Create a world without type 1 with your Will
“Together we can put an end to type 1 diabetes”

In 1970, a group of parents banded together to create JDRF: the charity dedicated to eradicating type 1 diabetes. Thanks to their vision - and the support of people like you over five decades - we have taken huge strides forward.

Today, we are the leading charitable funder of type 1 research and life has improved dramatically for people living with this challenging condition.

While these improvements are fantastic, our original mission has not changed: to find the cure. We will get there, however long it takes. But the only way we can do it is with consistent, reliable investment in our research.

No one can predict how the world may change. Whatever times lie ahead, gifts in Wills will play a pivotal role in our work in years to come, providing the financial stability we need to fund life-changing type 1 research.

Once you have taken care of your loved ones, please consider leaving a gift in your Will to help find the cure for type 1 we all hope for.

“I have made a gift in my Will because I believe in JDRF’s ability to deliver massive change for people with type 1.”

Karen Addington, JDRF CEO

“When I was told my son Stephen had type 1 diabetes at the age of 10, the world caved in for a while. It was the first time I saw my husband cry. I’m so proud of JDRF and what we’ve accomplished I could cry now.”

Carol Lurie, co-founder of JDRF and legacy donor
The difference a gift in your Will can make

One day, your Will could play a pivotal part in ground-breaking research.

Making life better

In the short and medium term, we are working to develop treatments that improve glucose control and make it easier for people to manage type 1.

• When ‘glucose responsive insulin’ is readily available, highs and lows could be kept in check automatically all day.

• When the artificial pancreas is perfected, the burden of monitoring glucose levels and administering insulin will be dramatically reduced. This will help free people from much of the type 1 management needed during the day and enable them to sleep safely through the night.

Finding the cure

Looking at the longer term, your gift could help us develop a cure for type 1 in three key ways:

• By helping us to build on our immunotherapy research to understand how and why the immune system goes wrong with type 1, attacking and destroying the beta cells needed to create insulin.

• By helping us to find ways to replace beta cells that are destroyed. We are exploring two exciting avenues to achieve this. One is to create replacement beta cells and implant them inside the body in a tiny encapsulation device. Another exciting possibility is to get the body to grow its own replacement beta cells.

• By also helping us to understand what causes type 1 and find ways to prevent it. We want to invest more in genetic research to help find the answers. We are also exploring areas such as enteroviral infection which may trigger type 1. Preventing type 1 whilst replacing beta cells would effectively cure the condition.

A gift in your Will ensures the search for the cure will continue, and progresses treatments and devices to lighten the burden in the meantime.

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We have already come so far together

For almost five decades, people like you have helped us invest in world-leading type 1 research that has delivered life-changing results.

In the past, people with type 1 had to guess at their blood glucose levels and use large syringes to give imprecise doses of insulin.

Today, the story is very different.

As you can see below, the last two decades have delivered new technologies that have transformed type 1 care. Some of the greatest advances have happened in the last five years – from the launch of the first flash glucose monitor, to the introduction of the first tubeless pump.

Now, type 1 care is no longer ‘one size fits all’. Instead, people can choose the technology that works best for them. With solutions like the artificial pancreas developing and becoming more widely available, type 1 care will continue to improve and become easier.

20 years ago, technologies like these were just a dream. Imagine what more we could achieve for people with type 1 in another few decades of rapid progress. A gift in your Will could play a vital part.

Right now, our supporters are funding 546 projects in 17 countries to cure, treat and prevent type 1.
It is easy to leave a gift in your Will

To make a gift to JDRF’s type 1 research in your Will, all you need to do is contact your solicitor, who will do the rest.

If you already have a Will, it is simply a matter of adding a note called a codicil to make your gift.

If you do not yet have a Will, it is a good idea to arrange one, to make sure your wishes are followed and that family and friends have all they need. It also makes things much easier and less complicated at what will be a very difficult time for them.

While you are arranging your Will, just let your solicitor know you would like to add a gift to JDRF, and it is done.

Although you can make or update a Will yourself, we recommend using a solicitor to make sure it is legally binding and your wishes are followed. There is information about finding a solicitor in the back of this booklet.

Some useful tips

Before you visit your solicitor, think about who you would like to mention in your Will and what you would like to leave behind for them.

You may also want to think about which type of gift you would like to leave to JDRF for type 1 research.

A share of your estate – a percentage you leave to JDRF once your friends, family and commitments are taken care of. This is the best type of gift for us as it keeps its value over time.

A cash gift – a specific amount, such as a few hundred pounds, or a more significant sum.

A specific item – this could include things like personal possessions, shares, life insurance, proceeds of a bank account or property.

Your solicitor will also ask for our details:

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), 17/18 Angel Gate, City Road, London EC1V 2PT. Registered charity numbers 295716 and SC040123.
Our promises to you

We are extremely grateful for any gift – large or small – that you leave to JDRF to help us find ways to cure, treat and prevent type 1 in future. In return, we make these promises to you:

• We always understand your family and friends come first, just as they should.
• We will use your gift carefully and cost effectively so it has the greatest research impact possible.
• We would love to know if you decide to leave a gift in your Will, so we can say thank you. But we respect your privacy and if you prefer to let us know anonymously, or not at all, then we do understand.
• You never need to tell us what or how much you want leave to JDRF. Simply letting us know you have made such a special and important gift is very helpful.
• You can change your mind at any time. Even if you tell us you plan to leave a gift in your Will to JDRF, it is not legally binding.

Are you ready for the next step?
Thank you for reading this booklet. Your next step is to get in touch with your solicitor to start the ball rolling – or to contact our friendly legacy manager if you have any questions or would like to speak to someone in confidence about making a gift in your Will. You will find the details you need on the card attached and on the leaflet enclosed.

Thank you.
Leave a gift that will last for generations of people with type 1