

Information for Leaving a Gift in Your Will

Supporting confident communication for future generations.

A gift in your will is a simple and meaningful way to support Speech New Zealand beyond your lifetime. After taking care of your loved ones, even a small gift can help ensure future generations of New Zealanders have the opportunity to develop confidence, communication skills, and a strong voice.

Why your gift matters

Speech New Zealand has supported communication and confidence across Aotearoa for generations.

Your gift can help:

- expand access to speech and communication education
- support teachers and learners across the country
- strengthen communities through confident expression

By leaving a gift in your will, you are helping ensure this work continues long into the future.

What is a gift in a will?

A gift in a will (also known as a bequest) is a donation you choose to leave to a person or organisation.

It can be:

- a percentage of your estate
- a fixed sum of money
- a specific asset, such as property or shares

Many people choose this option because it allows them to support causes they care about, while still prioritising family and loved ones.

How to leave a gift

Leaving a gift in your will is straightforward:

- Decide on the type of gift Consider what feels right for you and your circumstances.
- Speak with your solicitor They will help you include Speech New Zealand in your will and ensure everything is legally valid.
- Include our details and wording We provide simple wording that your solicitor can use or adapt.
- (Optional) Let us know You don't have to tell us, but if you do, we would love to thank you and keep you connected to our work.

Ways you can leave a gift

Residuary gift: A share of what remains of your estate after other gifts and costs are taken care of.

Percentage gift: A set percentage of your estate.

Fixed sum: A specific amount of money.

Specific gift: An item such as property, shares, or another asset.

Your solicitor can help you decide which option best suits your situation.

Legal note: This information is general in nature and is not legal advice. We recommend you seek advice from your solicitor or legal advisor when making or updating your will.

Information for your solicitor

Legal Name: New Zealand Speech Board

Trading Name: Speech New Zealand

Charity Registration Number: CC10771

NZBN: 9429042690429

Postal Address: PO Box 12023, Thorndon, Wellington 6144

(Full wording examples are available in our “Information for your solicitor” document.)

Can I leave a gift for a specific purpose?

Yes, you can choose to support a specific area of our work. We recommend talking with us first so we can ensure your wishes can be carried out in a practical and lasting way.

Many people choose to leave their gift for general purposes, allowing us to respond to where the need is greatest.

Can I change my mind?

Yes. You can update or change your will at any time by working with your solicitor.

Can I remain anonymous?

Yes. You are welcome to remain completely anonymous.

If you do choose to let us know about your gift, we will always respect your wishes around privacy.

We're here to help

If you have any questions or would like to talk about leaving a gift, please get in touch.

Speech New Zealand

Email: manager@speechnz.co.nz

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Leaving a gift in your will is a lasting way to support confident communication in Aotearoa.

Thank you for considering Speech New Zealand as part of your legacy.