



Leaving a gift to SRUK

Change
lives by
leaving us
a legacy



Foreword

Scleroderma is a very rare disease which by its very rarity leaves patients vulnerable and uncertain. Our charity exists for patients, to provide them with access to support and well-researched information, often not to be found elsewhere.

Scleroderma and Raynaud's UK itself, through its members, is a unique collective source of experience, to enable our members to help each other.

Our charity is small, with limited funds to do all that we want to do. We could provide more support for patients, and fund more research on this sometimes life-threatening disease, if we were better off. That is why I am writing.

Please will you consider us among those you might wish to benefit in some way through your Will. Any gift would help to make a lasting difference to our ability to serve our members and support the research that is so badly needed.

Dame Carol Black

President of Scleroderma
& Raynaud's UK



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I'm Lorna and I am 78

"I decided to leave a gift to the charity a few years after I was diagnosed with scleroderma.

The reason for my decision was, when I realised that research projects sponsored by the charity were carefully monitored and reported to the community. As a small charity, funds are limited and it relies entirely on donations, fund raising and legacies.

Since joining the charity I have met others with Scleroderma and Raynaud's, and it has helped me to understand the complexities of the conditions and I know that there is somebody always available to help and give support.

I have also become a volunteer and met the very enthusiastic team who run the charity and are doing so much to make the medical profession and public aware. Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK to me, feels like family.

By leaving a gift I know that my money will go towards continued research and support for individuals diagnosed with Scleroderma and Raynaud's.

If you suffer from Scleroderma and/or Raynaud's or know someone who does, it makes sense to leave a gift in your Will, which will be tax free, to help provide funding for essential research and support."


Your gift is vital

Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK (SRUK) plays a leading role in the world of Scleroderma and Raynaud's support and research.

Your support helps us to realise our vision; a world where no-one has their life limited by Scleroderma and Raynaud's.

We are dedicated to improving the lives of everyone affected by Scleroderma and Raynaud's. We do this by investing in research, improving awareness and understanding of the conditions and providing information and support to all those affected.

In recent years, Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK has played a crucial role in increasing awareness and understanding of the conditions and tackling slow diagnosis. Due to this we have seen an increase in the number of people being diagnosed with Raynaud's and identified as being at risk of scleroderma. This has only become a reality due to the support of individuals like you.



By remembering us in your Will you can ensure that future families have the support, care and medical treatment they deserve

In the next fifty years, we'll need your support more than ever.

Scleroderma and Raynaud's is becoming better known amongst medical professionals and as misdiagnosis becomes less common and diagnosis occurs more quickly we will need to ensure every diagnosed individual receives the care and support they need.

We will also need to increase our investment in research to develop more effective and less harmful treatments. At SRUK we believe that research is the key to supporting everyone affected and limiting the impact these conditions have on the lives of those diagnosed.



Research

Move us another step closer to finding a cure for Scleroderma and Raynaud's with a gift in your Will.

Funding scientific and medical research is key to supporting everyone living with these conditions.

Through researching treatments and developing more regulated, accessible treatment, diagnosed individuals will be able to live full and rewarding lives unlimited by Scleroderma & Raynaud's.



Unfortunately there is little external funding available for research into Scleroderma and Raynaud's. This means that the charity receives a high number of research requests but due to limited funds, we are only able to fund small research projects.

If we are going to achieve our vision, more funding needs to be available for research. A gift in your Will could help fund vital equipment to support a research project or it could fund a full project looking at how to stop progression of the condition within the body.

All of the research projects we fund help further understanding of the conditions, develop new medical treatments or assess complimentary therapies. Each project moving us one step closer to finding a cure.

By remembering Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK in your Will, you can play a crucial role in finding a cure to these debilitating conditions.





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Support

You can be remembered as a person who supported others to live full and rewarding lives.

Being diagnosed with Scleroderma and Raynaud's can be isolating and lonely. The conditions are still largely unknown and scleroderma is rare, it is unlikely that many who receive the diagnosis know someone else with it or have even heard of it before.

Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK provides a lifeline to every person diagnosed with Scleroderma and Raynaud's, but not just them, to their family and friends.

“ The person who spoke to me on the helpline was the only other person I had spoken to with scleroderma at that point. All of a sudden I did not feel nearly as alone. ”

- We help explain Scleroderma and Raynaud's and help individuals explain it to their loved ones.
- We help by providing a support network through local support contacts across the UK.
- We help by being on the end of a phone, every day of the year, to listen, share and inform.

By remembering Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK in your Will, you can guarantee that we continue to be there, offering the support people affected by Scleroderma and Raynaud's need.

Support

“I would like to say a big thank you to Scleroderma & Raynaud’s UK as without the work they do I would not have had the knowledge I needed to pursue a diagnosis and get the treatment needed for our daughter.”

“I first noticed a small bruise about 1 cm round on my three year old daughter, Eliza.” It was just to the side of her left armpit and I remember thinking what a strange place to get a bruise.

The bruise didn’t go away, so I started looking into what else it may be and stumbled across SRUK’s website where I found information about morphea.

In early July we finally got to see the Dermatologist, she confirmed that Eliza did indeed have morphea. I left the surgery with an appointment for Dr McCann in two weeks time. Finally!

Our appointment at Alder Hey came and we were so relieved to be seen by someone who knew what they were looking at and specialised in that area. Eliza was examined and another patch found.

They decided to treat it aggressively as the disease can be unpredictable in children and especially if crossing a joint, which Eliza’s were. She started on Methotrexate that evening and given a date to return mid august to start her I.V steroids.

The best news is that, so far, the patches have not increased in number or spread any bigger. The four patches she has have lightened in colour and are not quite as noticeable.

Alison, Eliza’s Mum.



There are three main types of gifts you can choose to leave – residuary, pecuniary or a specific gift.

A **residuary gift** is a way of passing on the residue of your estate (after all other commitments are met) to your chosen beneficiaries. You can leave the total residue to one beneficiary or you can dictate the share that a number of beneficiaries are to receive.

A **pecuniary gift** is a stated sum of money.

A **specific gift** is a particular item and is a good way to pass on cherished belongings to loved ones – a wedding ring to a daughter, for example.

Types of Gifts



Any gift to Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK makes a difference. But a residuary gift will stay proportional to the value of your estate and your loved ones can be taken care of first. When adding Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK to your Will, we suggest the following wording to ensure your gift is valid:

Residuary Gift (share of your estate)

To leave a residuary gift, we suggest the wording:

"I give ___ % of my residuary estate to Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK, registered charity number 1161828 for its charitable purposes and I further direct that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer of Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy."

Pecuniary Gift (cash sum)

To leave a pecuniary gift, we suggest the wording:

"I give _____ to Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK, registered charity number 1161828 for its charitable purposes and I further direct that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer of Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy."



7 Simple Steps

Don't forget: If you already have a Will, but wish to add Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK as a beneficiary, ask your solicitor to help you complete a Codicil Form. This is an amendment to your Will but must be completed with a solicitor to ensure the document is legal.

1

Calculate the value of your estate, taking into account property, investments and any debts.

2

Choose the family, friends and charities that you want to remember in your Will. Some people leave a percentage of their residuary estate to Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK, having first looked after their loved ones.

3

Decide who will be named in your Will as executors of your estate – these are people who will be responsible for making sure your wishes are carried out.

4

Visit a solicitor to have your Will written.

5

Put your Will in a safe place and keep another copy that you can check from time to time. Your solicitor may store your Will without charge.

6

Make sure a relative or close friend knows where the original copy of your Will is stored.

7

Finally, we would love to be able to thank you for leaving Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK a gift in your Will. Please complete the 'My gift to Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK' so we know of your intentions and have the opportunity to thank you.



My gift to Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK

Whatever gift you choose to leave us will be greatly appreciated and put to good use. Please tell us your intentions by filling out this form and returning it, completely free of charge, to our FREEPOST ADDRESS. Any information you give will be treated in the strictest confidence and is not legally binding.

My Details

Title: _____

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Daytime Tel: _____

Mobile Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

*By giving Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK these details you confirm that you are happy to be contacted

My Intention

- ☐ I've already included Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK in my Will.
- ☐ I intend to include Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK in my Will.
- ☐ I'd like some more information.

☐ I'd like to discuss this matter in more detail.

Please call me on _____

☐ I'd like to receive a copy of Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK Annual Report.

My Gift

If you wish to give further details about your gift, please do so here: _____

Please include our full name: "Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK, Registered Charity No: 1161828" if you don't use our full name and charity number we may not receive your gift.

Post to: FREEPOST SCLERODERMA

No stamp or further address information is required.

If you have left a gift to the Scleroderma Society or Raynaud's & Scleroderma Association (RSA) your gift will not be lost and you don't need to change your Will. Both of these charities are still registered and so your gift will be received and simply passed through to Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK (SRUK) to support our life-changing work.

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