



Leaving A Legacy

A simple and comprehensive
guide to Legacies and Wills



Lisa's Story

After Lexie's first Audiology appointment, we were taken aback by her diagnoses; deafness doesn't run in our family.

We came out of the building and saw the sign for Chime and we just walked in. The minute we walked in, we met Teresa; it was so nice to have someone to speak to, just to have someone to ask. It can be overwhelming at times; it can break your heart.

What we needed was information, to see how everything worked and to learn what is possible. Thankfully we had Teresa, she helped us do everything from that moment on.

Until you find a group like Chime you can feel lost. Our family are amazing, but none of us had been through this process before.

Our first step was going to Chime's Newly Diagnosed Weekend, it was incredible. We made friends for life, friends who understand what we are going through on a daily basis and it gives Lexie the opportunity to meet other kids with deafness which is so important. The older she gets, the more questions she will have.

After that weekend, we felt confident that we could help Lexie's development at every stage. We also felt like we had a great peer support network.

The next step was to help our parents, Lexie's grandparents, to understand her deafness. They went to Chime's Grandparents Group and this was a game changer. It's just easier when everyone understands the issue.

It's a tough journey – but you'll get there.

You need to take each day as it comes and anything is possible.



Lisa Noone, Mum to Lexie



Full of Potential

Chime is the National Charity for Deafness and Hearing Loss. For over fifty years, we've championed for equal rights, greater accessibility and opportunities for individuals.

Our Social Workers, Communication Resource Officers and Audiologists, working from our regional centres, bring professional support, comfort and quality of life to thousands of people living with deafness and hearing loss each year.

With over 300,000 people in Ireland affected by deafness and hearing loss, Chime is committed to helping children, teens, vulnerable Deaf adults, people with acquired hearing loss and their families, to reach their full potential.

- > Develop a Centre of Excellence for Deaf Children and families where we can deliver 800 hours of Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy and Psychological support annually
- > Deliver strategies for success to Deaf and Hard of Hearing students transitioning to further education, training and or employment
- > Support 165 vulnerable Deaf adults into a home of choice
- > Double the number of people with acquired hearing loss accessing treatment



Your Support

These developments will hugely improve the quality of life for this generation and the next.

Over 300,000 people in Ireland are affected by deafness and hearing loss. This can impact severely on a person's ability to participate meaningfully in society, to have relationships, mix socially, work, or complete simple everyday tasks.

Over time this isolation can erode confidence, self-worth, and identity and affect mental health, leading to vulnerability and loss of independence.

"As a parent, you can expect the most and best for your child - you want to hear she's going to be the best child she can be and we are going to help you do that. That's what you need from any support system, and that is what the Chime team do"



How to make a Will

Making a Will with the assistance of a solicitor gives you peace of mind and ensures that your wishes are carried out as you choose.

If you already have a Will, it is easy to amend it to include a gift to Chime. Minor changes do not require a new Will.

Your solicitor will guide you through the process.

Three simple gifts you can leave in your Will

Some of the most common ways to leave a gift to Chime The National Charity for Deafness and Hearing Loss are:

1. A fixed sum of money
2. A specific item of value such as a piece of jewellery, shares or property
3. A percentage of the residue of your estate. After providing for loved ones and covering administrative expenses

Remember, legacies to charities are tax-free so leaving a gift to your charity of choice can help reduce tax payable on your estate.



Visit us in Chime

On behalf of our Board, staff and clients, we are most grateful to you if you have, or are planning to leave a bequest to Chime – The National Charity for Deafness and Hearing Loss.

It would be helpful to know if you have done so, in order that we might thank you personally.

Many people never get to see the impact their legacy makes for our patients and family members and we would welcome showing you in person how important your gift is and how it might be suitably recognised.

Of course, we understand that you may want to keep your legacy confidential, but please be assured that all enquiries and bequests are treated in the strictest confidence.



Contact Us

To discuss the simple steps involved in leaving a Will or to talk to someone about our work in more detail, please contact me at any time in complete confidence and with absolutely no obligation.

A gift no matter large or small will live on in your honour, or that of a loved one, through the vital work of Chime - The National Charity for Deafness and Hearing Loss.

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