

LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Leave a legacy donation to help the
children at Small Steps



Today's legacies will help give the young children at Small Steps the best chance to fulfil their potential.

Leaving a gift in your will, small or large, is a wonderful way to support a cause that you passionately care about and to make a lasting difference.

As well as making sure that you are thinking of your loved ones in your will, some people choose to leave a legacy donation to help the children at Small Steps.





By leaving a gift to Small Steps you help us to continue supporting babies and young children with complex physical disabilities and their families. Today's legacies will help the children who will need Small Steps in the future.

Small Steps has always depended on charitable support ever since it was founded in 1998 and every day it is people like you who make a difference.

We are truly grateful to all those who consider leaving a gift to the children with disabilities whom we work with. No matter how large or small your gift is, it will provide more children and families with the appropriate support so vital to their development and well being.

What Small Steps means to families:

"As grandparents of Sebastian we are so grateful for all that Small Steps offer. From a very dark place in the beginning, we now know how to help and recognise all that Sebastian can achieve."

"Small Steps have given us so much belief and confidence that people still do care. You are all magical people. Please continue what you are doing because it makes a huge difference. We as parents can testify that your work makes a difference to every child's life."

"Small Steps has given us so many ideas on how to help Patrick learn and develop. It has also been wonderful for us as parents to meet new friends in similar positions and to feel part of a very special community. Thank you so much for everything you have done for us."

"Small Steps gave us an opportunity to learn how to interact and stimulate Teddy in a fun and friendly environment. It enabled us to meet and spend time talking with other families who were on a similar journey to us. Above all, it gave Teddy a place to make new friends and do therapy in a way had not encouraged anywhere else. The staff at Small Steps were amongst the most understanding, compassionate and knowledgeable that we've met. Being part of Small Steps has helped us face the future more positively!"

Jane and Sofia's story:

I am a mum to twin girls, Sofia & Alessia who were born 10 weeks early. 3 weeks after they were born I was told that Sofia had extensive brain damage. My whole world fell apart.

Sofia was diagnosed with severe quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy. This meant that even now she can't walk, sit or stand, she can't talk, she is visually impaired, she struggles to use her hands and is fed through a tube in her tummy. It was a very dark time. I had absolutely no idea how I was going to bring up a disabled child. I couldn't even think of anything that she'd ever be able to do.



Around this time someone told me about Small Steps. We went along for an assessment and later we attended our first session. I was happy I'd found a place where Sofia was welcomed and most of all I'd learnt some things that I could do with her. As the months went by Sofia gradually did more new things. She attended Small Steps for 3 ½ years it changed everything for us as a family. We got to know other families, we found a support network, we learnt about new therapies & special activities that Sofia could do.

Most of all, we learnt how to help her and to focus on the things that Sofia can do. Without Small Steps I can honestly say that Sofia would not have achieved as much as she has today.

**At Small Steps we pride ourselves in providing a supportive environment for families and supporting parents through the emotional journey of having a disabled child.
Small Steps is a free service to all families.**

It costs around £500,000 per year to run the charity and we receive no central or local government funding.

Funding is vital to the survival of our service. So if you would like to make a donation or give a regular monthly amount as a Standing Order, it really will make a difference.

HOW YOUR DONATION COULD HELP:

It costs approximately £5,000 for us to fund one disabled child to attend our sessions for a year. This will enable a child to have the opportunity to develop their skills in looking, listening and communicating; as well as sitting, standing and stepping.

£10.00 could pay for refreshments for 85 children for 1 week

£25.00 could buy a motivating light-up sensory toy for a child with a visual impairment

£50.00 could go towards the cost of a weekly session for a family

You can make a regular or one-off donation on our website at www.smallsteps.org.uk or contact us on info@smallsteps.org.uk for more information.

If you decide to leave a gift in your Will, all you need is:

The charity name Small Steps SFP

The charity registration number 1150651

We understand that making a decision about your Will is a private and personal matter. That's why we won't ask you to declare your intentions (though we would be delighted to hear from you so we can thank you).

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to support young children with complex disabilities and their families.



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