



A Gift of Hope

Leaving a legacy to Starlight



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Starlight grants once-in-a-lifetime wishes to seriously and terminally ill children and provides entertainment for children in hospitals and hospices in local communities throughout the UK. All Starlight's activities are aimed at distracting children from the pain, fear and isolation they can often feel as a result of their illnesses.



Give hope and happiness to children with life-threatening illnesses

Thank you for requesting information about leaving a legacy to Starlight Children's Foundation.

Your legacy will transform the lives of seriously and terminally ill children, helping them fight their illnesses and providing precious happy memories for the whole family, whatever the future may hold.

Making a Will ensures that your estate is distributed as you wish, benefiting those individuals and causes you wish to help.

If you already have a Will and wish to leave a legacy to Starlight, it is very simple to update it with a 'codicil', a small addition. The codicil needs to be carefully drafted, signed and witnessed in the same way as your original Will and kept with your Will (but not attached).

A gift in your will is tax-efficient

Leaving a legacy in your Will is tax efficient, as it is exempt from inheritance tax. Under current rules, a gift to charity will reduce tax liability as such gifts are deducted first and tax is calculated on the remainder of the estate.

"Harry's doctors have been amazed at his turnaround, after all medical attempts at recovery have failed! He WANTS to live again. We cannot thank you enough for giving Harry this wonderful gift. It really has been a gift of life."

Vanessa, Harry's mum



Please remember Starlight

There are two ways to leave a gift in your Will:

- A specific sum (pecuniary legacy)
- A share of your estate (residuary legacy)

Please ask your solicitor to use one of the following pieces of text:

- **Bequest for a specific sum**

I give and bequeath the sum of £..... free of all death duties to Starlight Children's Foundation, Room L11, Macmillan House, Paddington Station, Paddington, London W2 1HD (charity registration number: 296058) and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the said Starlight Children's Foundation shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the same.

- **Bequest for a share or residue of your estate**

I give and bequeath to Starlight Children's Foundation, Room L11, Macmillan House, Paddington Station, Paddington, London W2 1HD (charity registration number: 296058) all (or a fraction of) the residue of my estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the said Starlight Children's Foundation shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the same.

70% of Starlight's wish children go on to make a full recovery.

What could be a more meaningful legacy than helping a child win their brave battle with cancer or another serious illness?

