What kind of gift could I leave to SOS Children’s Villages UK?

There are three types of gift you can leave in your Will:

• A share of your estate – This is a percentage of your estate after all other gifts and expenses have been paid. These gifts are very important to us as they usually maintain their value or increase over time. Just a small percentage can transform the lives of so many vulnerable children.

• A specific sum – This is a gift of a set amount of money.

• A specific item – This could be something valuable such as an antique, painting, property or shares that we would sell.

If you already have a Will and wish to add a gift to SOS Children’s Villages UK, you can complete a codicil form and keep it with your Will. A codicil is read alongside your Will and allows you to make changes to your Will, without having to rewrite it.

What about Inheritance Tax?

If you leave a gift in your Will, it will not be included when valuing your estate for Inheritance Tax purposes. The value of your gift will be deducted from your estate before Inheritance Tax is applied. However, Inheritance Tax rules can change so it’s always best to discuss your Will and the type of gift you might like to leave with your solicitor.

What if I don’t have a large gift to leave?

Your loved ones should always come first, but any gift you leave to SOS Children’s Villages UK, no matter how big or small, will mean we are able to continue to provide vulnerable children with a stable environment to grow up in, where they feel loved, safe and supported.

Can I support a specific village community?

It is a wonderful comfort to know where your money will go in the future. However, during the time between making your Will and when we receive your gift, our village communities may have changed and we may no longer be in that area. At that time there may be other village communities/countries in greater need. If you would like an SOS village community to benefit please do also state that if this SOS village community does not exist at that time, that SOS Children’s Villages UK can use the gift wherever the need is greatest.

Deciding how to leave your money is an important decision and we are very grateful to everyone who chooses to support SOS Children’s Villages UK in this way. If there’s anything else you’d like to know or if you’d like to chat to Suzanne Clements, our Supporter Care Officer, please give her a call on 01223 365589 or email suzanne.clements@sosuk.org

Every child deserves a future

“Leaving a gift to SOS in our Will means we can help them continue their great work.”

Mrs H D, long term SOS UK Supporter.
How do I include SOS Children’s UK in my Will?

It’s very straightforward to leave a gift in your Will to SOS Children’s Villages UK. You just need to give your solicitor our registered address and charity number:

**SOS Children’s Villages UK**
**Ravenscroft House**
**59-61 Regent Street**
**Cambridge, CB2 1AB**

Registered charity number: 1069204

If you prefer, you can take the following wording to your solicitor. They will make sure your Will is valid and that your wishes are followed.

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**A share of your estate**
My bequest to SOS Children’s Villages UK of the residual estate (or a proportion of) - a residuary or percentage legacy “Subject to the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I give the whole (residuary) or ______% of my estate not otherwise disposed of by this my Will to SOS Children’s Villages UK (Registered charity number 1069204) of Ravenscroft House, 59-61 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1AB, for the general purposes of SOS Children’s Villages UK and I declare that the receipt of their Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.”

**A specific sum of money**
My bequest to SOS Children’s Villages UK for a set sum - a pecuniary legacy “I give free of tax to SOS Children’s Villages UK (Registered charity number 1069204) of Ravenscroft House, 59-61 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1AB, the sum of £______ for the general purposes of SOS Children’s Villages UK and I declare that the receipt of their Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.”

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What do I do once I have left a gift in my Will?

You don’t need to do anything else. If you’d like to get in touch to let us know you have left a donation in your Will it will enable us to plan for the future. We’d also like to have the chance to say thank you!

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Can I leave a gift to the child I sponsor?

Unfortunately, we aren't able to gift a donation in your Will to a specific child. During the time between making your Will and when we receive your gift, your sponsored child may have left our care; whether by reaching an age of independence or being reunited with their family. At this stage we may no longer have their contact details and so would be unable to pass on information/monies to them. You can however leave a gift in your Will to one of our village communities, benefiting all the children in that community. Should you choose to do this please also state that if this SOS village community does not exist at that time, then SOS Children’s Villages UK can use the gift wherever the need is greatest.