



Childhood Eye Cancer Trust Will writing guide

**Your step by step guide
on how to remember the
Childhood Eye Cancer
Research Fund in your will**



WRITING YOUR WILL

Writing your will is one of the most meaningful and positive steps you can take for your family and loved ones. It also provides an opportunity to support the causes you care about most. A will ensures that your wishes for your money and possessions are clearly outlined, giving you control over how they are distributed and ensuring they are passed on exactly as you intend.

Don't delay in making a will. If you pass away without one, your assets will be distributed according to intestacy rules, which may not reflect your wishes. These rules don't count for 'common-law partner's or charities, meaning your estate could go to family members you hadn't intended to benefit – or, in some cases, even to the British Crown. A will ensures your intentions are honoured and provides clarity and peace of mind for your loved ones.

Just think of the positive impact your will could have on future generations.

We are the only UK charity solely dedicated to helping anyone affected by retinoblastoma. We do this through our three main pillars of activity:

Support For All

We provide a lifeline for those that need us by offering guidance, emotional support and practical advice from diagnosis, during treatment and throughout the lives of those affected.

Funding Research

We fund pioneering research into the causes, treatment and prevention of retinoblastoma.

Raising Awareness

We raise awareness amongst the general public and healthcare professionals to ensure early diagnosis and treatment.

82p

out of every
£1 donated
going directly
to our services
and wider
charitable work

We offer
100%
of newly
diagnosed families
in the UK our
lifelong
support

In the last 3 years
we have given
£30,610
in support grants
to those struggling
to cope with
the cost of
cancer

SHUHD'S STORY

A dad from London is urging other parents to look out for the tell-tale signs of eye cancer after his two-year-old daughter, Shuhd, was diagnosed with retinoblastoma, a rare eye cancer that typically affects children under the age of six.

Shuhd's dad Faiz said, "We first noticed symptoms of retinoblastoma in Shuhd when she was around five weeks old. Shuhd's mother had taken a picture of her with the flash on. We then noticed a glare or white reflection in her eyes. I had not heard of retinoblastoma before my daughter was diagnosed. It was completely unfamiliar to me, and I did not know anyone who had been diagnosed with this condition. It was a daunting experience, but learning more about it and receiving support has been crucial."

Faiz continued, "We were panicking and extremely worried. We didn't sleep and felt utterly helpless at that point. The urgency and uncertainty of the situation were overwhelming, and our primary focus was on ensuring she received the best possible care as quickly as possible."

"It wasn't until she was eleven weeks old and after thorough examinations at the Royal London Hospital that the diagnosis was fully confirmed as bilateral retinoblastoma – cancer in both

of her eyes. This period was incredibly challenging and filled with uncertainty, but receiving a definitive diagnosis was a crucial step in moving forward with her treatment."

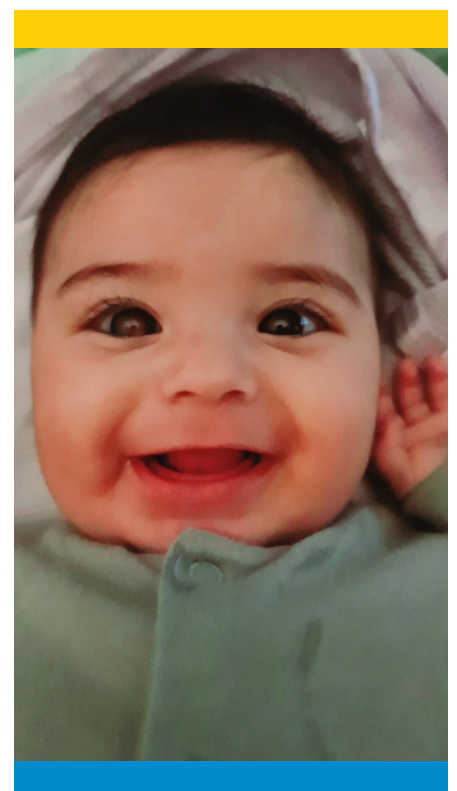
"She had six cycles of chemotherapy, along with laser therapy and cryotherapy. During this treatment, she had an enucleation (removal) of the right eye while receiving chemotherapy. Each of these options carried its own set of challenges and implications, but they were all necessary steps to address her condition effectively and to keep her alive."

"I cannot express my gratitude enough for CHECT and for my CHECT support worker. The support from this team has been incredibly helpful during the most challenging time of my life. Every time we visit, our support worker is there to check on us and provide the most incredible emotional support. We always receive messages and emails from them to check in on us and see how we are doing and if we need any support. We are truly grateful for CHECT and the amazing work they are doing with families like mine."

"Shuhd is just like any other child. She loves to play, enjoys it when I read books to her, and adores walks in the park. She's

a very happy little girl who loves being out and about. She has an incredible zest for life, always moving around with joy, and everybody who meets her is charmed by her delightful personality."

He added, "I found that it is far better to let those who love and care about you know what you're going through. Their support can be invaluable during the most difficult times, providing comfort, strength, and encouragement when you need it most. It's essential to lean on your loved ones, as they can offer the kind of emotional and practical support that makes a significant difference in navigating such challenges."



TYPES OF GIFTS

After ensuring your loved ones are provided for, we are deeply grateful if you choose to include a gift to support our work. Whatever you decide to give – whether it's a share of your estate, a cash gift, or even a treasured item, like a piece of jewellery – your generosity will help us support families affected by retinoblastoma for as long as they need us.

Here are a few ways you can make a difference:

Residuary legacy

A gift of the residue (or share of the residue) of the estate. The residue is whatever is left after all debts, funeral expenses and other costs (including tax) have been deducted. Residual gifts are particularly beneficial for charities as they don't reduce the specific value of pecuniary gifts left to your family and friends.

Pecuniary legacy

A gift of a fixed sum of money. It is worth noting that the value of the pecuniary gift will decrease over time as the cost of living increases.

Specific legacy

A gift of a particular item for example collected memorabilia, a piece of jewellery or furniture, land, buildings, house contents or shares.

Every gift, no matter the size, helps us create a lasting legacy of hope and progress. Thank you for considering us in such a meaningful way.





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