



Group B Strep Support

Leaving a gift in your Will

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We need your help

Since 1996, Group B Strep Support has supported thousands of families affected by group B Strep who contact us at what can be the most difficult time in their lives. We're a small charity, and rely on your donations to provide key services.

Please consider leaving a gift to Group B Strep Support in your Will. Perhaps you found our support helpful or perhaps you'd like to make a gift in memory of a baby sadly affected by group B Strep. Any gift you leave will help us to continue with our vital work.

What a legacy can help us do

Why should I make a will?

If you do not have a Will, the State can decide what happens to your house and all your assets, and may take a much higher proportion of it in tax. The only way to make sure your estate goes to the people and causes closest to your heart is to make a Will. You should speak to a qualified professional, such as a solicitor, to make or amend your Will.

Why support us?

Group B Strep Support provides one-to-one telephone and online support and information. We train and educate midwives and doctors, providing up-to-date information materials both for them and the families in their care.

We rely on donations from generous individuals to continue our important work. People like you remembering us in your Will can help ensure future parents are informed about group B Strep, and given the support they need - reducing the number of babies suffering group B Strep infections.

We promise that your gift, whatever the size, will be spent wisely and will make a genuine difference to the families who need our help and support.



Making a Will

Your Will is one of the most important documents you'll ever make, and it's easy to update it. For help, take advice from experts. Your solicitor can give you advice to make sure the instructions in your Will are clear and unambiguous to avoid any difficult decisions and legal complications for your loved ones.



"I don't know where we would have been without GBSS. They were a vital source of information and knowledge, and a sea of calm at a time when no-one seemed to be able to give us any answers."

Sally D.

There are several different ways you can give a gift in your Will:

- A share of your estate (known as a residuary bequest). This is the amount left when other gifts, debts and expenses have been paid. This means you can make sure your loved ones are looked after before making a gift to Group B Strep Support.
- A fixed sum of money (known as a pecuniary gift). You may want to keep this updated in line with inflation to ensure it maintains its value.
- A specific item of value (known as a specific gift). For example: property, jewellery or shares.
- A gift which is paid after someone else's death (known as a reversionary gift).
- A gift to someone else for their lifetime, which passes to Group B Strep Support after their death.

Whatever your gift, it will go a long way to help families who need our support.

Preparing your Will

You can contact The Law Society or your local Citizen's Advice Bureau can help you find a solicitor or financial advisor if you don't have one.

- Being prepared helps making a Will as simple as possible.
- Make a list of all your assets. Try to think of everything significant; shares, life insurance, even debts.
- Make a list of people and organisations you would like to benefit, and include their names and addresses.
- Decide who you want to be responsible for carrying out your wishes as stated in your will. It is best to appoint two people.

Once you've made a Will, it's easy to add a Codicil (an extra instruction) to update it or make small changes.

1. Making a Will is the only way to make sure your assets go where you want after your death.
2. If you die without a Will, your belongings may not go where you expect. Settling your affairs could take years, and the law, not you, will decide how much should go to each of your loved ones. If you have no family, everything goes to the State.
3. A Will is essential to provide properly for your children in the event both parents die.
4. If you marry (including remarriage) since you made your Will, you should make a new one, as your Will becomes immediately invalid and you will be treated as someone with no Will.
5. If you divorce, your 'married Will' becomes invalid and any previous one comes back into effect. If you separate, that will not affect your Will except that your spouse will still inherit which, after a separation, may not be your wish.

"My son died from group B Strep infection shortly after his birth. I have supported the charity ever since and know that my gift will help ensure the next generation of parents have all the information they need about group B Strep, and a great charity fighting their corner, just as I did."

Robert P.

Thank you for supporting our work, and for considering leaving us a gift in your Will. If you do, it will make a real difference to so many families in the future, enabling them to protect their babies from life-threatening group B Strep infections, and enabling us to support those affected.

If you have any questions about leaving a gift to us in your Will, please call me on: 0330 120 0795, email via jane.plumb@gbss.org.uk or write to me at Group B Strep Support, PO Box 203, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1GF.

Best wishes,



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