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# A Will to Beat Meningitis



## Why your legacy is so important to us

Every day in the UK and Ireland ten people will contract meningitis or septicaemia.

These are devastating diseases that can kill in hours, and most at risk are babies, young children and teenagers. One in ten will die, and of those who recover, a guarter will live with a range of disabilities and after effects that will dramatically alter their lives.

The past decade has shown us that research is the key to tackling the diseases. Already research has delivered better ways to prevent, detect and treat meningitis and septicaemia, including vaccines against some forms. But even with vaccines now on the horizon. thousands will continue to be affected. We need support to take on new, pioneering research that will help us defeat these diseases.



However, until there are vaccines for all types of the diseases, we continue to raise awareness of the symptoms and to educate the doctors and nurses who face the challenge of recognising and treating patients with meningitis and septicaemia.

Every year we distribute hundreds of thousands of leaflets and



professionals. We send out life-saving symptoms materials to students via universities, to every doctor's surgery and hospital in the UK and Ireland and to members of the public.

For some, vaccines are too late, and the charity offers support to people affected. We have a Freefone 24 hour helpline operated by trained nurses and support staff, and we care for thousands of families, whether bereaved or living with disabilities or difficulties.

#### To do all this we need your help.

The Foundation's life-saving achievements are only made possible through the donations we receive, and by leaving us a legacy you will help us create a safer future and give support to those who really need it.

## Making a will

Please think about leaving a legacy to Meningitis Research Foundation in your will to help us in our vital work.

Making a will is about your wishes: if you don't make a will the state will decide how your assets will be distributed, and this may not be what you would want.

We would recommend you seek the professional advice of a solicitor or a legally-qualified will writer when making your will.

There are different ways in which you can leave a legacy – the most common are specific, pecuniary and residuary.

- Specific legacy Leaving a particular item in your will such as an item of jewellery, shares or a house
- Pecuniary legacy Specifying a fixed amount of money to be left as a gift
- Residuary legacy Choosing to leave what is left of your estate once all specific and pecuniary legacies have been made.

Tax benefits – all legacies received by a charity are free from inheritance tax, so your family may have less tax to pay.

You can also amend an existing will to alter or add a legacy to the Foundation – it is best to do this by contacting your solicitor.

If you plan to leave a donation in your will to the Foundation, or have any questions, please do let us know.

Fill in the form overleaf, email info@meningitis.org or call 01454 281814.

Send your completed form to:

The Legacy Officer, Meningitis Research Foundation, Midland Way, Thornbury, Bristol BS35 2BS or to your local office (see back page).

Thank you.