

Free Will Scheme

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Your gift for
the future



A step by step guide to Barnardo's Free Will Scheme

Barnardo's offers a free Will service in certain areas of the UK for limited periods of time. To take advantage of this offer, you will need the list of relevant solicitors and the applicable deadline. To get the list call: 0208 498 7880, or visit: www.barnardos.org.uk/localfreewills

Key points of the free Will scheme:

- To make or change your Will, you must contact one of the law firms offering the free Will service.
- At your appointment the legal representative will help you draw up your Will (subject to certain conditions).
- When the Will is signed, you will be asked to complete the Declaration Form and leave it with your law firm so that Barnardo's can take care of payment.
- This scheme can be used for identical (mirror) Wills – a Will written in same terms for both you and your partner.
- The Will drafting process is an entirely confidential matter between you and your legal representative.

'I would like to think my legacy will assist some children who have lacked love and affection as young children, knowing that Barnardo's will be their guide.'

Mrs V. Payne



Leaving a gift in your Will today could transform the lives of vulnerable children long into the future

Since 1867, Barnardo's has been working to help vulnerable children and their families. Thanks to our supporters' generosity, we now run more than 400 local projects across the UK, working with over 100,000 children each year.

Every day, we help those without families find loving homes through fostering and adoption. We support children who have been victims of abuse. We ensure young people receive training so that they can find employment. We help families who are homeless and in poverty. We provide centres for children with disabilities, and we provide support and respite for young carers.

Barnardo's believes that every child and young person deserves the best start in life, no matter who they are, what they have done or what they have been through.

Please remember the needs of vulnerable children by including a donation to our work in your Will.

This is a way to leave a lasting gift which costs nothing in your lifetime but which offers fresh hope to children who badly need it.

You too can help change children's lives.



Declaration form

I/We have read and accept the Terms and Conditions of Barnardo's Free Will Scheme (see overleaf) and I am/we are eligible to participate. I/We have received independent legal advice from the law firm representative specified below and authorise Barnardo's to pay his/her invoice for the standard fee (invoice ref: _____).

Barnardo's is investing valuable charity money into this scheme in order to benefit children in the future. We therefore need to monitor the results carefully. Please provide the following information (which will be treated in confidence):

About you

Mr/Mrs/Ms/other (please specify) _____

Forename(s) _____ Surname _____

Date of birth _____ Address _____

Town/City _____ Postcode _____

Signed _____ Date _____

About your partner (if applicable – for identical Wills)

Mr/Mrs/Ms/other (please specify) _____

Forename(s) _____ Surname _____

Date of birth _____ Address _____

Town/City _____ Postcode _____

Signed _____ Date _____

(non mandatory but please tick)

I/we have included a gift to Barnardo's in my/our Will:

A percentage share of (the residue) of my/our estate

A specific sum of money:

up to £500 £1,000 – £5,000

£500 – £1,000 £5,000 +

A specific gift (indicate if you wish) _____

Or:

I/we have not included a gift to Barnardo's in my/our Will.

Solicitors (to be completed by the representative of the participating law firm)

Law firm name _____

Representative name _____

Representative signature _____

Contact number _____

Terms and Conditions (how it works)

Under a Barnardo's Free Will Scheme:

- You must be aged 55 or over to be eligible (however for identical Wills your partner can be under 55).
- You must have made an appointment with a participating solicitor before the closing date (which is clearly advertised for each scheme).
- You can either make a new Will or amend an existing Will.
- You are not obliged to include a gift to Barnardo's in your Will.
- Following completion of your Will, you are required to fill in the Declaration form, sign it and leave it with the participating law firm (who will forward it to us together with their invoice). Your signature on the Declaration form signifies your consent that the form should be forwarded to Barnardo's.
- You are eligible to participate only once.

Barnardo's has agreed with each participating law firm to pay a standard fee for the cost of a standard Will or an identical/mirror Will (a Will written in the same terms for your partner). If, after discussing your wishes with the participating law firm's representative, they advise you that your requirements will cost more than the standard fee, you may be required to pay the difference. This information will be provided to you before you become obliged to pay any money. The participating law firm may, at their discretion, choose not to draft your Will.

Barnardo's manages the scheme in accordance with the *Charity Commission Paying for Wills Guidance Notes* and *The Institute of Fundraising Codes of Fundraising Practice*, both of which are available upon request.

Barnardo's promises to respect your privacy and the data we gather will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act (1998). We would like to keep you informed about how you are helping with our vital work with children and young people. If you do not wish to receive this information, please let us know by ticking this box.

Thank you for remembering to include a gift to Barnardo's in your Will

Your gift to Barnardo's will help change the lives of many vulnerable children, creating a legacy that lasts long into the future. Here are some of the areas of support that a donation in your Will might enable Barnardo's to provide:

- **£500** covers the cost of running 10 weekly community youth groups for children living in disadvantaged areas
- **£2,000** buys swings for a children's play area
- **£10,000** pays for a year's support from a psychologist for a child who has suffered from abuse
- **£20,000** would fully equip a sensory room, providing the lighting, textures and sounds that can stimulate children who have severe physical and learning disabilities.

For confidential advice on leaving a gift to Barnardo's in your Will, please call Ginny Harris on 020 8498 7880 or email: giftsinwills@barnardos.org.uk

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Barnardo's adheres to the Fundraising Promise and the Fundraising Standards Board guidelines.
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