

Welcome to your Legacy Guide



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Helping your kindness live on

Thank you for your interest in leaving the St John of God Foundation a gift in your Will. We are happy to answer any questions you may have when making what is a very personal decision.

I'm so grateful for the compassion you show everyone who relies on the services funded by the St John of God Foundation. These services, which can be life-changing for children with intellectual disabilities, and adults facing mental health challenges, simply couldn't exist without people like you.

In addition to kind donations, gifts in Wills also have a profound impact on our ability to fund these services. We're so grateful to the supporters who have already chosen to leave a gift in their



Will, ensuring this important work can continue.

Should you choose to join them, your legacy of kindness and generosity will continue transforming lives long into the future.

This guide is here to provide you with more information, but if you still have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by emailing hello@sjogfoundation.ie or calling us on **01 9135700**.

What Will Be Your Legacy?

For the little girl diagnosed with Down's Syndrome, who needs specialist support...

For the woman battling severe depression, who has nowhere to turn...

For the elderly parents still caring for an adult son with intellectual disabilities and nowhere else to go.

For the teenage boy troubled by loud noises and bright lights, who simply needs the right school.

You've never turned your back on people like this during your lifetime. **With a gift in your Will, your life-changing kindness can continue long into the future.**

At the forefront of healing care since 1882

A timeline of achievements thanks to people like you...



1930

St Augustine's School, Blackrock, is founded; the first of seven schools in Ireland for children with an intellectual disability from around the country.



1986

Suzanne House opens in Tallaght, providing respite for children who are medically fragile or have life-limiting conditions.



2019

SJOG Hospitaller Services Group (HSG) takes over responsibility for delivery of services in Ireland, UK and Malawi.



1882

St John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, is founded to bring care to people with mental health challenges.



1955

Lucena Clinic Services opens its doors to provide mental health services to children and adolescents.



1993

St John of God establishes services in northern Malawi.



2024

SJOG HSG delivers over 475,000 service interactions across Ireland, UK and Malawi.



Legal terms explained

The process for leaving a gift in your Will is not a complicated one. By explaining some of the terms involved, we hope to simplify it further, but we're always here to answer any further questions.

The type of gift you may choose to leave:



Percentage Share: Also known as a residuary gift, this is a percentage of the amount left over once costs such as debts, taxes, etc. are taken care of. Opting to leave a percentage gift means you won't have to worry about changing it if your financial circumstances change.



Lump Sum: Also known as a pecuniary gift, this is a fixed amount you decide on.



Specific Gift: This refers to a specific item that is gifted. Examples could include a property, a piece of jewellery, a car, etc.



Restricted Gift: This is a gift which is accompanied by a specific request for how the gift might be used. This request is a non-

binding wish, meaning that while we will do our very best to respect your wishes, it may not always be possible. In this case, we will use the gift to fund work as closely aligned to your chosen area as possible.

Codicil: If you have already written your Will but wish to amend it, a codicil is a legal document that will enable you to do so. Your solicitor can help you further with this.



How to leave a gift in your Will

If you wish to leave the St John of God Foundation a gift in your Will, you will need to provide the following information:

Our Name: St John of God Foundation

Registered Charity number (Ireland): 20069841

Charity Commission number (Northern Ireland): NIC 102440

Revenue Number (Ireland): CHY 18280

Revenue Number (HMRC): XR43047

Address: Flavian House, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, Ireland

The type of gift you are leaving (see previous section)

What will my solicitor need?

Your solicitor is the person best placed to help you, should you decide to leave the Saint John of God Foundation a gift in your Will. It will be useful to have the following information in one place when talking to him or her.

1

Make a list of your family and friends, favourite charitable causes, and any other matters that are important to you, similar to below:

Family:	Care of dependent relative/s:
Friends:	Care of pet/s:
Charities/Important organisations:	Funeral instructions:
Executors:	Any previous Wills/codicils:
Legal guardians:	Anything else:

2

Add up the value of everything you own (your assets), such as, property, car/s, jewellery, furniture, antiques, bank accounts, savings, life insurance policies, digital financial assets (crypto), any monies owed to you.



3

Add up everything you owe (your liabilities), such as, mortgage, loans, overdrafts, credit card debts, any other debts.



Deduct your total liabilities from your total assets and what you're left with is the total value of your estate.

What wording should I use?

Below is an example of how you might word your Will if you choose to leave a Percentage Gift to the St John of God Foundation:

“I give what remains of my estate (or XX% of the remains of my estate) to the St John of God Foundation, Flavian House, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, Ireland (registered charity in Ireland, 20069841 and in Northern Ireland, NIC 102440) for its general charitable use. I further instruct that a receipt from the Chief Executive or designated representative of the charity shall serve as a full and sufficient discharge for this gift.”

Your questions answered

Who should write my Will?

We recommend using a solicitor to help you write your Will. While not legally required to do so, your solicitor can ensure your Will is valid, legally compliant, and that your wishes are clearly outlined.

A solicitor can also advise you on any issues related to your estate or on naming your executor.

I already have a Will. What if I need to change it?

There are several reasons you may need to change your Will. These can include changes in your personal circumstances, such as marriage, divorce, or bereavement,

What role do Executors have and who should be mine?

The Executor of your Will is someone chosen by you to ensure the wishes expressed in your Will are carried out. This is an important role and so you should choose someone you trust. It can be a friend or family member, or you may wish to appoint your solicitor.

You will need to choose someone who is over the age of 18 and we recommend you choose two people, in case one person is unable to act on your behalf when the time comes.

Where do I keep my Will?

Your solicitor will usually offer to store your original Will securely. It is advisable for you to retain a copy, alongside other information that can help your executors, such as bank account, pensions, and savings information.



Let us know your intentions

Considering leaving a gift to St John of God in your Will? We'd love to hear from you...

- ☐ I've already left a gift to St John of God in my Will.
- ☐ I intend to include a gift to St John of God in my Will.
- ☐ I have some questions. Please contact me in confidence.

Contact preference: ☐ Telephone ☐ Email

Please return to St John of God Foundation,
Flavian House, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Ireland



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