

A young woman with long, straight brown hair is smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a black t-shirt with a subtle floral pattern. The background is a bright, modern interior space with white walls, a large window with blinds, and some shelves with decorative items.

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# **Leave the gift of a life changed forever**

**How you can be the  
turning point for young  
lives in the future with  
a gift in your Will**

## In the years to come, your legacy could be the start of a new life for a homeless young person.

Dear Friend,

I'm so grateful you are considering supporting Centrepont with a gift in your Will. It's a wonderful way to ensure the values we live by continue to make a difference to young people's lives long into the future.

Just over 50 years ago, our founders set up Centrepont because they were determined that no homeless young person should be left to struggle on the streets alone. Today, supporters like you still help vulnerable young people to leave homelessness behind. You help provide them with a safe, warm room and a key worker so they can start to turn their lives around.

With a gift in your Will, you can make sure the care and support Centrepont offers will always be there for homeless young people – today, tomorrow, and for the next 50 years.

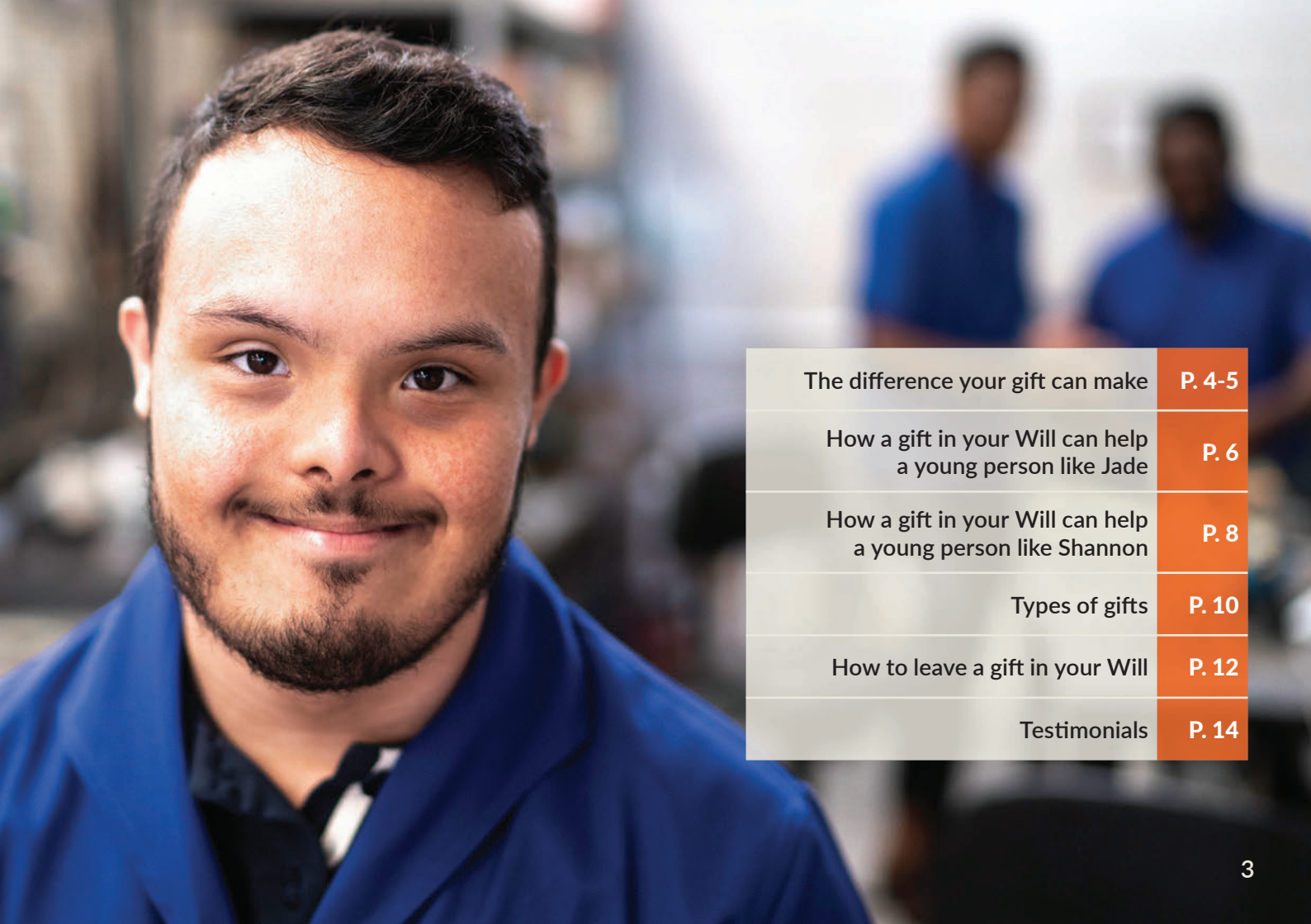
Including Centrepont in your Will is a very personal decision and I hope you find this guide useful in answering any questions you may have. You can also talk to the Gifts in Wills team on 020 7423 6290.

Thank you. This very special gift can mean a life changed forever for a homeless young person.




Seyi Obakin OBE  
Chief Exective, Centrepont





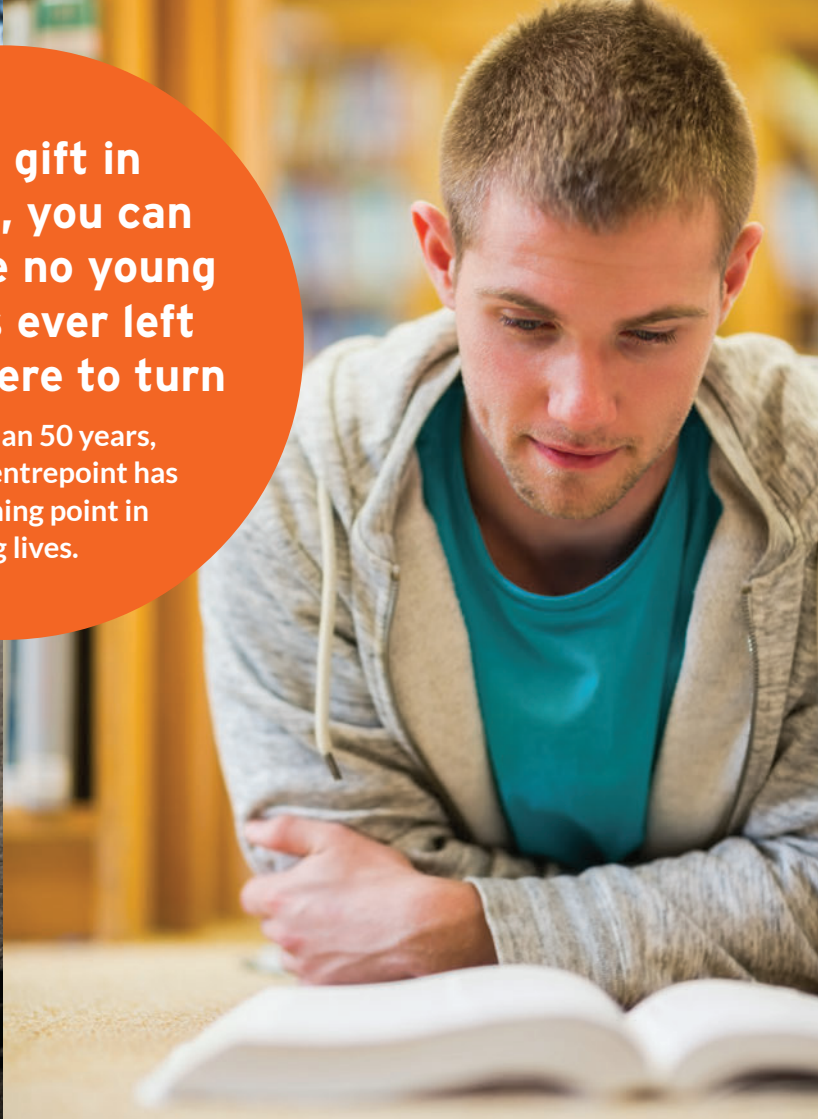
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**With a gift in  
your Will, you can  
make sure no young  
person is ever left  
with nowhere to turn**

For more than 50 years,  
arriving at Centrepont has  
been a turning point in  
young lives.



## A better life begins with a gift in your Will

None of us can know what the future holds. But with youth homelessness increasing, one thing is certain. A gift in your Will can mean we are always here to provide the support a young person needs to turn their life around.

Your gift means we can always be here to provide:

### Safety:

we currently have 1,197 supported housing bed spaces and 196 move-on units. As youth homelessness continues to rise, your gift will mean we can continue to ensure there are always enough beds to keep young people safe.

### Recovery:

80% of young people receiving support from our Mental Health team have seen the severity of their symptoms reduce. Your gift will help us continue to

adapt to future challenges so every young person gets the tailored care and support they need.

### Education:

more and more young people becoming homeless means a rise in demand for our bursaries and courses. Your gift will help us always be there to support young people to achieve their ambitions and dreams.

### Living independently:

88% of young people supported by Centrepont go on to get a job, stay in education, and find a home of their own. Your gift will mean we can always respond to threats to young people's well-being and provide a safety net in a changing world.



## Leave the gift of safety and warmth

Jade went from sleeping rough, to earning a first class degree

When Jade was just 17, her mum was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Jade was distraught – she was already struggling with her mental health and substance abuse issues. When her mum died, Jade's life spiraled out of control.

Jade's grief for her mum was overwhelming. She had nowhere to go and no one to turn to. While her younger siblings went to live with an aunt, she couldn't provide a home for Jade too. She felt like she had no one in the world – that no one wanted to look after her. She ended up sofa surfing and spending nights sleeping rough. Eventually she was offered a place in a hostel and, from there, her own flat with Centrepoint's partner Stepping Stones. That's where she met her key worker Ellie.

*'Ellie encouraged me to continue going to college. She also helped with my application for uni and drove me to look round one of the campuses. Without her support, I don't think I'd have lasted.'*

With Ellie's help, Jade turned her life around – getting a place at university and giving birth to a son. Today she is writing a book and working to improve support for young people who are homeless.

**A gift in your Will can help provide the turning point for another young person like Jade.**







**121,000** young people in the UK asked for help from their local council in 2019/20 because they were homeless or at risk of homelessness.



**31%** of young people we work with have slept rough.



**88%** of young people  
move on from Centrepont  
into education, a job or  
a home of their own.



## Leave the gift of hope

Your gift could help someone like Shannon leave homelessness behind and achieve her dreams.

When Shannon first came to Centrepoint she was, in her own words, 'all over the place'. She had been in and out of foster care before being referred to us. Struggling with anxiety and her mental health, Shannon was finding it difficult to engage with college. And although she had no safe home to go to, she was nervous about living on her own.

*'I was quite scared when I first came to Centrepoint. I had no prospects and I was suffering from anxiety. I was beginning to disengage from college. The staff's patience and time that they took out of their day to just sit with me and go through my work. It really helped me get back on track.'*

The team at Centrepoint helped Shannon feel more confident about her studies. She's now studying fashion at university and has recently moved into her own flat.

**With a gift in your Will, you can help future young people like Shannon leave homelessness behind, get an education and live independently.**



## Leave the gift that's right for you

Any gift you decide to leave, large or small, could only make a life-changing difference to a homeless young person.

### There are three types of gift you can leave:

#### Residuary gift:

This is a percentage of whatever is left in your estate once all other gifts and any debts have been settled. Many of our supporters choose to leave this type of gift as it allows them to ensure their family and loved ones are looked after first and foremost. It also keeps pace with inflation.

#### Pecuniary gift:

This is a fixed sum of money. Unlike a residuary gift, pecuniary gifts don't keep pace with inflation meaning their value can change.

#### Specific gift:

This can be anything from a property, shares, a piece of furniture, jewellery, or a piece of art.

*"Centrepoint gave me the support and confidence I needed to get my life on track. Just knowing someone believed in me helped me to believe in myself."*

Laura, former Centrepoint resident,  
current university student living  
independently

## What is an executor?

An executor is someone who is appointed to administer your estate and ensure it is distributed in accordance with your Will. You can appoint up to four executors. Your executor can be your solicitor or a trusted friend.

Read more in your Jargon Busting leaflet enclosed.














Did you know? In 2019/20, Centrepont supported more 14,000 homeless young people - thanks in part to gifts left in Wills.

## Leave the gift of a young life changed forever in seven simple steps

We all need a Will and making one is easier than many people realise. All you have to do is follow these seven steps:

-  **1.** Make a list of your assets – including your home, car, any shares, your belongings such as jewellery or artworks
-  **2.** Make a list of who you want to remember in your Will – family members, loved ones and a charity like Centrepont
-  **3.** Appoint your executors – they can be a trusted friend or a solicitor
-  **4.** Talk to a solicitor for the peace of mind a professionally written Will can bring and ask about inheritance tax if necessary
-  **5.** You can update your Will using a 'codicil' when your life or decisions change
-  **6.** Keep your Will in a safe place and make sure you tell your executors where it is
-  **7.** Tell your loved ones you have included a gift to Centrepont in your Will

*"I'm remembering Centrepoint in my Will because I can't bear to think of any young person being homeless with no one they can turn to for help."*

Sally  
Legacy Pledger



*"We'd supported Centrepoint for a while. So when I inherited some money, we decided to include a gift in our Wills that would continue our support into the future. We were inspired by the impact our donations had on young people's lives."*

Megan and John  
Legacy Pledgers





## **Letting us know your future intentions can help us plan for the future**

If you intend to or have already included Centrepont in your Will, please let our team know.

You can call **020 7423 6290** or email **[legacies@centrepont.org](mailto:legacies@centrepont.org)**. We can also answer any questions you may still have.





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# Make a Will with online Will-writers, Bequeathed

Bequeathed's free Will-writing service is a simple way for you to protect your loved ones, have peace of mind, and leave a gift of a life changed forever to homeless young person.

They work with hundreds of charities to help people make a Will for themselves. You answer some questions online and their system will draft your Will for you. You can also have a free 30-minute legal consultation with their partner solicitors, Simpson Millar.

Bequeathed will help you look after your family and loved ones, as well as invite you to remember a charity like Centrepont in your Will.

To find out more, visit [bequeathed.org/centrepont](https://bequeathed.org/centrepont)

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free wills, valuable advice





# Legal jargon buster

Many people are put off making or updating their Will because they think it is complicated. This isn't helped by all the legal jargon. That's why we've put together this handy guide to the most commonly used terms.

## Assets:

The money and property you own

## Beneficiary:

A person or organisation like Centrepont that will receive a gift in your Will

## Bequest or legacy:

A gift to a person or organisation in your Will

## Codicil:

A legal form that will update or change your Will – it must be signed and witnessed

## Estate:

Your assets minus your liabilities represents the value of your estate

## Executor:

You can appoint up to four executors who have the authority and responsibility to administer your estate and ensure your wishes are carried out

## Inheritance tax:

The tax you pay the government on the value of your estate, if your estate is worth more than £325,000 – including a charity like Centrepont in your Will can reduce your inheritance tax burden

## Pecuniary gift:

A specific sum of money

## Probate:

A legal document that gives you the right to sort out the affairs of someone who has died and left a Will

## Residuary gift:

A percentage of your estate – usually a gift of whatever is left over from your estate after all other bequests and costs

## Reversionary gift:

A gift of property or possessions left to someone for the rest of their life before being passed on to another beneficiary – the person who receives a Reversionary gift is known as a Reversionary beneficiary

## Specific gift:

An item or property

## Trusts:

A Trust is where one or more people hold money or property on behalf of someone else

## Will:

A legal document stating how you wish your estate to be distributed after your death

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us:



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