



# Mark Benevolent Fund

Registered Charity Number 207610

## A Guide to making a Legacy

A gift to the Mark Benevolent Fund in your Will has the power to assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

By leaving a gift to the Fund in your Will you can shape the future, ensuring that we are always here to make a difference to so many lives.

If you are considering supporting the Mark Benevolent Fund with a legacy gift in your Will, you can rest assured, that today, the process of actually making or amending your Will can be relatively straightforward.

### **Types of legacy**

There are a few different types of legacy gift. Most solicitors or professional will writers are able to give help and advice with regard to which type of legacy gift would be best for you. Here are some examples of the more common types:

#### **A pecuniary gift**

This is a gift of a specified sum of money. However, it should be noted that because of the effects of inflation, the eventual purchasing value of this type of gift can be affected over time.

#### **A residuary gift**

With this type of gift you set aside part or all of your remaining estate, known as the residue; this is the amount you have remaining in your estate after payment of debts, funeral expenses, the costs of any administration, and all other gifts in your Will have been paid, or divided between named beneficiaries, such as your relations or a charity.

#### **A specific gift**

This is a specific item left to a named beneficiary. It might be an item of jewellery, a work of art, a car or a property, etc.

### **Codicil**

If you already have a will and wish to add a gift to a person, organisation or charity, this can be done using a Codicil. A Codicil need not change the terms of your current will, it can simply add a new instruction.

## **Specialist Advice**

If you decide to make or change your Will, we strongly advise you to consult a solicitor. This should not be expensive and ensures that you leave a proper and valid Will. If you want to make minor changes you can add a Codicil. Never write on your Will as this may invalidate it. For major changes you should make a new Will.

## **A Legacy in favour of the Mark Benevolent Fund**

The following wording could be helpful in ensuring that your Legacy is committed to the future work of the Mark Benevolent Fund:

“I give the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (amount in words) to the Mark Benevolent Fund at Mark Masons’ Hall, 86 St James’s Street, LONDON, SW1A 1PL (Registered Charity number 207610) for its general charitable purposes.”

or

I give \_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate to the Mark Benevolent Fund at Mark Masons’ Hall, 86 St James’s Street, LONDON, SW1A 1PL (Registered Charity number 207610) for its general charitable purposes.”

Information relating to Will making, witnesses, Executors and Inheritance Tax and all other aspects of will making can be found at the following websites:

[www.hmrc.gov.uk/inheritancetax](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/inheritancetax)

[www.hmrc.gov.uk/individuals/giving/will](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/individuals/giving/will)

To find a solicitor; [www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk)

To find a Will writer: [www.ipw.org.uk](http://www.ipw.org.uk)

Further information about the work of the Mark Benevolent Fund can be found at [www.markbenevolence.org.uk](http://www.markbenevolence.org.uk) , by calling 020 7747 1187 or emailing us on [d.coleman@mmh.org.uk](mailto:d.coleman@mmh.org.uk)

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