

Gift of hope

Remember YMCA Burton
in your will to help build
a better future.



With a gift in your Will, you could change the course of a young person's or rough sleeper's life – bringing them out of hopelessness and despair and giving them the chance for a better future.

I know, because I have seen it happen on many occasions. When they arrive at YMCA, people are at the lowest point in their lives. Some have nothing but the clothes they are wearing – no home, no food, no money, and no support from a family with no hope for their future.

With a gift in your Will, you can welcome a person into the YMCA's family. You'll give them a safe place to stay, emotional support to get over what they've been through and the training they need to build a bright future for themselves.

Our Founder, Sir George Williams, summed up the guiding principle that has united us since 1844 saying;

"It is not how little, but how much we can do for others."

Today, you can help secure the future of our life-changing work by remembering YMCA in your Will.

I know that your Will is personal, and you will want to care for family first, but whatever you can leave for people in need, will make such a difference.

At YMCA we see the potential in people and we love seeing lives transformed.

Thank you so much for considering giving a gift in your Will and believing in supporting people.

With deep appreciation,

Paul Laffey
Chief Executive

Give hope to people who will need help in the years to come.

YMCA Burton was formed in 1887 and provides housing, mediation, counselling, food bank, outreach, education, furniture enterprise and night shelter in the East Staffordshire and surrounding area.

YMCA Burton is part of the global YMCA movement which is the largest and oldest youth charity in the world, founded in 1844, it now serves over 58 million people in 119 countries worldwide. Each branch has to raise all its own income.

Your legacy will ensure vulnerable people in East Staffordshire can count on us to support them in years to come.

“The compassion and caring environment created by the staff and volunteers shows how everyone is willing to go that extra mile for the guests.”

“Bless this church and the YMCA, no words can express my gratitude, thank you.”

Guests from the night shelter

“I am so chuffed with my flat and I receive lots of support from my support worker. Just having a place to call my own makes all the difference. I had my special chess set stored at a friend’s house for years and now I have the space to be able to set it up. That means a lot to me.”

Supported housing resident


We have served over

15,000

hot drinks during the winter night shelter operational period

We served **5,035** meals

116 different individuals used the night shelter



Give someone like Paul a safe place to stay and the hope of a brighter future.

Whilst filming a Charity promotional video, our Outreach team came across Paul, who was sleeping in the doorway of Burton Library.

Paul didn't realise he could use the services at YMCA Burton and he came along and started talking to the support workers and using the facilities. Within a few days, a cluster room became free and he was able to move in.

A Cluster room is a room with a bed and shared bathroom and kitchen. For someone who has been living on the streets for a while, it is a small contained area for them to get acclimatised to living inside again.

Since being on the streets Paul had been suffering terrible tooth-ache but without a fixed abode, no dentist would take him on. Now he had an address he was able to start treatment and fix the issue. Paul was also able to register at the doctors and was put on medication to help with his depression and anxiety.

Paul worked with the support workers and moved into a flat at Reconnect where he lived for eighteen months. After we helped Paul find private accommodation, we helped him move out and applied for small grants to help get him set up in a place of his own.

Paul said "My support worker has been amazing, always checking on me and making sure I keep my appointments, but never hovering over me and appreciated when I needed space. She has helped with forms for the doctors, dentists and benefits and helped me with food parcels from the food bank when I needed. Having someone supporting you when you need it has helped me tremendously."



A gift in your Will can help us:

- Provide accommodation for people with nowhere else to go.
- Mediate families who are dealing with issues.
- Counsel residents through issues such as depression, anxiety and trauma.
- Provide a food bank which can be accessed via self-referral.
- Operate an Outreach service to look for rough sleepers.
- Educate young people in schools and colleges about the real face of homelessness.
- Operate a winter night shelter to get the most vulnerable people off our streets for the coldest months of the year.

149 people
lived with us during **2018**

Give a gift of hope in six easy steps

1. Decide on executors for your Will who will ensure your wishes are respected, and then name them in your Will.
2. Calculate the value of your estate, taking into account the value of any property and investments, as well as your debts.
3. List anyone you want to remember in your Will, including your family and favourite charities.
4. Go to a solicitor and draw up your Will.
5. You should keep your Will in a safe place and make sure your executors know where to find it. You can also ask your solicitor to look after your Will for you.
6. Please share your intentions with us. We'd like to thank you properly and to invite you to our events that show you the work you support.

Give your gift, your way

Choose the type of gift that is right for you. For many people, it's a residuary gift that allows them to provide for family members first.

With a residuary gift, you can leave a percentage or the whole of your remaining estate, once all debts and other gifts have been paid. Leaving just 1% will ensure our charity can continue to work with the most vulnerable people in our community. This kind of legacy isn't affected by inflation.

Choose a pecuniary gift, and you will specify a sum of money to leave to YMCA Burton but can it be significantly affected by inflation.

Your questions answered

What type of gift should I leave?

Many supporters choose a residuary legacy because it keeps pace with inflation. Any gift, whatever the size, will make an enormous difference to the life of someone who has nothing.

Do I need to draw up a new Will?

If you have a Will and just want to add a gift to YMCA, you can simply add a Codicil. Ask your solicitor to help you ensure your wishes are known and acted upon.

Do I need a solicitor?

We advise you to consult a solicitor whether you're making or changing your Will.

Who should I choose as executor?

Consider whether a close friend or family member is the right person to ensure your wishes are carried out. Some people choose to pay a bank or solicitor to act as executor.

What is Inheritance tax?

Some estates are liable for inheritance tax. The threshold changes and you can find the latest details at www.gov.uk



Please share your intentions

It would be an enormous help to know your decision so we can keep in touch appropriately in the future. Everything you tell us will be kept confidential and isn't legally binding.

I have already remembered YMCA in my Will.

If you would like to tell us more, you can do so here:

I intend to include YMCA in my Will.

I'd like to discuss remembering YMCA in my Will with you.

You can call **01283 538802** or email office@burtonymca.org to arrange for a confidential, no obligation chat.

Title: First name:

Last name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone*:

*Please provide us with the best contact telephone number for you.

Thank you for providing your details – we'll never share them with anyone else.

*Please turn over to
share your thoughts*

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A gift in your Will really
will make a difference

All stories used in this booklet are true but names might have
been changed and models have been used to protect identities.

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YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

SUPPORT & ADVICE

ACCOMMODATION

FAMILY WORK

HEALTH & WELLBEING

TRAINING & EDUCATION