

# Leaving a Legacy Gift in your Will



Helping Field Lane  
to Build a Better Future

## Making a Difference

Field Lane has been fighting to support the more vulnerable members of our community for over 160 years. Since our creation as the Field Lane Sabbath School, in bringing hope to the poor children of London, our commitment has not changed since those early days, but it has evolved.

Today, Field Lane is committed to providing innovative accommodation and day centre support services for families who are homeless, older people including those with dementia and age related mental frailty and people with disabilities.

## Support & Respect

Our ethos is founded on respect for the individual, which in turn comes from the Christian foundations and heart of the charity.

Our approach is to demonstrate and develop the best practice in care and support for vulnerable people and families. Whether it is an older person needing specialist dementia care, or a family needing our practical support, Field Lane's work is anchored by the vision of building a person's confidence and self esteem.

- There are few good residential facilities available for dementia sufferers, nor respite services for their carers and families. Field Lane has met this challenge by providing excellent accommodation within a 'family' environment and working to the principles of positively encouraging our residents to take an active role in their care. We encourage people to rediscover forgotten skills and pleasures and aim to ensure that this period of their lives is fulfilling, enjoyable and full of opportunity.
- Families placed into temporary accommodation are frequently isolated in areas where they know no one, and are unsure how to access the services and support they desperately need. Field Lane helps enable families to take back control of their lives by facilitating access and referral to health care, schools and community based welfare services and life skills classes. Additionally, day trips and outings are arranged to brighten the children's lives.

## Building a Future

With a rapidly ageing population, diminishing pensions and state provision, we urgently need to further develop our range of services for older people. There has never been a more urgent need for better care than now, for it is believed that 1 in 5 people who reach the age of 80 will get dementia.

We want to increase the number of dementia care places in Field Lane's homes and expand our services to the wider community through new day care centres attached to the homes.

Field Lane is really helping families get back on their feet. We are developing our services to include the provision of supported temporary housing for families. Families will have self-contained units designed for independent living – no shared kitchens and bathrooms – and benefiting from on-site support. This is to help families succeed when they make the move into permanent homes.

## Why Legacies are so Important

A lot of our work can only be achieved with the help of those who generously donate money or time to us during their lifetime, and those who are generous enough to remember Field Lane in their Will.

Sadly, income from fees and grants alone does not cover the cost of running or providing new and essential services.

It is thanks to a number of generous legacies that Field Lane was able to invest in an additional modernisation programme at its home 'The Priory'. This enabled it to develop its dementia services and is now recognised as one of the best providers for this type of care in the West Sussex area.

Since 1841 we have strengthened our Christian commitment to care for vulnerable people within the community. You can help us meet our 21st century challenge by supporting the charity in the longer term by enabling us to make sound business decisions right now about how best to fund our services in years to come.

## The need to make a Will

Making a will is the only way you can be sure that your wishes will be followed if you die. If you don't make one, part or all of your estate may go to people who you never intended to benefit. Not only that, Inheritance Tax legislation means that if you don't prepare properly, a substantial part of what you leave behind may go to the State. Gifts to a charity in your Will are tax free.

Thankfully it is easy, quick and inexpensive to have a Will drafted by a qualified professional.

*A copy of a guide 'Making your Will' is available from Field Lane – details on back page.*

## Simple steps to remembering Field Lane in your Will

After remembering your family and friends, you can use a gift in your Will to benefit Field Lane in whatever way you feel most suitable – either leaving a specific sum, item of property or a part of your residuary estate.

### If you already have a Will

You may decide that you would like to leave a gift to Field Lane. Your solicitor can put your wishes into effect by making a simple addition to your Will, called a codicil. This is a quick, simple and inexpensive process.

You may, of course want to use this opportunity to make more significant changes in your Will and, if so, your solicitor may well advise you to make a new Will altogether.

*You should never make written changes to your original Will.*

## A suggested form of words

For a gift of the whole or share of your residuary estate:

*“Subject to the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I give (insert either the whole or a xxx percentage share\*) of my estate not otherwise disposed of by this my Will to The Field Lane Foundation of 16 Vine Hill, London EC1R 5EA, registered charity number 207493, for its general charitable purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors”.*

- \* If you are sharing your residuary estate between various individuals or charities, you will need to adjust the wording accordingly and make sure that the total residue given in your Will adds up to 100%

For a fixed amount of money or a specific item:

*“I give free of tax (insert either the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ or a full description of the article sufficient to identify the item of property) to The Field Lane Foundation of 16 Vine Hill, London EC1R 5EA, registered charity number 207493 for its general charitable purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors”.*

**Note:** The information in this booklet is not legal advice, for which we would advise you to consult a solicitor.

## Donations instead of flowers

You can include in any funeral instructions in your Will, a request that donations be made to The Field Lane Foundation instead of flowers being sent.

## How you can help us now

- Please use the attached form to let us know of your intentions.
- Information given to us will be kept entirely confidential.
- If you have any further questions about the work of The Field Lane Foundation, or Legacies & Wills, please telephone, write or e-mail our Chief Executive.

### **The Field Lane Foundation**

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London EC1R 5EA

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E.mail: [info@fieldlane.org.uk](mailto:info@fieldlane.org.uk)  
Website: [www.fieldlane.org.uk](http://www.fieldlane.org.uk)

An indication that you have, or are intending to leave us a gift in your Will is in no way legally binding but it helps us to plan. It also means we can personally thank you and, unless you do not wish it, keep you in touch with our work.

- I have already included a gift to Field Lane in my Will. (This is a percentage of the residue of my estate / a cash gift\* )  
*\*Please delete as applicable*
- I intend leaving Field Lane a gift in my Will
- Sorry, I cannot consider a gift of this nature at present
- Please do not contact me again about legacies

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone No

E.mail

My date of birth is    (optional)

Date

Please return to:

**The Field Lane Foundation**

FREEPOST LON13029, London EC1B 1LF



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