



**Inspire and enable children
to *change their world* with
a gift *in your will*.**

Why it matters – and how to make it happen

Leaving a legacy



Paper Boats

Day by day I float my paper boats one by one down the running stream.
In big black letters I write my name on them and the name of the village where
I live.

I hope that someone in some strange land will find them and know who I am.
I load my little boats with shiuli flower from our garden, and

Hope that these blooms of the dawn will be carried safely to land in the night.
I launch my paper boats and look up into the sky and see the little clouds setting
their white bulging sails.

I know not what playmate of mine in the sky sends them down the air to race
with my boats!

When night comes I bury my face in my arms and dream that my paper boats
float on and on under the midnight stars.

The fairies of sleep are sailing in them, and the lading is their baskets full of
dreams.



a poem by Rabindranath Tagore

On a journey beyond the horizon

Creating a will raises some very personal questions:

What matters most to me?

How can I leave a lasting legacy?

What does my will say about who I am?

How do I know I've made the right decisions?

And who can I trust to uphold my wishes after I'm gone?

These are all questions that you will reflect on in your own time, on your own terms, and very likely with your family and loved ones in mind. In this guide, we'll show you how leaving gifts in Wills to Paper Boat could help children at the margins now, on the journeys they take tomorrow, and carry them into a future that realises the infinite potential of every child.

Paper Boat – carrying the blooms of dawn safely to land in the night.

Why Paper Boat?

We listen to young people – inspiring and enabling them to change their world. And we listen to you.

Everything we do at Paper Boat is led first and foremost by the children. We work with local experts and grassroots community-based partners in hard-to-reach communities to inspire and enable children to change their world.

A gift in your will helps our team, our partners, and our projects to do what they do best – build safe and loving creative learning spaces in the hearts of communities, where children from the poorest and most marginalised communities can grow in confidence as they discover new dreams and learn to navigate towards a brighter future.



To see what a Gift could do in action take a look at the videos tab on the resources page [here](#).

The wind in the sails that make their journey possible.

Gifts in Wills are so important in ensuring that the charity can continue to support children from marginalised communities on the next stage of their journey - with more than 20% of the charity's work over the last 5 years having been made possible thanks to these lasting acts of kindness.



Thanks to individuals like you

Legacies have been vital during recent challenging times as the coronavirus pandemic brought unprecedented needs in the community, whilst at the same time impacting on Charity's ability to secure the necessary funds. It is thanks to legacy giving that we were able to continue to be there for children who need it most, when they need it most.

"Our heartfelt thanks go to all of you who continue to contribute to our cause. Those who remembered us with a gift in wills have left a truly vital legacy this year... [That] has given us confidence to invest in the future of Paper Boat and renewed optimism for our future."

– Trustees of Paper Boat, 2020-2021 Annual Report -

A gift with infinite potential

Leaving a legacy to Paper Boat means more than just the monetary value it is given, it tells children who have been pushed aside or told they are not of value, that people who have not even met them see their lives and futures as worth investing in. A Gift in your Will tells them that you are thinking about them, and that they matter to you.

What a Gift could fund

Josephine Rowe's Gift of £5000 provided a full year's support to a Children's Hub and directly benefitted 40 children from Tallakulam Settlement, a slum community in Madurai.

Children's Hubs are community based creative learning spaces where marginalized children engage in a variety of collaborative activities and projects to develop essential life-long learning skills such as critical thinking, complex problem solving and creativity. They are particularly important for the young people that Paper Boat works with who live their lives at the margins, all too often invisible and unheard. Our playful and inclusive learning spaces help them to harness their creativity so that are seen, heard, valued and empowered, able to contribute to their communities and change their world.



A Legacy that floats on, beyond the horizon



Meena's first time on stage at a Children's Festival uniting young people from across the hubs in Madurai

Meena lives in Ambedkar Colony in Madurai - an urban deprived area that is home to children and adults from the lowest caste.

"I was one among the many in my class before I joined CEDAR's Children's hub. I was shy and never mingled with other children easily but joining the hub was the beginning of a new journey."

Meena's journey has not always been an easy one, and tragically, during the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, she lost her father to the illness in June 2021.

Meena, was once shy to speak in public, but after two years attending a children's hub, she feels confident in her own right and ability to form and share her opinions. Meena said, *"I see things happening around me. Some children get married very early and they lose the vision for a good life... Anything I find as a matter of social concern I will learn more about that subject, and then would go public."*

At the launching of the Digital Platform in the hub (to ensure access to learning opportunities during school closures), Meena, was able to meet the Deputy Collector of Madurai who attended, and share with him her dream of becoming a civil servant and a voice for change. She told CEDAR's creative lead that, *"Had I not come to the children's hub I would not have had the opportunity to speak to such a senior civil servant in the first place. Even if by chance had I had such an opportunity to see someone like [him] Rajashekar, I would not have had the **courage** to go near him and speak. I learnt that all here."*

Meena's story is far from over, and already she exemplifies Paper Boat's values of **creativity**, **courage**, and **collaboration**, and thanks to support from individuals like you, these values can take her beyond the horizon, as she is inspired and enabled to change her world.

A small amount can go a long way

Many supporters choose to leave a share of their estate (a residuary gift) for the simple reason that it keeps pace with inflation and enables you to ensure that your family and friends are cared for.

After you have thought about those closest to you, Paper Boat will be grateful for whatever can be spared, any amount can make a difference, just as a child's 'little dream' can inspire and enable change that takes us beyond the horizon together.

One of the best things about the Paper Boat community is the diversity within it, and we know that not everyone has 'lots' to spare. As a small charity, with just two members of staff, your gift really does make a huge difference and a small amount can go a long way.



Unlike for some larger Charities, your Gift would never be seen as a 'small drop'. It can, however, create ripples of change as you invest in the lives of children and communities at the margins.

Would you consider leaving just 1% of your estate to Paper Boat?



From Beyond the Horizon

How to leave a gift in your Will:

If you wish to include Paper Boat in your Will, you will need our registered name, address and charity number:

Registered name: Paper Boat Ltd
Address: 1&3 King's Meadow, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0DP
Registered Charity number: 1006060 (United Kingdom)

If you are writing a new Will, you should find a solicitor to help you draw this up.

A valid Will must be:

- in writing
- signed by the testator (the person who has made the Will or given the legacy)
- signed by two witnesses present at the same time (the witnesses cannot be beneficiaries of the Will)
- The testator must have 'capacity', i.e: the ability to use and understand information to make a decision, and communicate any decision made.

Choosing a solicitor:

A solicitor will be able to advise you on leaving charitable gifts when making a Will. Before enlisting a solicitor, check how much they charge and, if possible, get recommendations from those around you. You may be entitled to legal aid if you are 70 or over; disabled; a parent of a disabled person and wish for that person to be provided for in the Will; or a single person that wishes to appoint a guardian in the Will. More information can be found at your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

Type of gift

Your gift can be as small or big as you like – all donations help inspire and enable children to change their world. Gifts are generally specified in the following categories:

Residuary gift: a gift of any portion of your estate that remains after payment of debts, administration expenses and distribution of any specific gifts.

Pecuniary gift: a gift of a specific amount of money you desire to donate. Such gifts can be expressed to be 'index linked' so the sum gift holds its value in line with inflation.

Specific gift: a gift of a specific item you wish to leave, e.g. jewellery, artwork or furniture.

We strongly suggest contacting a professional when drawing up or amending your Will. If, after providing for your loved ones you are able to leave a gift to Paper Boat, your solicitor may use some specific wording to ensure your wishes are carried out. The suggested wording below covers the main types of charitable gifts:

'I give to Paper Boat Ltd, 1&3 King's Meadow, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0DP, Registered Charity Number 1006060, % of my estate / the sum of £..... / specific item(s) to be used for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised Officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge for my Executors.'

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Keep in touch

If you would like to hear more about Paper Boat's ongoing work, you can sign up to receive our (relatively infrequent) e-newsletter by clicking [here](#).

If you do choose to remember us in your Will, then we'd be very grateful if you'd consider letting us know and sharing a few words about why you are leaving Paper Boat a gift in your Will. You can let us know through the short form on our supporters' page [here](#), or contact us via email, post or phone.



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- Rabindranath Tagore

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