How to add a gift to your Will

Thank you for considering a gift in your Will to the Macular Society. You can use the Codicil Form at the end of this document to add a simple cash gift to the Macular Society to your existing Will.

Can we help you?

We're here to help, so if you have any questions please contact:
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We can also provide this information in a large print booklet and audio CD. www.macularsociety.org/legacy

Thank you so much for thinking of including a gift to the Macular Society in your Will.

Your gift will help increase our investment in ground-breaking research into macular disease and ensure no one has to face this devastating condition alone.

We’d be privileged to hear more about why you have chosen to remember us. We can keep you informed about aspects of our work that particularly interest you.

But if you’d rather not tell us, that’s fine. We know it’s a very personal decision, so we’ll just say a very big thank you, once again, for thinking of us.
Using a codicil to add a gift to your Will

A codicil is a supplement to a Will which makes an alteration but leaves the rest of the Will intact. This can be useful, for example, to add a new cash gift or donate a specific item to someone.

There is no limit on the number of codicils that can be added to a Will, but they are only suitable for simple changes. If you have several changes to make, or wish to change the residuary gifts in your Will, we recommend you consult a solicitor for advice on making a new one.

It’s worth discussing your intentions with close family if you can, so that they understand and respect your wishes. It’s also useful to tell your solicitor why you wish to support your chosen charities.

Our details
We changed our trading name to Macular Society in January 2013. If your Will already contains a bequest to the Macular Disease Society, you don’t need to change it. Our registered charity numbers and objectives remain the same. Macular Society is the trading name of The Macular Disease Society.

Our registered address and charity numbers are as follows:

  Macular Society
  Crown Chambers
  South Street
  Andover
  Hampshire SP10 2BN

Registered charity numbers: 1001198 in England and Wales, SC042015 in Scotland and 1123 in the Isle of Man.
Codicil

I
[full name]

Of

[address]

DECLARE this to be the [first/second/third etc] codicil made by me as an addition to my Will dated

[date of Will].

THE WILL shall be construed, and take effect, as if it contained the following clause:

‘I give to the Macular Society, Registered Charity Number 1001198 and (SC042015 in Scotland, 1123 Isle of Man), Crown Chambers, South Street, Andover, Hampshire SP10 2BN, the sum of £ [amount in figures and words]

and I express the wish (but without imposing any binding obligation) that the money be used for the general purposes of the Macular Society. The receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of the Macular Society shall be a good discharge to my trustees for the gift.’

IN ALL other respects I confirm the Will.

Please continue overleaf
Codicil

AS WITNESS to my hand

this [day] [month] [year]

SIGNED BY TESTATOR

Signed by the testator in our joint presence and then by us together in his/her presence.

FIRST WITNESS:
Signature
Name
Address
Date

SECOND WITNESS:
Signature
Name
Address
Date

After being witnessed by two people (one only if you are in Scotland), who see you sign and then sign themselves, this Codicil must be kept with your original will. Please do not send it to the Macular Society.
The information contained on our website relating to Wills, estate planning, inheritance tax and similar matters is outline information of a general nature only. The Macular Society cannot and does not provide financial or legal advice as such, for which you should consult a solicitor or accountant before making a Will or planning your financial affairs.

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