

leave a
gift in
your will



and **be a lifeline** for
Tŷ Hafan children's hospice



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“I am very impressed with the support that Tŷ Hafan gives to disadvantaged children and their families, so I like to make twice-yearly contributions to help out. I’m in my eighties now, with no dependent relatives, so I have also included a legacy to Tŷ Hafan in my will.

Thank you, Tŷ Hafan staff, for the special and valuable work that you are doing.”

Jimmy James, Mountain Ash

Welcome from our Chief Executive, Maria

Tŷ Hafan is about care and support while creating a lifetime of memories to cherish. It's about joy, laughter and friendship. It is about ensuring that every moment of a child's precious short life can be treasured.

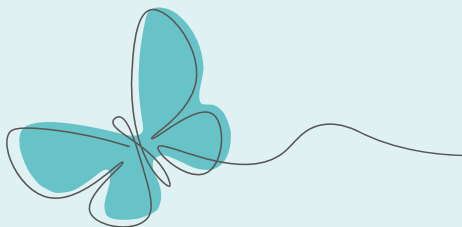
For hundreds of families across Wales, Tŷ Hafan is simply a lifeline when there is nowhere else to turn to.

The diagnosis of a life-shortening illness turns everyday life upside down, bringing about fear and anxiety, and leaving families facing a future that is so different to the one they imagined. It's at times like this that Tŷ Hafan makes a world of difference – providing care that leaves the whole family feeling more confident and better able to cope.

Every day, we are inspired by these incredible children – by their courage and by their smiles, and we shape all that we do with them in mind. Our care and support is always personal, heartfelt, and lifelong. Whether at home, or at our hospice in Sully, we feel privileged to provide specialised care and comfort to the child, while also wrapping our support around his or her siblings and their families.

As we look to the future, we know that there will be new challenges – increasingly complex conditions, with more children needing our dedicated care. By leaving a gift in your will to Tŷ Hafan you can enable us to be a lifeline for all the families who so desperately need us, for many years to come. Quite simply we cannot do what we do without you.

Thank you.
Maria Timon Samra



About Tŷ Hafan

We are the leading Welsh children's charity, providing care, comfort and support to children with life-shortening conditions and their families across Wales.

Today, **gifts left to Tŷ Hafan in people's wills fund 25% of the care that we provide**; that's a quarter of the money we need to support the families who we are privileged to work with every year. We bring laughter and light to many children, ensuring their life, though short, is as full as possible.

We provide a safe haven for their families, to help them to make precious memories to cherish, as well as cope with the day-to-day demands of caring for a child whose health is severely compromised.

Since 1999, gifts in wills have played an instrumental role in funding the development and expansion of our care programme – both at our hospice in Sully in the Vale of Glamorgan and within communities across Wales.

A gift, no matter how big or small, will have a significant impact on our care services, enabling us to be a lifeline for all those children and families in Wales who so desperately need our care and support for many years to come.





“Your generosity in leaving a gift in your will to Tŷ Hafan will help us to provide exceptional care and support to families caring for a life limited child, families living with the knowledge their child will die young. Your gift allows us to continue to be a lifeline for these families, ensuring that they always have somewhere they can turn to.”

Tracy Jones, Director of Family Wellbeing & Outreach Services

Ollie's story

Sophie and Sean were just 22 when their little son Ollie was diagnosed with the ultra-rare MOSAIC Syndrome.

"Ollie is our second child, a baby brother for Summer. He had to be resuscitated after he was born but after that he was sent to a normal ward," says Sophie. "He had a sacral dimple on the bottom of his spine and when I asked about this, one of the junior doctors said that Ollie had 'unusual features' - wide-set eyes and low set ears but the other doctors dismissed her.

All in all, it was four months between his birth and Ollie being admitted to hospital, where he fed for the first time through a nasal gastric tube. Bless him, it was the first time I'd ever seen him content after that feed. He was then admitted to hospital and they did loads of checks on him. The doctors told us that they had seen all these features, but individually, not together."

Eventually Ollie was diagnosed with MOSAIC Syndrome.

"My husband Sean and I were just 22. We were sent away with a Google printout about the condition after a 10-minute appointment. And there were no recommendations as to where to go for further support."

It wasn't until Ollie was 18 months that the family had their first experience of Tŷ Hafan.

Ollie was just 18 months old when he first stayed at Tŷ Hafan in September 2019, after he came out of hospital and has been a few times since. I had been afraid of what it was going to be like, but it was lovely, not clinical at all. Everyone's happy and running around trying to give the kids the best time.

But it's not just the respite stays. If I'm having a really a bad day, I know that someone at Tŷ Hafan will have the time to just sit and listen to me. Me and Sean don't talk about what we're going through; we just try to get on with things. So for us, Tŷ Hafan is absolutely brilliant, a total lifeline.



Ollie

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In the hydrotherapy pool

Summer has also had counselling as she was so upset when my sister passed away. It was her first experience of death. After that she was waking up in middle of night, crying, running into Ollie's room to make sure that he was still breathing. Now, thanks to the counselling she has had from Tŷ Hafan, Summer feels able to talk about what's going on more. It's Ok to cry, it's Ok to be upset. Already, Ollie has been emergency transferred to Tŷ Hafan two or three times for end-of-life care. Counselling has definitely helped her to deal with this.

If we did not have support from Tŷ Hafan, we would have no respite at all.

Tŷ Hafan has been there for us all the way. The nurses there have known Ollie all his life and they are amazing with him. The hydrotherapy pool is amazing, and so is socialising with other children and families. Through the Super Sibs group, Summer gets to speak to children in same position as her and she absolutely loves that.

One time, I was almost overwhelmed and I went to Tŷ Hafan. One of the nurses, Adrian had just finished working but it didn't matter. He just sat with me and listened. That gave me enough to get up and go on."

You can be a lifeline too for families like Ollie's by leaving a gift in your will for Tŷ Hafan.

Your gift could make all the difference

From round the clock medical care to bereavement support, your gift no matter the size will have a significant impact on our care services.

1% of a £250,000 (£2,500) estate

Could pay for 50 sessions of music therapy at Tŷ Hafan, helping children like Ollie, to have fun, relax and express themselves through music and dancing.

10% of a £250,000 (£25,000) estate

Could pay for a year of bereavement counselling for the families; grandparents, parents and siblings, at the hospice.

5% of a £250,000 (£12,500) estate

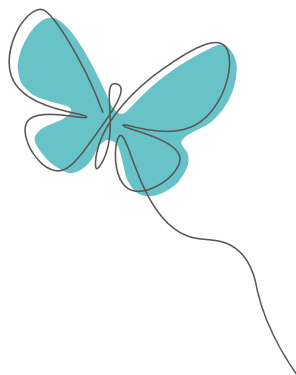
Could pay for all the medical supplies needed at the hospice for a whole year, providing vital expert medical care.

15% of a £250,000 (£37,500) estate

Could pay for a Tŷ Hafan nurse for a whole year delivering specialised paediatric palliative care, working in partnership with the child and family.

Gifts left in people's wills have allowed us to upgrade our medical equipment, renovate areas of our hospice and broaden the vital services offered to our families.

One significant gift helped create the first of its kind in Wales - our Transformers project; a service which supports children and their families during the transition into adult care services, offering crucial support and guidance.





31

the number of nurses we currently employ to provide invaluable medical care to Tŷ Hafan children



1,193

the number of children we have supported since opening

Gifts in Wills fund a quarter of our care, that's

£1.3 million

towards annual running costs

£14,247

the daily cost of running Tŷ Hafan

Why Elisabeth is leaving a gift in her will



“I have been a long standing supporter of Tŷ Hafan. I started taking part in the Crackerjackpot monthly draw not long after Tŷ Hafan opened, over 20 years ago. I feel the support and care Tŷ Hafan gives to children and their families is invaluable; what would their lives be like without Tŷ Hafan? It doesn't bear thinking about. I will always be a supporter.

Recently, I amended my Will and Tŷ Hafan was a definite choice to be included. I know donations via wills are important to charities and I am pleased to be able to feel that I can leave a legacy to Tŷ Hafan. Keep up the brilliant work!”

Elisabeth Wheeler, Cardiff.

Types of gifts that can be left in wills



After providing for those close to you, there are a variety of ways you can choose to leave a gift in a will:

A share of your estate:

This is also known as a 'residuary gift' and is a percentage of your estate.



A specific gift:

This is a named item such as a house, jewellery or stocks and shares.



A cash gift:

This is also known as a 'pecuniary gift' and is a fixed amount of money.



What is inheritance tax?

Inheritance tax is the amount of money that will need to be paid to the government from your estate if it is over a certain value. By leaving a gift in your will to charity, you may be able to reduce or eliminate your inheritance tax liability. A gift to charity is tax-free and is taken out of your estate before your tax is calculated. If you leave 10% of your net estate to charity, you can reduce your inheritance tax rate from 40% down to 36%.

If this is something you wish to consider, we recommend that you talk to a solicitor or HMRC for further advice and information.

Our free will writing offers

We have partnered with the **National Free Wills Network** to offer our supporters the opportunity to meet with a local solicitor and write a simple will (or pair of mirror wills) for free.

We have also partnered with **Farewill** – the UK's #1 online will writing service – to offer a free online or telephone will writing service to our supporters.

For more information about our free will writing offers, please **visit tyhafan.org/will-writing-offer**.

Alternatively, you can contact our Supporter Care Team at **supportercare@tyhafan.org** or call **029 2053 2255**.

There's no obligation to leave a gift for Tŷ Hafan in your will when using these services, but we hope that after providing for your loved ones you'll consider remembering **Tŷ Hafan**.

“Easy and straight forward – no problems to use.”

David Morgan, Swansea



How to write a will

Writing a will gives you the peace of mind that your loved ones will be looked after and is the only way for you to choose what happens to your estate and personal possessions once you pass away.

We recommend you use a solicitor or legal professional to write your will. Tŷ Hafan have partnered with the National Free Wills Network and Farewill to help you write your will for free (you can find out more about our free will writing offers on page 11).

Here are four simple points to help you plan for writing your will:

- **Make a list of your assets and their value.**

This is valuable information to take with you to your solicitor. Your assets can include elements such as property, savings and other key items of value.

- **Make a list of outstanding finances.**

Please consider any outstanding mortgages, loans or bills. Taking this into consideration will give you a clearer understanding on how much your estate is worth.

- **Decide a list of beneficiaries.**

Your beneficiaries could include your family and close friends, as well as any charities you would like to support. Making a list of your beneficiaries will help you decide how you would like to divide your estate between them.

- **Arrange an appointment with your solicitor.**

This could be face to face, online or over the telephone. An executor will need to be chosen to implement the terms of your will and to ensure your wishes are carried out correctly. Most people choose a solicitor or family member as their executor.

Remember to keep your will safe and up to date. Most people choose to leave their will in the care of their solicitor or legal professional, as well as keeping their own copy in a safe place known to their executor.



How to leave a gift

If you have kindly decided to leave a gift in your will to Tŷ Hafan please use the wording below. You can take these details with you to an arranged solicitor appointment to help make the process as simple as possible.

If you are leaving a residuary gift:

I leave _____ percent of the residue of my real and personal estate to Tŷ Hafan, Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5XX. Registered charity number 1047912.

If you are leaving a pecuniary gift:

I leave the sum of _____ (words) pounds

£ _____ (figures) to Tŷ Hafan, Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5XX.
Registered charity number 1047912.

Updating an existing will

If you would like to amend your will you can either revoke your current will and make a new one or you can add an amendment/s to your current will. This amendment is known as a codicil and must be written and signed in the presence of two independent witnesses. To download your Codicil Form please visit **tyhafan.org/gift-in-a-will**



Sean and Ollie in the hydrotherapy pool

FAQs

1. Do I have enough to leave a gift?

Absolutely. We appreciate all gifts, however large or small, and every pound we receive will make a difference to the lives of children with life-shortening conditions in Wales.

2. Can I write my own will?

As a will is a legal document, we highly recommend that you write or amend your will through a qualified solicitor or will writer. Find more information about our free will writing offers on page 11. This will ensure that your wishes will be carried out successfully.

3. What happens if my circumstances change?

If your circumstances change you will need to draft a new will to amend or update your current will, this is called a codicil. Your new will will supersede any previous decisions.

4. Should I let Tŷ Hafan know if I leave a gift in my will?

This choice is yours as to whether you choose to tell us. However, if you do let us know, we can take the opportunity to thank you personally and it will help us to plan for the future.

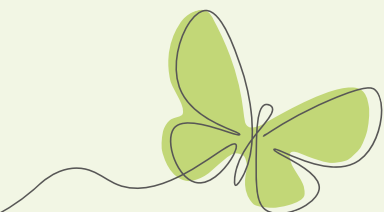
5. Why not help now rather than later?

We truly appreciate all the support that we receive. We know that there will be more families to help in the future and gifts left in people's wills will help protect the longevity of our care for many years to come.

6. Does Tŷ Hafan pay for the free will services and why?

As a charity, we carefully consider how we spend our money. We have fixed fees for the services agreed with the National Free Wills Network and Farewill which cover the cost of simple wills.

Please note, you may be liable to pay any extra costs needed for complex wills; these are to be discussed with your will writing service provider or solicitor. Tŷ Hafan pays for supporters to write or amend a simple will or pair of simple wills, as removing the need for supporters to pay for their will helps to raise vital income for the charity.



Get in touch

If you would like further information about leaving a gift in your will or our free will writing offers, please fill in the attached slip and send it back via the freepost option or contact our Supporter Care Team at **supportercare@tyhafan.org** or call **029 2053 2255**.



- ☐ I'd like to receive a list of free will-writing solicitors in my local area from the National Free Wills Network
- ☐ I'd like to visit the hospice/attend an event to learn more about the difference my gift can make
- ☐ I am considering leaving a gift in my will to Tŷ Hafan
- ☐ I have already left a gift in my will to Tŷ Hafan

(If you have already told us, you don't need to tell us again.) Thank you!

Your details:

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Yes please, I would like to be contacted by:

<input type="checkbox"/> By email	<input type="checkbox"/> By phone or SMS
Email address	Number
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