Leave a legacy, inspire a lifetime

A guide to leaving a gift in your Will

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Herts Young Homeless

The future you could help build

When planning your Will, it's only natural to put your family and loved ones first.

Once you've taken care of those closest to you, you may wish to consider leaving a gift to **Herts Young Homeless**. Every year, young people in our community face homelessness. With the right support, their futures can be transformed.

A gift in your Will could help a young person find safety, rebuild their confidence, and move towards a more secure and hopeful future.

By remembering Herts Young Homeless, you can help change the course of a young person's life for years to come.

> **"hyh didn't give up on me, even when things got difficult. They helped me find a place of my own and gave me the support I needed to start getting my life back on track."**
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> **Young person supported by hyh**

Youth homelessness is not inevitable. In Hertfordshire, it can be prevented.

Our mission is to prevent youth homelessness in Hertfordshire through education, advice and support for young people and their families. With the right help from our frontline services, young people can build stronger relationships, grow in confidence, and look ahead to brighter, more secure futures.

By choosing to support our work, you can help make those futures possible for generations to come.

No young person should face homelessness alone. Every day, we see the difference early support can make - restoring hope, rebuilding relationships, and creating brighter futures. By choosing to leave a gift in your Will, you can help ensure that this support is here for every young person who needs it, now and in the years to come.

Jonny Whitehead, Chief Executive

Your kindness, their future

A gift in your Will could help young people feel safe, supported and hopeful for years to come.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you can help ensure young people across Hertfordshire always have someone to turn to during life's most difficult moments. Your kindness could help provide safety, guidance and support when it is needed most - creating brighter futures for generations to come.

A safe place to turn
For a young person facing homelessness, your gift could provide stability, practical support and someone who truly cares - helping them move towards a safer, more independent future.

Someone who listens
When relationships reach breaking point, your support could help families access counselling and mediation that rebuilds trust, strengthens connections and helps people find a way forward together.

Confidence for the future
Your legacy could help young people develop the confidence and resilience to navigage relationships, emotional wellbeing and life's challenges - so they feel supported, understood and less alone.

A gift that lives on
Every gift, no matter the size, helps ensure future generations in Hertfordshire have acccess to the support and opportunities they deserve.

How to leave a gift to hyh

When you feel ready to write or update your Will, we recommend seeking professional legal advice so your wishes can be carried out exactly as you intend.

By choosing to leave a gift to hyh, you are helping to create lasting change for young people who need it most. While we are unable to offer legal advice directly, we can support you by suggesting trusted Will-writing options.

We're proud to work alongside some fantastic local firms who understand the importance of our work. If you would like help finding a solicitor, please contact us at **marketing@hyh.org.uk** - we would be honoured to support you.

Things to think about

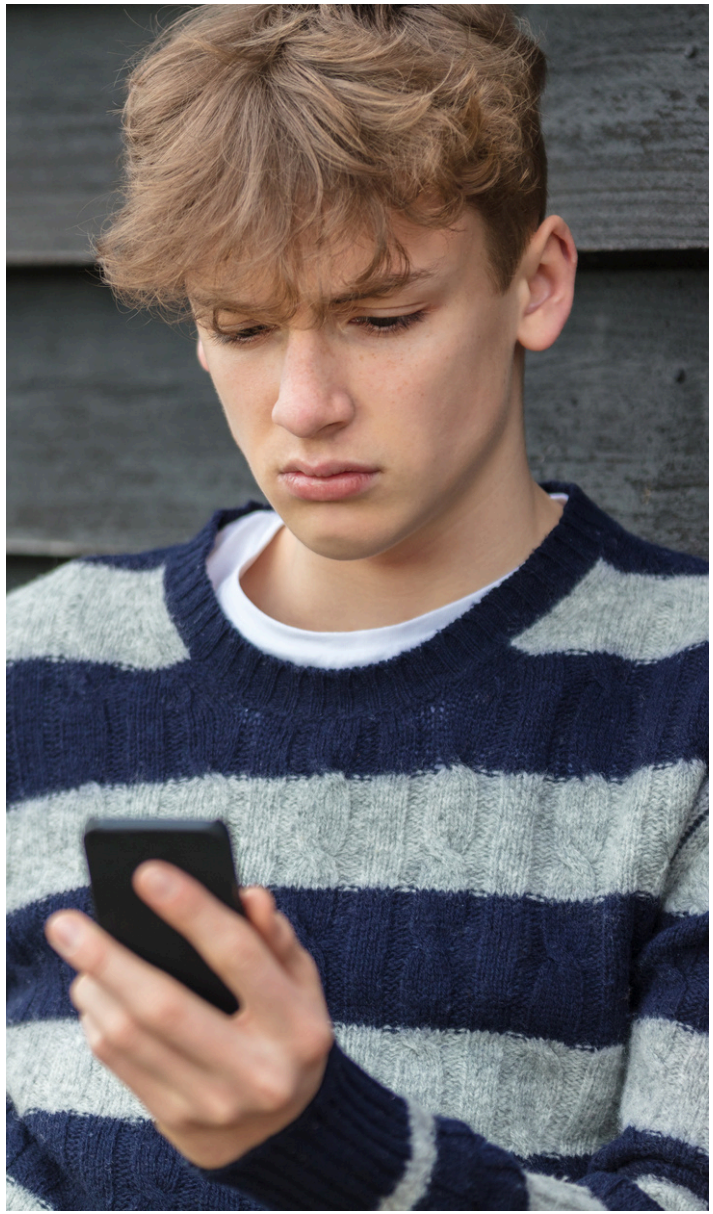
There are several ways you can choose to leave a gift to hyh in your Will, including specifying a fixed sum of money or a percentage share of your estate, leaving the residue of your estate after your beneficiaries have been provided for, or gifting a specific non-cash item of value. If you have already made a will, you can add a gift for hyh by amending your existing will using a codicil. Your solicitor can help you with which option best reflects your wishes and the legacy you would like to create.

Please share our details with your solicitor:
Registered Charity Name: Herts Young Homeless Group
Address: Gracemead House, 1st Floor, Woods Avenue, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 8HX
Registered Charity Number: 01069498
Registered Company Number: 3525558

If you have already included a gift to hyh in your will, or are thinking about doing so, we would be delighted to hear from you. This gives us the opportunity to thank you and, if you wish, share more about the lasting impact your generosity will have. Every gift is truly valued. We promise to use your support thoughtfully and effectively, ensuring your legacy lives on through the lives you help to change.

Dez's Story

"I want other young people to know they're not alone and that things can get better."



Future Roots is hyh's supported accommodation for young people facing homelessness, providing a safe place to stay alongside practical and emotional support to help them build independent futures.

When Dez arrived at Future Roots at 18, he was facing homelessness after a relationship breakdown at home. Everything felt uncertain.

He was working as a lifeguard at the time, but soon lost his job. Despite the setback, Dez stayed determined - quickly finding part-time work and began to rebuild his confidence. With support from our hyh frontline worker, Dez developed the skills he needed to start living independently. From learning how to budget and cook affordable meals, to taking pride in caring for his own space, he began to feel more in control of his future.

Dez also discovered a passion for using his voice. In November 2024, he stood on stage at a hyh corporate supporters conference and shared his story of transformation. His words moved people, opening doors to new opportunities and helping others understand the importance of support for young people facing homelessness.

As his time at Future Roots came to an end, Dez successfully secured full-time work as a technician and found a place to live, approaching both with confidence and independence.

Dez's journey is a powerful reminder that with the right support, young people can overcome adversity, build resilience, and create lasting change in their lives. Your support could ensure that help is there for the next young person who has nowhere to turn - giving them the chance to rebuild their life, just like Dez.

How to contact hyh

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to support our work in the future.

To find out more about hyh or how you can support our work, please visit **www.hyh.org.uk** or get in touch with the Fundraising team at hyh.

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