the new Baird Family Hospital in Aberdeen.

The Baird will include all services currently provided at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital and Neonatal Unit and, as a centre for excellence in neonatal care, will also receive and care for some of the very sickest babies from across Scotland. In addition to our ground breaking work and support in Grampian, The Archie Foundation also supports patients, families and staff at Ninewells NICU and Raigmore’s SCBU.

Supporting Bereaved Children & Families

In 2009 a group of child support professionals identified a gap in services for bereaved children and young people in Grampian and set up “Grampian Child Bereavement Network”. Following a merger with The Archie Foundation in 2019, the Network was renamed “Archie’s Child Bereavement Service” and in 2022 the service was extended into Tayside and the Highlands. Our service provides tailored support for children who have lost a loved one, helping them to manage their grief and go on lead fulfilling lives and achieve their full potential.

Our team includes professionals who are skilled and highly experienced in advising children and families and volunteer responders who are recruited, trained and supported so that they can offer effective advice and highly valued kinship. We provide support for bereaved children and their families directly by phone or through home visits and we also arrange activity days to allow bereaved children to meet others with similar experiences. We also give indirect support by providing free training or health, child care and education professionals to build confidence and skills on how best to support a bereaved child. All of our support is complemented by a book gifting service which provides over 50 specialist titles arming families with the words and opportunity to discuss what has happened. Leaving a gift in your Will to Archie’s Child Bereavement Service will truly make the difference for young people who have suffered the loss of a loved one.
If you’ve already included a gift in your Will to The Archie Foundation, or intend to in the future, we would love to hear from you. Not only will this information allow us to plan for the future but also, more importantly, we can share our heartfelt thanks for your generous pledge.

Your support will make the difference to babies, children and families affected by illness long into the future. By choosing to support Archie, you are choosing to change lives. Thank you.

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