



Give a Lasting Gift of Independence to a Child

By leaving a gift in your will, you can leave a different future to a child with disabilities or Developmental Delay.



www.brainwave.org.uk

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See what we do at: www.youtube.com/BrainwaveCentre

Many families come to us when they have tried everything else. They are looking for hope. Hope that one day their child can be a little more independent.

80% of families on the Brainwave Programme say we have given them hope for the future.

Since 1982, Brainwave has worked with families to deliver individual home based therapies and exercises to help children with a range of conditions reach their full potential. The potential could be anything from learning to feed themselves or walking to recognising colours or counting. Our attitude is **'let's see'**.

And there is no such thing as a typical child. The children who come to Brainwave can have anything from a brain injury such as Cerebral Palsy, a genetic condition eg Down's Syndrome, General Developmental Delay or Autism.

We are an independent charity, receiving no government funding, relying on donations to deliver our work.

Where we work

Brainwave has three permanent Centres: Bridgwater, Somerset; Warrington, Cheshire and Witham, Essex plus we run satellite clinics in Scotland and Ireland. Children come to us from all over the UK and we have a family on Programme in most counties so your gift can help someone in your region.



How we work

The first stage is a two day visit to one of our Centres where the family is assessed and a Programme devised uniquely tailored to that child. We employ a range of therapists including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, educationalists and developmentalists, which enables us to take a holistic approach. We then show the parents/carers how to undertake the Programme, involving siblings where we can. We provide the family with a DVD as a reminder of the exercises as well as any equipment they need to carry out the Programme eg physio balls.



Once home, our therapists are available for the family to talk to as well as a Coordinator to offer assistance. We then ask the families to return every 4-6 months for a Reassessment and the Programme is adjusted as necessary so that the child can continue to move towards their goals.

Each time a goal is reached the child receives a Certificate of Achievement. This motivates the whole family and they are often proudly displayed in the home as recognition of how far the child has developed.

*The results can be amazing.
85% of families who come on our
Programme say we make a significant
difference to their child.*

Questions Answered

Why leave a gift in your will to Brainwave?

Brainwave delivers significant tangible results; 85% of children leave the Programme more independent and facing a brighter future. Your gift will help Brainwave help these citizens of tomorrow play a bigger role in society. We value any size of gift, no matter how big or small.

Leaving a gift in a will is a painless way of donating and Brainwave is grateful for any gift that you can give to help us deliver our Programmes but we believe that, when thinking about your will, you should consider family and friends first.

How do I leave a gift?

There are a number of options when it comes to leaving a gift but we recommend that you consult a professional if at all possible.

The first option is to write the gift into a new will.



You might consider:

- Leaving to Brainwave what remains (or a share of what remains) of your money and assets after all bills and gifts to family and friends have been settled. This is known as a residuary legacy.
- Leaving a fixed sum of money or an asset to Brainwave.

I have a will and do not wish to rewrite it. Can I still leave a gift?

You can leave a gift using a 'Codicil'. This is a legal document adding to, or changing, an existing will. It needs to be signed and witnessed like your current will. It should be kept with the will but not attached to it.

Can I give to a specific Centre, country or region?

Yes, just state clearly where you would like your gift spent and Brainwave will honour your request.



Wording in your will

If you are kind enough to help us by leaving a gift, please use the following words:

I give to the Brainwave Centre [registered Charity 1073238 (England & Wales) & SCO39137 (Scotland) of Marsh Lane, Huntworth Gate, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 6LQ].

And then either A or B:

A _____ % of estate, after payment of my debts, pecuniary legacies, funeral and administrative expenses and any taxes, to be used by Brainwave at their discretion and I direct that the Chief Executive shall be a good discharge for my executors.

B the sum of £ _____ free of all inheritance tax to be used by Brainwave at their discretion and I direct that the Chief Executive shall be a good discharge for my executors.

Can I arrange donations in memory of someone?

Brainwave values 'In Memoriam' donations. It is a positive way of remembering a close friend or loved one. You can make such arrangements through a funeral director or, alternatively, you can set up a page through Brainwave's page on JustGiving.



For more details on leaving a gift in your will, 'In Memoriam' donations and tributes, visit our website: www.brainwave.org.uk or phone: 01278 429089 for help.

Kaylan

by Kaylan's Mum, Rosemary

Kaylan (*pictured overleaf*) was born 20 April 2006; he appeared to be a gorgeous "normal" baby. Kaylan had reached all his milestones; he was standing at four months and walking at eight. By 12 months Kaylan had many words, his first was "fish" and then followed mum, dad, bubbles, Thomas, dog, Sophie, two and a few more. It warmed my heart when Kaylan waved goodbye, clapped his hands when I said 'well done'.

At 13 months Kaylan lost his speech, eye contact and became unresponsive. His mobility started to suffer and he could only manage half walking, half crawling style of movement taking only a couple of steps. Kaylan began to become fixated on certain activities such as lining up bricks. He would turn in circles for what seemed like hours and was constantly flapping his hands. I could no longer play with Kaylan and interact. He also started to have behavioural issues towards his sister. Kaylan was diagnosed with Autism in July 2008.

We had our first visit to Brainwave in February 2010. Within two weeks of implementing our therapy Programme, Kaylan began to change. We could do table tasks together and his confidence grew. After six weeks, he was choosing to do the Programme, enjoying setting up his Obstacle course. Eight weeks into the Programme Kaylan was able to throw very accurately at targets, pull and push, and step over the roll that Brainwave had provided.

Kaylan's behaviour also changed as the therapy helped him to become more aware of himself and the world around him. Sensory issues were apparent in Kaylan and Brainwave incorporated exercises to help his concentration improve and thus his ability to engage in activity.

We are so much happier as a family. Kaylan now has now a bond with his sister, Amber; they play chase games and hold hands and we at last are enjoying having Kaylan's kisses both spontaneous and on request.

This therapy has succeeded where other involvement has failed. Kaylan has a better gait, improved muscle tone and strength; he is now able to jump, something he learned to do at our second visit to Brainwave.

The encouraging improvement in a short space of time and the tailor made programme has been hugely beneficial in our son's physical, emotional, mental development. We are so grateful for the funding that initiated Kaylan's Programme and brought Brainwave into our lives and in turn bringing brighter hope for the future!

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