

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How does leaving a gift in my will help The Archway Foundation?

Gifts in wills are instrumental in allowing us to make ours and our supporter's visions for the future a reality. When you leave a gift to Archway, **you are making a difference to someone's life**. Not only will your gift bring much needed companionship and friendship to those who are feeling the pain of loneliness but it will help reduce the risk of them developing high blood pressure, having a stroke, developing dementia or dying prematurely. Your gift ensures that Archway can continue to respond to individuals hurt by loneliness and develop our services for the longer term future.

### Can I choose how The Archway Foundation uses my gift?

It is helpful to us if you don't limit your gift to a specific area of our work. That way we can use your gift wherever the need is greatest at the time. However, if there is a specific area of our work that is close to your heart then we will of course honour your wishes to dedicate your gift to that area. Please do contact us to speak about your wishes first.

### What will my family think?

There is room in most wills to provide for family and loved ones, as well as leaving a gift to charity. Many people who support Archway do so because of the facilities that we provide and the importance of our work. Including a gift to Archway in your Will doesn't affect how much money you have to provide for old age. Your estate is calculated based on whatever is left after you die. And if you arrange your gift to Archway as a residuary gift, it will only be paid out after all the other gifts you leave to your family or friends have been made.

### What type of gift is best?

There are two main types of charitable legacies; **pecuniary** and **residuary**. Pecuniary legacies consist of a specified sum of money to be donated, while a residuary gift allows you to donate a percentage of the net value of your estate or remaining sum after you have provided for family and loved ones. Most people find a **residuary gift** is preferable, as it takes care of others first and remains proportional to the total value of your estate. This type of legacy can also allow you to pay a reduced rate of inheritance tax on your estate. If you leave a gift to a charity in your will, its value will be deducted from your estate before inheritance tax is calculated.

### How do I make a will, or change my existing one, to include The Archway Foundation?

Your solicitor will help you with the specific wording and content of your will. If you already have a will and the only amendment you want to make is to include a gift to Archway, you just need to fill in a simple form called a **codicil**, have it witnessed by two people (not including executors or beneficiaries), and give it to your solicitor to keep with your existing will. You can download a codicil form from our website. We recommend that you seek independent professional advice when amending or updating your will. Please note that, if your will is revoked, any codicils are automatically and simultaneously revoked. **When leaving a legacy gift to Archway, please be sure to use our charity number (299533) and registered address: The Archway Foundation, Jack Straws Lane, Headington, Oxford OX3 0DL**

### Do I need to tell Archway about the gift I'm leaving?

You don't need to, but if you would like to tell us that would be wonderful. We would love to say thank you, and to keep you informed and inspired by our work.

### What if I change my mind about a gift to Archway?

Circumstances change; we understand that. If you would like to change your mind you can do so at any time.

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