Making a gift in your Will to WAGGGS

Some Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for considering making a gift in your Will to WAGGGS. Of course, making provision for friends and family comes first, but by leaving a gift to WAGGGS in your Will you could continue to ensure that girls and young women everywhere experience the very best that the Girl Guiding and Girl Scout movement can offer.

The charitable status we have may also offer you the opportunity to reduce the tax due on your Estate. These benefits vary from one country to another, so please consult your legal or financial advisor on how to approach this.

If you have any questions about making a gift in your Will to WAGGGS, these notes may be helpful to you. We are always happy to help with any questions you may have or any advice you may need. Please contact our Fund Development Team on +44 (0)20 7794 1181 or email changinglives@wagggs.org

These notes do not form legal advice. We recommend that you contact your legal or financial advisor to ensure that your wishes are correctly expressed.

I'd like to make a gift to WAGGGS in my Will. What information do I need to include?

You will need to provide your legal or financial advisor with the following details and they will know the correct wording to use.

Registered name: The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

Registered address: World Bureau, Olave Centre
12c Lyndhurst Road
London
NW3 5PQ

Registered charity number: 1159255 (England and Wales).

I’ve already written my Will. Do I need to have a new Will drawn up?

No, you do not have to write a new Will. If your current Will still reflects most of your wishes, and you simply wish to make some additions or small changes, your legal or financial advisor can help you create a Codicil. This acts as an addendum which lists minor changes or extra gifts to your original Will.
Could you suggest the correct language to use for a Codicil?

The example wording below can be used to amend your existing Will.

I, (insert full name) of (insert address) declare this to be a first / second codicil to my Will dated (insert date). I give to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (registered charity number 1159255) [choose one of the following options]

Option 1: the sum of (insert the amount) free of all taxes OR
Option 2: (insert the amount)% share of my residuary Estate OR
Option 3: [insert details of a specific item being as descriptive as possible] to be used for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Registrar or other duly authorised officer shall be full and sufficient discharge to my Executor/s.
In all other respects, I confirm my Will.
Signed:
Witnessed by:

Do I need to leave a specific amount of money?

No, every gift is welcome, whatever the amount or type. Listed below are three of the most common types of legacies we receive.

A Residuary Gift is all or part of the value of your Estate after debts, other legacies or bequests and liabilities have been met. You may wish to leave the total residue to one beneficiary or share it between a number of them. This type of gift has the advantage of keeping up with inflation.

A Pecuniary (or Monetary) Gift is a stated sum of money.

A Specific Gift is a particular item, such as a piece of jewellery, or perhaps property or stocks and shares.

What happens if I change my mind?

You are, of course, free to change your mind about leaving a gift in your Will to WAGGGS at any time. We understand this is a personal decision and one you take into consideration with your loved ones.

Would my gift be exempt from tax?

As a registered charity, most gifts left to us in Wills are exempt from inheritance tax.

I’m an executor and there’s a bequest to WAGGGS in the Will. How should I pay the money to you?

Please contact us to arrange a bank transfer or send a cheque payable to us at our registered address. A valid receipt from the charity will be sent in return.

Contact us

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding making a gift to WAGGGS in your Will, or if you would like to tell us that you wish to make a gift in this way.

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Once again, thank you for supporting us in this way.