Support people with immunodeficiency - today, tomorrow and always

# Leave a gift in your will



## Your legacy will bring strength to others

Immunodeficiency can be invisible, misunderstood and isolating. By leaving a gift to Immunodeficiency UK in your will, you're helping to ensure that no one facing primary or secondary immunodeficiency does so alone. Your legacy can provide patients and families with trusted information, emotional support and a powerful voice in policy and research, now and for years to come.

## Real stories. Real impact.

## Hamish's journey

Hamish was a competitive cyclist, but he was battling constant infections and fatigue. For years he pushed through, unaware that he was living with a serious immune condition. He was eventually diagnosed with common variable immunodeficiency (CVID).

Immunodeficiency UK helped him to understand his condition, find treatment and information, and feel less alone.

"Immunodeficiency UK's resources helped me understand what tests to ask for and what treatment options were available. Their guidance gave me hope that I could finally begin to manage my condition effectively."

## Brooklyn's experience

Brooklyn was diagnosed with the rare primary immunodeficiency CD40 ligand deficiency (X-linked hyper IgM syndrome) at just a few months old. At 15 months, he received a stem cell transplant at

the Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle. His family are thankful for Immunodeficiency UK's knowledge

and assistance.

"We found great support and information through Immunodeficiency UK. They gave us a wealth of information and even helped when it came to explaining to family what it all meant."

#### Jess's relief

After receiving Rituximab to treat GPA vasculitis (granulomatosis with polyangiitis), Jess developed secondary immunodeficiency, a condition that took months to diagnose.

Managing her immunodeficiency required lifestyle adjustments, strict hygiene routines and supportive workplace changes.

"Immunodeficiency UK has been an invaluable resource. Their case studies gave me hope and practical advice during the early stages of diagnosis."

Understanding her condition helped Jess regain control and live well with secondary immunodeficiency.

## How your gift will help

Include Immunodeficiency UK in your will and your gift will support:

- Helpline services that provide guidance, reassurance and signposting
- **Downloadable resources** that explain the diagnosis, treatment and management of immunodeficiency conditions
- Mental health and wellbeing webinars to help people with the emotional challenges of being diagnosed with a life-long condition
- Hardship grants for those struggling with the financial burden of attending hospital appointments
- Advocacy work that campaigns for better services, treatments and diagnosis across the UK.

Your legacy can help to make sure we will always be here for every person living with primary or secondary immunodeficiency.

# Leaving a gift is simple

#### How much does it cost to write a will?

Immunodeficiency UK has partnered with Free Wills to offer our supporters the opportunity to write a will for free. You can find full details at **freewills.co.uk/charity/immunodeficiencyuk** and there's no obligation to leave us a gift.

#### What types of gifts can I leave?

- Residuary gift a percentage of what remains of your estate after all other beneficiaries have been paid
- Pecuniary gift a specific sum of money
- Specific gift an item, such as shares or personal possessions

Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to a future where no one is left unsupported.

#### Do I need a new will to include you?

Not necessarily. You can add a simple codicil (an amendment) with the help of a solicitor.

#### Can I still provide for my family?

Absolutely. Most people choose to support loved ones first, then leave a percentage of what remains to charity.

# We're here to help

Thinking about legacy gifts can be a big step. If you'd like to speak to someone in confidence, we're here for you.

Call us: 0800 987 8986

**Email:** legacy@immunodeficiencyuk.org **Visit:** www.immunodeficiencyuk.org/legacy

## Your legacy. Their lifeline.

By leaving a gift to Immunodeficiency UK in your will, you're giving future generations access to the support, community and trusted guidance they deserve.

Because no one should face immunodeficiency alone.

