

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

The following information applies to UK citizens and laws. If you are not a UK citizen and wish to help Riders in this way, we suggest you consult a local legal firm for specialist advice

Why should I leave a Will?

Without a Will, your estate will be divided according to the law, which may not be in agreement with your wishes. It's essential therefore that you make plans for the money you leave when you die, however large or small the amount may be.

How much does making a Will cost?

Making a Will is quite straightforward but we do suggest consulting a solicitor. They will ensure your will is watertight and free from legal snags. You will find several solicitors listed in your local Yellow Pages. The fee should be quite small – but you can ask how much it will be before deciding which solicitor to use.

How can I reduce inheritance tax?

Any money you leave to your spouse or to charity is not subject to inheritance tax. So by leaving a gift to Riders, not only will you be helping to save the lives of others, you could also reduce the amount of inheritance tax payable on your estate. Your solicitor will be able to advise you on this.

Can I change my Will?

If you already have a Will in place, it's easy to amend by asking your solicitor to help you draw up a document called a codicil. This is a document on which changes or additions are made to an existing Will and must be read in conjunction with it.

What kind of gift can I leave to Riders for Health?

A share of your estate: you can leave a percentage of what remains of your estate after all other legacies and expenses have been paid. This is known as a residuary bequest.

A sum of money: is a gift in your Will of a set amount, known as a pecuniary legacy.

A specific item: such as an item of value or significance.

For a pecuniary legacy, an example of the form of words is; "I give [sum of money] to Riders for Health (registered charity number 1054565) for the general purpose of Riders for Health and I declare that the receipt of their finance manager or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy".

Your solicitor will advise you on the best way for you to leave money to Riders.

Whatever your decision, thank you for thinking of the men, women and children in rural communities of Africa and helping us make a lasting, sustainable difference to Africa's future.

Need to know more?

For more information about our work, or to discuss leaving a legacy, please contact Rachel Harrington or Jennie Goodman on 01327 300047