

We strongly suggest you ask a solicitor or a member of the Institute of Professional Willwriters (IPW) to write or amend your Will. They will be able to provide the best advice on the correct wording.

Please ensure that, whatever wording is used, any legacy to us includes our full name “Gingerbread, the charity for single parent families”, and “Registered Charity Number 230750” as this will avoid any doubt about our identity. If you wish, you can also include our current address “520 Highgate Studios, 53-79 Highgate Road, London NW5 1TL”.

Residuary legacy

A residuary gift is a share, or sometimes all, of your estate. After you've given away your estate, you can leave a share of what remains, hence the term 'residuary'.

Suggested wording

1.1 I give all (or ___ share) of my estate (out of which shall be paid my funeral and testamentary expenses and my debts) [and any property over which I have power of appointment] to Gingerbread (registered charity number 230750) of 520 Highgate Studios, 53-79 Highgate Road, London NW5 1TL and I DECLARE that the receipt of the Treasurer or appropriate officer shall be a complete discharge to my trustees.

1.2 I FURTHER DECLARE THAT if before my death Gingerbread has changed its name or amalgamated with or transferred all its assets to any other body then my Trustees shall give effect to the gift as if it has been made to the body in its changed name or to the body which results from the amalgamation or to which the transfer has been made.

Pecuniary legacy

A pecuniary gift is a cash gift. This is used when you want to leave an exact amount to a charity, and you can also link the gift to inflation to prevent it losing value over time.

Suggested wording

1.1 I give to Gingerbread (registered charity number 230750) of 520 Highgate Studios, 53-79 Highgate Road, London NW5 1TL, the sum of £_____ to be applied for its general purposes, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer at Gingerbread shall be good and sufficient discharge.

1.2 (Point 1.2 is the same as above)

Specific legacy

A specific gift is when you want to leave a particular item to a charity, such as property, shares, antiques, jewellery or other items.

Suggested wording

1.1 I give to Gingerbread (registered charity number 230750) of 520 Highgate Studios, 53-79 Highgate Road, London NW5 1TL, [write here the items you want to give] to be applied for its general purposes, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer at Gingerbread shall be good and sufficient discharge.

1.2 (Point 1.2 is the same as above)