

Charity Legacy Information

Everything you need to know about leaving a gift in your will to Central Women's Aid

Thankyou! Thanks for taking the first step towards joining our cause by considering leaving a gift in you will for us!

Together we can make a lasting difference for vulnerable women and children.







Central Women's Aid. Charity number 1146410

The following pages will give you advice on how you can leave a gift in your will to Nottingham Central Women's Aid

Every pound that you leave to us will make a huge difference to the lives of women and children.

If you need any further information or support please do not hesitate to contact us on **0115 9607943** or email **Support@centralwomensaid.org.**

Having a will gives peace of mind, knowing that it ensures your family and loved ones are provided for, as well as giving you the opportunity to remember causes you care about.

If you're amending an existing will, we're immensely grateful that you would consider including us within it. If you're making a will for the first time, it is simpler than you might think and need not be expensive. We recommend that you have your will written by a solicitor or qualified will writer – who can guide you through the process to ensure that your wishes are correctly recorded.

When you leave a gift in your Will to Nottingham Central Women's Aid, you help ensure that we can continue to be here for every women and child who needs us. It allows us to provide safety for them for as long as it takes to find them forever homes, where they are treated with love, care and respect. A gift in your Will helps ensure they can live free from the fear of domestic abuse.

Why we need your support.

44% of violent crime in Nottingham is domestic abuse and violence.



Working together

Your legacy gift will provide temporary refuge accommodation and associated support for families who need to escape abuse now.

Women and children can be brought to a place of safety within hours of calling us.

Our team of specialist domestic abuse workers will provide emotional and practical support to the whole family.



Keeping women and children safe from domestic abuse.

Gem came to the refuge with her young daughter, fleeing abuse from an ex partner who was the father of her daughter. She was fleeing emotional and physical domestic abuse from him and was feeling depressed. Perpetrator would kick Gems front door and persistently wake her up with threats by text and constant calls, this was a regular occurrence for her.

Gem fled when the abuse escalated and perp physically assaulted her. She bravely called the police who got her to safety of a hospital and she was then referred to refuge and came to Central Women's Aid. She was supported by our specialist support workers and provided with wraparound support by the whole team. She was initially supported emotionally and given practical help to access clothing and food to meet her immediate needs.

Central Women's Aid supported her to go through the legal process to get orders put in place to keep her and her child safe. This enabled her to sleep safely at night which had a massive positive impact on both her physical and mental wellbeing. The support worker liaised with the local council to get her rehoused into a private rented tenancy and supported her to get her daughter into a local school. We carried out risk assessments and created a safety plan as well as acquiring a Ring doorbell from a partner charity.

Gem is now resettled in the community of her choice and a productive and active member of society. She keeps in touch and attended our summer trips and Christmas party.

*Name has been changed to protect identity

1 in 10 Children live in a household where there is domestic abuse perpetrated.



With your help, our support can continue for many months and sometimes even years until the family have resettled in their forever home.



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How can you help?

Every pound you gift really will make a difference to vulnerable women and children, so please set your fundraising target high.

£15 can help us to quickly bring a family to safety after being subjected to abuse.

£60 could pay for essential items and support for a woman and child in refuge.

£150 can provide therapeutic activities and specialist support for a child in refuge

£600 can help to provide the practical support and activities needed for families in crisis after escaping abuse.

£1,575 could help provide the ongoing domestic abuse intervention and recovery programs hosted in the community.



A Lasting Legacy



Here's how to do it:

There are three main ways you could include a gift in your will to support the work of Central Women's Aid.

1. A share of your estate: you may wish to leave us a part of your estate after other specific gifts and debts have been paid. This type of gift (known as a residuary legacy) has the advantage that it will not be eroded in value by inflation over the years.

2. A cash gift: you may wish to leave Central Women's Aid a stated sum of money. You can ask your solicitor to index-link this kind of gift (known as a pecuniary legacy) to safeguard its value.

3. A specific item: you may wish to leave us a particular item such as a property, shares or jewelry.

You can find out more about how to write a will and leave legacies: <u>How to leave a gift to charity in your will – Remember a Charity</u> <u>Making a will – The Law Society</u>

We would suggest using a solicitor when writing your will, as a will is a legal document, and can be invalidated by mistakes, it's important to have confidence that it's been properly drafted. Solicitors are regulated by the <u>Solicitors' Regulation Authority</u> or SRA (in England and Wales; Scotland and Northern Ireland have their own regulators).

If you choose to use an alternative will writing service then we suggest the following wording for a residuary legacy:

 I GIVE _% of the residue of my estate to Nottingham Central Women's Aid, Reg. Charity no:114610, PO Box 20 Nottingham NG3 5BA absolutely for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

We suggest the following wording for a pecuniary or specific legacy:

 I GIVE to Nottingham Central Women's Aid Reg. Charity no: 114610, PO Box 20 Nottingham NG3 5BA the sum of £_/specific asset or item absolutely for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.



Thankyou!





Thankyou for supporting our work and making a difference to women and children everywhere.

If you need any more information there are resources and information on our website www.centralwomensaid.org

Or get in touch with us at 0115 9607943 or support@centralwomensaid.org