

No matter how
big or small...



...a gift in your Will
can make a HUGE difference
to our carers

Blackpool Carers Centre

Quality • Passion • Respect

Charity No. 1114558

With your help,
we can
make a better life
for carers

“Thank
you!”



Support Blackpool Carers with a gift in your Will

Blackpool Carers is an independent, local charity. We provide specialist support, respite and outings for unpaid carers from the age of 5 years, and their families.

Carers provide help and support to a family member or friend, who could not manage without their help. This could be due to age, frailty, physical or mental ill health, substance misuse or disability.

Most carers don't even see themselves as carers - sacrificing their own hopes, dreams, financial stability and futures - and often developing physical and mental health needs as a result of their caring role. There is a role they didn't ask for, or have any training to get them ready, but they're there day in, day out, keeping everything together.

In the UK:

- 1 in 8 adults are carers, 1 in 5 aged 50-64
- 1 in 5 children of secondary school age are young carers.
- 3 in 5 people will be carers at some point in their lives in the UK.
- 1 in 4 sandwich carers (caring for an older person and a child) report symptoms of mental health

What a gift in your Will can do

After remembering those closest to you and if you do decide to leave a legacy to Blackpool Carers you can be certain that your gift will make a better life for carers. Just 1% will make a huge difference.

Your gift will enable us to continue our work providing the best possible support for our carers, helping them to create friendships, strengthen their resilience and make happy memories.

Our service is often a lifeline for many carers who would otherwise feel isolated and unable to cope.

Making your Will

Your Will is one of the most important documents you will ever sign, so we highly recommend you seek professional advice from a solicitor or your bank (if they offer this service). An up-to-date Will will ensure that your wishes are carried out after you die and that your loved ones are provided for in the way you intend.

You can arrange your gifts in different ways:

- A residuary gift or share of your estate, after all other types of gifts and payments have been made. This is a good option if you want to ensure that the value of your gift is not nibbled away by inflation over time.
- A pecuniary gift - this means a specific sum of money.
- A specific gift - an item you leave, such as a property, jewellery or shares.

Some helpful wording for your gift

If leaving a gift in your Will to Blackpool Carers is something you wish to do, you may like to use the following suggested wording when making or updating your Will:

'I give to Blackpool Carers Centre Ltd, registered charity no. 1114558, (a share / the whole of my residuary estate / a sum of money / a specific item or property) for its general charitable purposes. I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officers shall be a sufficient discharge for my Executors.'

If you already have a Will, and would like to add a gift to Blackpool Carers, this can be easily done using a Codicil. A Codicil will not change the terms of your current Will but simply be used to add a new instruction.

To make major changes, it is best to draw up a new Will. Your solicitor will be able to advise you as to which is best for your circumstances.

If you or your solicitor have any further questions, please call Terry Hodkinson, Head of Business Development and Fundraising on 01253 393748 or email: terry.hodkinson@blackpoolcarers.org

How do I leave a gift to Blackpool Carers?

There are three important things you should know:

1. Include our full name and address (Blackpool Carers Centre Ltd, Beaverbrooks House, 147 Newton Drive, Blackpool FY3 8LZ) and our registered charity number (1114558). If you just write Carers Centre or Carers Charity, your gift may not reach us.
2. Tell your solicitor what type of gift you want to leave Blackpool Carers. Your solicitor will then translate your wishes into legal language. You can show your solicitor the suggested wording on page 4 of this booklet.
3. It would be a huge help to us if you could let us know about your gift. You don't need to tell us the value, but we'd just like to know so that we can thank you properly and keep you in touch with our progress. If you prefer to keep your plans private, that's absolutely fine too.

Can I change my mind?

Of course - if for any reason your circumstances change, simply contact your solicitor to help you amend your Will in any way you wish.

We're always here to listen and help

We hope you have found this booklet helpful.

We know that making or updating a Will may seem like a daunting task and we will be more than happy to help.

We can't give legal advice, but we can answer questions and provide information on anything else you might need to know about leaving a gift in your Will to Blackpool Carers or further details on any services we provide.

Please don't hesitate to contact our Head of Business Development and Fundraising, Terry Hodkinson who will be happy to help you:

Tel: 01253 393748

Email: terry.hodkinson@blackpoolcarers.org

Or you can write to:

**Terry Hodkinson
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Our promise to you

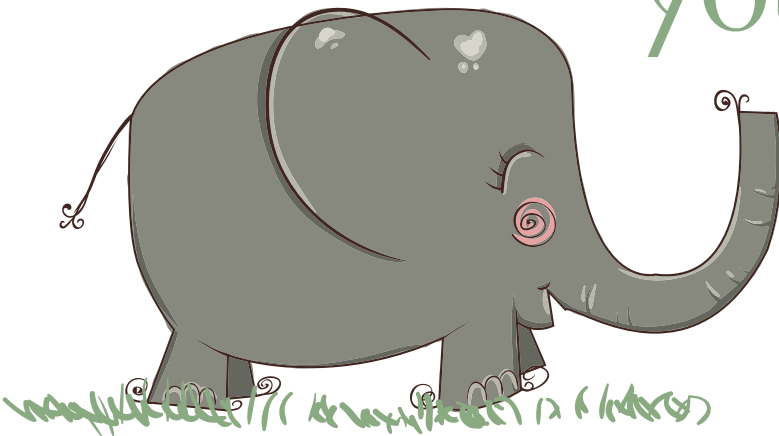
When you let us know you have put a gift in your Will to Blackpool Carers, or plan to do so, what happens next is entirely up to you.

We'd like to tell you occasionally about the exciting work at Blackpool Carers and about special events you might find interesting.

If you prefer not to have any further contact with us in relation to this gift, that is fine too. Whatever is right for you is right for us.

Anything you tell us is in strictest confidence.

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