



WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

A gift in your Will can transform supports for people with disabilities. It can also make Ireland a better, more inclusive place for them to thrive.

Now that's a story worth leaving behind.



Your Extraordinary Legacy



*Front cover: Isabella
This page: Bernard and Sophia
The Wooden Bridge*

A gift in your Will can transform supports for people with disabilities and help them lead life on their own terms.

After your family and friends are looked after, a gift to CRC in your Will is a profound way to change the future for people with disabilities across Ireland. No matter how big or how small, every gift means the world to the person using our services.

After all, their plans for the future could depend on your plan for the future.

And that's something you can decide today.



Michael and Suzanne



Isabella & Family



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“Talking about money, my granddad always used to say, ‘You can’t take it with you!’ He was right and it makes me happy to think about who will have support from the gift I leave behind. It doesn’t cost me anything now. And every little bit can make a big difference.”

– Mary, who has kindly decided to leave a gift in her Will to CRC



Jason, Deer Park Work
Experience Group

Your legacy – a kindness that endures



Alison McCallion
Interim CEO, CRC

Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to read more about the CRC and for giving us this important opportunity to highlight how your support is life-changing for the children and adults we work with every day.

Today we're talking about legacies and your chance to shape this legacy through the writing of your Will. Have you thought about your unique legacy, it's not a small or simple question. But it is, undoubtedly, a hugely profound one.

Focusing on the impact you can make through your Will is very personal. Being prepared, and making a plan, can be an amazing opportunity to settle some anxiety, take some control, and best of all – to consider your own personal legacy.

With your loyal support of CRC, you've helped many children and adults to lead lives on their own terms. You've helped us to provide clinical equipment to support our clients, you've helped us by providing a warm, welcoming environment across our locations and you've ensured our facilities meet the many and varied needs of the children and adults we support. You have made sure that our teams of staff are expertly trained to provide excellent clinical and social supports to our clients. You've helped us provide inclusive and bespoke summer camps and Christmas parties for children with specific needs, who may otherwise not be accommodated in society. You help us to provide research and funding for higher education that will benefit the children and adults attending our services for years to come. A gift in your Will is a beautiful way to ensure your legacy lives on and positively impacts the future of others.

I hope you'll read through and learn more about the impact you can make, the people who have benefitted from your generosity, and those who stand to benefit in years to come. Thank you so much for being a valued CRC supporter. We are very grateful for you.

Alison McCallion



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Reception Entrance

What is your story?

In Ireland, we may ask and answer this question often – but when's the last time you stopped and really thought about it.

**What is your story?
The story you tell – and
the story that is told about
you? What is the legacy
you will leave behind?**



Making a Gift in your Will is one of the most moving ways you can write your story – to share your values and shape your legacy. It's so much more than a legal process: it can be a very thoughtful, emotional, and empowering action. Because it's a way to show who you are, how much you care, and what matters most to you. It's a promise to future generations. A handing over of the torch of kindness, compassion, and generosity. It's a chance to have your say. And to leave the world better than you found it.

Reception Entrance



CRC Pool



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Your first story – your family

When it comes to making your Will, loved ones always come first – making sure those important to you are cared for into the future. But after that, especially if you don't have children of your own, you may find yourself pulled toward supporting other futures: people with disabilities across Ireland who will feel the warmth of your care and love for generations to come.

Your story could help more people get support

Across Ireland, CRC funds are desperately stretched, and the need continues to grow. Your legacy could help to shorten waitlists, increase capacity, and bolster services. It could mean that one family who finds out their child will need support will hear the good news that they can get help, right when they need it.

Your story could make dreams come true

A gift in your Will can not only help children and adults with disabilities access a complete range of crucial services and supports, but it can also give each person the tools they need to overcome many of the obstacles they face. You can help them build the lives they dream of.

Your story could create a more inclusive Ireland for the next generation

Designing everyday structures and transport to provide access in society for people with disabilities means more independence, more active engagement with the community, and improved quality of life. A gift in your Will could help to make the strongest case for disability and employment rights – as well as to proactively consider accessibility and inclusion in earliest planning stages. Because when a daily challenge is no longer a challenge – then we can focus on abilities. And that is a transformational goal.

The Family Room



Your legacy is so much more than equipment and medical support.

It's building a better world for generations to come.

It's love and care and kindness. Making a difference, even after you're gone.

SOPHIA'S STORY

"It may sound funny to say the CRC is an integral part of our family, but that's exactly how it is. Like the fifth member of our family."

My daughter Sophia is a full-time wheelchair user. She's been in the CRC since she was 8 months. But now, this month, she's been invited to host the Ombudsman for Children annual Child Talks this year, an event that gives children a platform to talk about issues that are important to them.

[I'm not sure there's any better way than that, to tell you exactly why CRC means so much to families like ours.](#)

You are CRC

We found out at a scan before Sophia was born that it "wouldn't be what we'd expect." It was a tough start with a lot of complications and months in hospital.

It's true that we hadn't expected our daughter to need a wheelchair. But we also didn't expect the extraordinary support that has been shown to our family from people like yourself. We didn't expect how much we'd learn. We didn't expect that our daughter would be on the Late-Late Show or be campaigning for equal rights.



Bernard and Sophia,
The Wooden Bridge



So – was it unexpected? Yes. But in some of the most wonderful ways you can think of. And for that, from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Home from home

With CRC, Sophia gets every unique support she needs. From physio, to the chair, occupational therapy, all the wraparound care you can imagine. And we can call anytime if we're finding something difficult. They're with us the whole journey.

CRC has been vital for us. We even chose the location of our home based on making sure we could get to them. It's that important.

When we got into CRC, I remember people saying, 'how lucky are you'. And that is the truth. It's an amazing place and we've made so many great friends.

Getting her chair was crucial. There are multiple disciplines there in the room. They bring people in to adjust every tiny detail, and four hours later you're wheeling out in a chair that is set up for her perfectly. It's no small thing. It makes her life and our family's life so much happier and healthier.

Your care in communities

The CRC is a centre of excellence. You go in, and you see people of all ages looking at ease, smiling, having that security and safety around them.

It's not just individuals it helps. It's entire communities. With the CRC, people are better equipped and empowered to live independently and engage in their local areas.

Join me in building, and leaving, a legacy

The generosity of CRC supporters has meant a beautiful and fulfilled life for my daughter. As someone who has CRC in my Will, but most importantly as a father – thank you. It's incredible to think about what your kindness can really do.

Bernard

Our crucial services nationwide

From infancy to adulthood – the lifelong supports your care makes possible.

A gift in your Will can help people with disabilities integrate, participate, achieve their goals, and be visible and active in society and their communities – for years to come.

CLINICAL AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

CRC's multidisciplinary teams in Clontarf, Clondalkin, and Waterford work with children, parents, and carers from every county to deliver comprehensive care, with a focus on the best possible quality of life for every child.

Occupational therapy

Speech and language therapy

Mobile multidisciplinary teams

Nursing

Psychology

Social Work

Medical consultants

Paediatrics

Physiotherapy

Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics

CRC's fleet of buses help children and adults have more freedom to live their lives.

Summer camps and Christmas Wonderland events enhance the joys of childhood.

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SPECIALIST SERVICES

Over the last 60 years, supported by the incredible care of loyal supporters like you, CRC has developed a range of specialist medical, therapeutic, and technical services for children and adults with complex and rare conditions across Ireland, with centres in Clontarf, Clondalkin, Limerick, and Waterford, as well as through outreach services.

Paediatrics/Neurodisability

Neuropsychology

Specialist continence services

Hand therapy

Ophthalmology

Customised orthotic turning/night positioning

Sleep clinic

Augmentative and alternative communication

Assistive technology and specialist seating

Gait lab

Spasticity management

Orthopaedics

Feeding, eating, drinking swallowing clinic

Respite services for families give much-needed time to rest and look after their own needs too.



ADULT SERVICES

CRC's adult services support choice, independence and individuality, helping people to realise their potential in education and employment, advocate for their rights, build relationships, participate in society through valued social roles, and get involved with community in hubs and local centres in Clontarf, Raheny, Killester, Firhouse, and Hartstown.

Transition programme

Training and development

Ability programme

Erasmus+

Lifestyles programme

Rehabilitative training

Life skills programme

Local centres and hubs

Education training

Employability skills

CRC SCHOOLS

Our schools in Clontarf and Clondalkin provide individualised education to almost 200 pupils with physical and multiple disabilities. Our specially trained staff ensure we can enrol pupils that other schools cannot cater for, while still accessing state certified courses including the Junior Certificate and QQI.

Clontarf School

Scoil Mochua Clondalkin

Specialist rooms are a warm and safe environment where children and families can access services, play, learn and grow together.



CRC near you

The CRC has eleven locations, to meet the needs of as many people as possible. Your support can keep facilities safe, make essential upgrades, and go the extra mile for people in our care.

Clontarf, Clongriffin, Killester, Coolock, Ongar, Hartstown, Firhouse, Ballymun, Raheny.

Demand for the CRC's critical supports and services has never been higher.

The CRC relies on the incredible vision and compassion of people like you to deliver services, keep our facilities safe, make essential upgrades, and go the extra mile to make a difference for children and adults in our care.

With a gift in your Will, you can help us help as many people as possible – and build a better future for the people we serve and the communities they live in.

Together, the future looks accessible.

The heart of the matter

Your legacy is deeply unique and deeply personal – and it's something you can shape.

Your legacy could feel like home.

By supporting home visits for children, you can give families vital support and encouragement in a familiar environment – the comfort of their own home.

Your legacy could be more independence.

Providing more specialised CRC vehicles can ensure that children and adults with disabilities can stay connected and engaged with their communities.

Your legacy could be a warm welcome.

Improving CRC's critical, state-of-the-art facilities can not only provide specialised, up-to-date spaces designed to suit individual needs, but also make sure that all services are delivered in a welcoming and happy environment.

Your legacy could happen in a lab.

Your support of CRC research will help us to better understand and manage conditions, as well as to continuously learn and innovate – from children taking their first steps to adults communicating using assistive technology.

Your legacy could be joy.

By enabling children to attend events like a Christmas Wonderland, or a summer camp with friends, you will be helping them to create wonderful memories that will last a lifetime.

Your legacy could be a shorter waiting list.

A gift in your Will could help us not only meet the incredibly high demand for support, but also to do so with the dedication and attention to detail that are the heart and soul of CRC services.

Your legacy could inspire.

Imagine a future where everyone living with a disability can achieve their potential and live full lives as equal and valued citizens. The generosity of people like you moves us closer toward our vision every day.



"I want to leave a legacy of simple goodness. To know that I did what I could, in my own small way, to shape the world and make it a better place for my children and grandchildren. That is important."

– Michael, who made a gift to the CRC in his Will



When you leave a Gift in your Will, no matter how big or how small, you are helping children and adults to access a complete range of life-changing and life-shaping services, supports, and events to help them learn, grow, and feel safe and supported.



Not only that – you are also helping them realise their potential and live the life they choose to live.



"I decided to leave a gift to the CRC because I want to leave a better world for the next generation to inherit. Equal rights and opportunities, as well as lifelong supports for people who need them – that benefits everyone, it's so important."

– Carol, CRC supporter

Some things in life are beyond our control


Others – we get to have our say

You have been a valued CRC supporter for a long time. And making an investment in a brighter future means that you'll be around for a lot longer. Because writing your Will isn't about an end – it's about a beginning.

And the kind of future you can make possible for someone who one day can get supports they need, thanks to someone like you.


Thank you for considering leaving a kind gift in your Will.

"I see a lot of the world through the eyes of my daughter. CRC services have been incredible and helped us reach some very emotional milestones for our family. Doctors originally said Aoife wouldn't see three years old. She's 33 next week. I didn't think twice about including CRC in my will, and my sons won't think twice about it either. If you've seen how significant it can be – then you know how much good it will do even after you're gone."




– Greg, Aoife's Dad

"The CRC is the most wonderful place on earth. The support you get as a family, there's nothing like it."



– Veron, Aoife's Mum



"I love coming here. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, I have appointments and classes. And on Mondays I do arts and crafts. I love making my own jewellery. But my favourite place is the local centre because they are the best people."

— Aoife, 33

Three types of gifts you can leave in your Will

Don't forget, any bequest you can leave in your Will – modest or large – is so powerful and will be invested wisely.

1. A sum of money

Any amount – big or small – is so needed and so valued. It will help change the lives of future generations of people with disabilities.

2. Valuable item(s)

Many people don't realise they can leave things like works of art, collectibles, personal valuables, properties, investments, jewellery or other items.

3. A percentage (or all) of your estate

You can leave a proportion of your estate – or you can leave your entire estate. And remember, any gift in your Will to a charity is tax free.

You can easily amend an existing Will

You can still easily amend your Will to add a gift to CRC. Your solicitor can advise you how to do this simply.

Thank you so much for considering leaving a personal legacy to CRC.

Your questions answered



At CRC, we believe in the value of curiosity and learning – because we see every day how it can inspire, inform, reassure, and invigorate. With that in mind, we've prepared some answers to questions we are often asked by people who would like to leave a gift in their Will.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q I already made a Will. How can I include CRC?

A It's easy to amend your Will, and usually takes only a matter of minutes. All you have to do is contact your solicitor and inform them of your wish to make a change.

Q Will a small gift make any difference?

A Absolutely! Small things make massive differences. Your gift does not have to be grand to be significant. For the person or people who will benefit from your help in the future, your gift will mean the world.

Q What if I change my mind later?

A You can change your mind at any time, for any reason. Your Will is entirely your decision, and entirely in your control. Some people change their Wills many times as circumstances and finances change.

Q Are there tax benefits to leaving a gift in my Will?

A Yes – when you leave a gift to a charity like CRC, it is entirely tax-free. This means that every single cent of your gift will go directly to support the people who need it.

Q Do I need to inform CRC of my decision or my intent?

A No – your Will is personal and your decision to make a gift can be completely private. However, if you do choose to contact us, – or fill in the simple Pledge Form – we would be delighted to share our thanks and to keep you updated on how your support will change so many lives.

Q Who can I contact to discuss my Will?

A Please feel free to contact us anytime, in confidence. You can email Jayde at giftinwill@crc.ie. We'd love to hear from you. When you speak to us, you are under no obligation whatsoever. We are happy just to chat in absolute confidence.



CRC School Garden



Liviu & Ifiok



Aisling & Julie



Paul, CRC Pool

CRC

Our track record and credentials

Your amazing help means that every year, incredible things are happening.

And your legacy can help these life-changing supports live on and improve. It's your story to write.

What makes the CRC unique?

Established in 1951, the CRC is a voluntary organisation and national charity working with children and adults with disabilities.

Lady Valerie Goulding and Kathleen O'Rourke founded the CRC in 1951 to provide treatment for people affected by an outbreak of polio. From that small beginning, the CRC has grown into one of the largest and most progressive providers of supports and services to children and adults with disabilities in Ireland.

The CRC offers expert care, education, training, therapy, and support to children and adults with disabilities including cerebral palsy, neuromuscular disorders, spina bifida, rare genetic conditions, autistic spectrum disorders, and much more.



Heather & Riley,
The Gait Lab



Every year:

68,453

appointments attended

36,000

clinical sessions held

4,000

children and adults supported

1,259

consultations by neurodisability specialists

1,390

people helped by Assistive Technology and Specialist Seating service

1,058

orthopaedic consultations

123,854

clinical interventions

313

adults supported across our five centres

150

QQI Certificates awarded across our Adults Services

61

adult work experience placements

1,390

people helped by Assistive Technology and Specialist Seating service

The CRC has supported people with disabilities in Ireland for 70 years. And with your amazing legacy, we will continue to support them for many more years to come.

Every gift, no matter how big or small, makes an incredible difference. Thank you.





Hand on heart: Our pledge to you

Choosing to leave a gift in your Will is a beautiful act of compassion and care.

If you decide to leave a gift to the CRC, we want you to feel completely confident and comfortable in this decision. Because we know – it's an important one.

Your Will is confidential. We will always respect your wishes and your privacy. We will never share your details with anyone.

Your family comes first. We know that your loved ones are, and should be, your top priority in considering your Will and your story.

Your gift can be private. If you decide to leave a gift to CRC in your Will, there's no obligation to tell us. But we hope you do! We'd love to share our gratitude and keep you up to date with the life-changing support you make possible. Filling in the simple Pledge Form doesn't commit you to anything.

You can change your mind. Even if you tell us you intend to leave a gift in your Will, you are under absolutely no obligation to do so. You are free to change your mind at any time, with our full support.

You can choose how your gift is used. We know that certain CRC supports may be close to your heart. If you wish, you can choose which services you'd like your gift to benefit. You can chat to us about your preference.

Your gift will be handled with care. We promise to be accountable and transparent in everything we do, so that you have full confidence that your gift in your Will is being used how you intended – and that your legacy lives on with all the respect and care it deserves.

We are here for you. If you would like any assistance, advice, or simply to talk about options or ideas, in confidence and with no obligation, we are here. Feel free to contact Jayde at giftinwill@crc.ie

Did you know?

Gifts left in your Will to charities like CRC are entirely tax-free – meaning that every penny goes to help people using our services.

Your legacy should be
just like you:
kind, compassionate
and forward-thinking.
It is your story to write.

Thank you so much for
considering leaving a
gift to CRC in your Will.
**Your kindness means
the world.**





Jenny, Joanne & Jenny



Julie & Gillian



Loton & Seamus



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