

Leave a legacy to Revitalise that lasts

Making leaving a gift in your Will that little bit easier



From our chairman

About ten years ago, I met a lovely couple from the East End of London. They were both in their 70s. She had advanced emphysema, she was in a wheelchair and had an oxygen tank. He was her carer – and he did everything for her – bathing, dressing, feeding. At home, he wouldn't let anyone else take on these tasks for the lady he called 'my princess'. And you know, every time he looked at her, you could see that is exactly what he saw – a princess. They had one week respite holiday each year. He told me it was great to have a break, knowing that someone else he trusted was there to help with the care. And for her part, she told me it was the only time since she had become ill, that she could enjoy time with this wonderful man, and him just be her husband.



Revitalise is the largest provider of respite holidays with nursing care for people with disabilities and carers. We don't receive any central government funding. We don't receive any lottery funding. And yet, 52 years since its conception, here we are, providing 5,000 breaks each year, and welcoming more than 1,600 volunteers to help us create a truly memorable, holiday experience for people who need 24 hour nursing care.

1 in 8 of us provide unpaid care for a loved one and just like these carers, Revitalise recognises that real care means being there 24/7 looking after not just physical but emotional needs. Just like these unsung heroes Revitalise really does care and recognises the hard work that giving and receiving care can be. As one carer said to me: "There is no way I can go off on holiday when I feel like I'm just warehousing my mum in a care home for the week. At Revitalise, I know not only that she'll be safe, but that she will feel like she's had a real holiday too".

To the guests that come through our doors and the carers who love them so much, Revitalise is a safe haven and a lifeline, but there are almost 550,000 more people in the UK who could benefit from the joy of a Revitalise break. We believe that each of these people needs - and deserves - a break.

Legacy gifts allow us to do just that, to give essential breaks to so many who may never have been able to. Whatever you can leave, these gifts have a direct impact on future generations. We couldn't do it without you.

Thank you for your support and generosity.



Mindy Sawhney
Chairman

Touching lives

Our experience

Revitalise touches the lives of everyone who comes into contact with us, changing the lives of people living with disability through the simple experience of happiness. Underpinning all we do is one simple, immutable belief – everybody needs a break.

On the surface, Revitalise is busy providing care, cooking great food, venturing out to trips to the theatre, going ice-skating, heading to nightclubs, even powerboating! But underneath, the real work is creating an environment where each person re-connects to their many riches, and shares those with one another.

To the guests that come through our doors Revitalise is a safe haven and a lifeline, but there are 539,000 more people in the UK who could benefit from the joy of a Revitalise break. We believe that each of these people deserves a break. Our aim is for each of these people to experience our family of guests, staff and volunteers, who help to make a Revitalise break special.

Our supporters

One third of our donated funds come from the generosity of people who hold Revitalise dear by leaving a legacy; a gift in their Will. Each of these donations makes our work possible. Whatever you can leave, these gifts have a direct impact on future generations, helping so many; we couldn't do it without you.

"My Aunt so looked forward to her holidays. She was very much a 'people person' and loved to chat and be the centre of attention, especially when telling her jokes (usually bad ones!!). Following the death of my Uncle in 2002 she spent each Christmas and New Year at Sandpipers and really enjoyed the wonderful atmosphere and care that she was given."

Tricia Davis, niece of Margaret Grocock, a former Revitalise guest and legacy donor pictured here


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WEEKS
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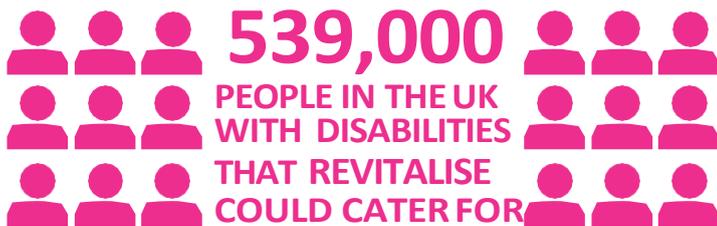
How you can help

How we use your gift

By leaving a gift to Revitalise in your Will, you can trust that your gift will be going directly to providing genuine care and companionship to our guests at our centres.

Your legacy will be used to do the following things, without which we couldn't reach out to the people who really benefit from these all important breaks:

- To fund breaks for those who may never be able to take a break
- To build new centres so that the many people who can't reach our centres are able to get to us
- To support our volunteers who give much needed conversation, friendship and time to our guests
- Employing skilled and dedicated care and nursing staff



"By the time Mum went to Revitalise I was quietly losing my mind and desperately needed a break. I was very stressed, depressed and exhausted, it had all finally become too much. I was not in a good place. I have never been so grateful for time on my own in my life. Time for just me. Peaceful time. Mum was safe and happy. She rested and recuperated, made lots of friends and was thoroughly spoiled"

Lucy Burbidge carer for her Mum Sue Whibley



Leaving a gift to Revitalise

Where to start with writing your Will

Revitalise understands that family and loved ones always come first and that looking after them is your priority. The first thing to do is decide what you wish to leave to them and then decide what you want to leave Revitalise. Then find a solicitor to make this happen; this can either be done over the phone or in person. At the end of this booklet are useful contacts to find your nearest solicitor and on the next page you can find wording that you can take to your solicitor to ensure your wishes are met.

Of course, making a Will sounds like a daunting task but with help from a solicitor it can be very straightforward. We strongly advise that you consult a solicitor or a legal professional when planning a Will to ensure that it's valid and that your wishes are carried out in full. Circumstances do change so we'd advise that you do review your Will from time to time to ensure that it's still valid.

Making any changes to your Will

You can simply add a codicil which bolts on to your current Will. Take your completed Codicil to your solicitor who will talk you through it.

We will always keep any information about you confidential but if you do wish to discuss your legacy further or let us know that you are intending to put Revitalise in your Will, please get in touch. You can do so by calling us on **0207 288 6888** or by emailing Francesca at frevell@revitalise.org.uk.



"If I won the lottery tomorrow - no matter how much - I would spend it all on breaks at Revitalise. Seriously, that's how much being here means to me. I've been to other places, but Revitalise is the only place where I get to do what I want, when I want to do it. Nobody tells me what to do."

Michael Harper, Revitalise guest

What type of gift can I leave?

The two main types of gift

There are two main types of gift that you can leave to Revitalise, each fulfills a different purpose: a pecuniary gift which is a fixed amount of money, or a residuary gift which is the residue or part of an estate.

If you have already made a Will, you can attach a Codicil (as explained on the previous page). The below is suggested wording which you can copy out with the blanks filled in and take it along to your solicitor.



A pecuniary gift (a fixed amount of money)

I give to Revitalise, registered charity in England 295072, of 212 Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London, N1 0QH, the sum of £ _____ (pounds) or such larger sum as my executors calculate to have the same value at my death as the figure specified at the date of this _____ (Will/Codicil), to be used for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.



A residuary gift (the residue or part of an estate)

I give _____ (all/fraction/% share) of the residue of my estate to Revitalise, registered charity in England 295072, of 212 Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London, N1 0QH, to be used for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.



Finding a solicitor

Find a solicitor by location

To find a local Will and probate solicitor in England and Wales, contact The Law Society on **020 7242 1222** or visit lawsociety.org.uk

In Scotland, contact the Law Society of Scotland on **0131 226 7411** or visit lawscot.org.uk

In Northern Ireland, contact The Law Society of Northern Ireland on **028 9023 1614** or visit lawson-ni.org

To find out if you qualify for legal aid to help make a Will, ask the solicitor you have chosen.

Your questions answered

If you need advice or further information please call our dedicated staff on **0207 288 6888** or contact Francesca at frevell@revitalise.org.uk

For further information about Revitalise go to Revitalise.org.uk

Our promise

We promise that the gift in your Will will go directly to helping those struggling with disability or caring by providing life changing breaks. Your generosity means everything to the individuals that come through our doors to join our family of guests, staff and volunteers who make a Revitalise break special.

Thank you!

Once again, thank you for your support, without you thousands of people may have never been able to take a life-changing break.

“We had our first of many experiences of holidays with Revitalise several years ago. I feel I had the best of both worlds – true respite from my caring role, yet still spending quality time with my beloved husband. It enhanced our relationship. We returned to being a normal married couple again.”

Beryl Bennett Carer and Revitalise guest

At Revitalise, I'm just Paul

Through all the challenges that disability can bring, Revitalise is there. For guests, being part of the Revitalise family means the freedom to just be themselves, share their story, connect with one another, and most importantly really experience a true break.

With your support we can keep giving this joy to thousands.

Thank you!



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