

Different ways of giving

- **A Residuary Gift:** Once all your gifts to loved ones have been made, this is a way of leaving the total or a percentage of what remains of your estate to a charity. This is by far the most effective way of giving as the value tends to adjust with inflation.
- **A Pecuniary Gift or Cash Gift:** This is a specific set amount of money, large or small, that is set aside in your will to be given to a charity. It is worth considering that the value of this type of gift can decrease as the cost of living rises over time.
- **A Specific Gift:** This is a particular asset or item that you choose to leave to a charity in your will.

Please note all Legacy Gifts are exempt from inheritance tax. Please contact a solicitor for advice about the most appropriate way to leave a gift to Welcare in your will.

Updating an existing will

If you already have a will and wish to update it to include a gift to Welcare, please speak with a solicitor who can help you complete a codicil form and store it with your will. This allows you to alter your will without having to make a new one. The codicil needs to be signed and witnessed with the same legal formalities as a will.

Thank you!

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your will to Welcare. Your generosity will help us continue supporting families through life's challenges and create brighter futures for children and parents. Together, we can make a lasting difference.

Shannon's Story

After experiencing severe domestic abuse and the trauma of a house fire that destroyed their home, belongings and beloved pets, Shannon and her three children were referred to Welcare to help them recover and rebuild a sense of safety.

Through Welcare's Domestic Abuse Recovery Toolkit, Shannon and her children received tailored support to process trauma, build confidence and strengthen family relationships. Practical help was also provided to secure grants for essential furniture, helping turn their empty flat back into a home.

Over time, Shannon reduced her alcohol use, grew in confidence and became more emotionally available to her children. Family communication improved, school attendance increased, and the children felt better able to talk about their experiences. Referrals were made for ongoing specialist support where needed.

Shannon said the most helpful part was "having someone to talk to with no blame on me" and that Welcare made "a big difference" to her family.

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strengthening families since 1894

Leaving a Legacy Gift in your will for children & families in need



A gift in your will is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support Welcare's work.

Who we are

Welcare is a charity working with **parents and children** up to the age of 13 in South London and East Surrey. Our services are driven by our Christian values, and we strive to empower families and change lives for the better, offering **practical and emotional support** to overcome challenges.

The children and families we support face difficult situations due to domestic abuse, parental conflict, mental ill health, social isolation or the challenges of loss of income and the rising cost of living.

Why leave a gift in your will?

- By leaving a gift in your will, you will help Welcare continue delivering essential family support services to those who need them most.
- A legacy gift is one of the most meaningful and lasting ways to celebrate your life and ensure that our work with children and families carries on for generations.
- Your generosity will help create a world where every child and family is respected, included, and resilient, able to overcome the challenges they face.
- Monetary gifts give our dedicated staff the flexibility to provide tailored support to individual families—helping them find hope, stability, and a brighter future.

Your legacy can change lives. Will you help us make that difference?

"Being taught parenting skills for both of us has been a blessing, and just letting our son have a voice makes him feel involved and valued as a person."

Elise, a parent we have supported

What is special about Welcare?

- **Serving families since 1894** as the family support charity for the Anglican Diocese of Southwark.
- **Led by an experienced social worker**, ensuring expert guidance and robust safeguarding for families in complex situations.
- **Holistic approach** – we support the whole family, not just individuals.
- **Strong community links** that enable collaboration with local services and access to emergency funding during times of crisis.
- **Proven interventions and group programmes** that make a long-lasting difference to parents, children, and young people.
- **Professional, confident, and creative service**, committed to empowering families and helping them thrive.

Welcare is special because we combine experience, compassion, and strong community connections to create lasting change for families.

"We love to come to Welcare, it feels like home."

Girjit, a parent we have supported

"I have learnt to speak. Before this I wasn't very good at speaking to other people, but now I feel confident."

Alfie, aged 9



Services we provide



- **Individual one-to-one family support** and co-ordination of targeted help for families needing a multi-agency response.
- **Domestic Abuse Recovery Toolkit** - a group for children and their non-abusive parent that helps them to understand, better manage, and change their experience of living with the trauma caused by domestic abuse.
- **Caring Dads** – an evidence based group programme which aims to improve the parent-child relationship between fathers and their children. It is specifically for men who have abused and neglected their children or exposed them to abuse of their mother.
- **Capability in Schools** - an early intervention group work programme delivered in schools for children with emerging social and emotional support needs.
- **Parenting groups** including Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities, and Parenting Puzzle.
- **Group Work Programmes for babies and children** and summer holiday programmes and activities from our East Surrey Centre.
- Helping families access **emergency and grant funding** to provide immediate support.