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connecting sight, sound and life



How to include a big burst
of **joy** in your Will





Give the gift of **joy** in your Will

It takes someone special to be a Sense supporter. Someone like you, with sensitivity and understanding, who cares about children who are deafblind.

So it is fitting that you are now considering leaving a very special gift to Sense. Thank you for taking the time to download this PDF guide, I hope you find it helpful.

With a gift in your Will, you can remember children and families who might otherwise be isolated and excluded from daily life. As you'll read in this booklet, you'll help children like Mia, Dylan, Luca and Ernie discover the world around them, feel the love of their family and find their own ways to connect with others and make friends.

You can ensure that children who are deafblind need not be left out of life. A gift in your Will, along with Sense's expertise and support, will mean that they can experience love, laughter and **joy** – just as any child should.



Richard Kramer
Chief Executive



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Next steps to include **joy** in your Will

- ♥ Call or email us to let us know your intentions.
- ♥ Get in touch to find out more about our free Will service.
- ♥ Make your Will online or arrange to visit your solicitor when restrictions allow.
- ♥ Consider including a gift of joy to children who are deafblind.

If you have any questions, please get in touch – we're always delighted to hear from Sense supporters.



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How your gift brings **joy** to children who are deafblind

Your legacy will mean that Sense can be there for a child who is deafblind every step of the way

Receiving the news that their baby is deafblind can be overwhelming for parents. They may struggle to comprehend how their child might learn and develop, or even if they will ever be able to connect with their child.

That's why Sense and your legacy are so important. Sense specialise in helping children who are deafblind or have complex disabilities to fulfil their potential. No other organisation offers the same level of knowledge and experience.

Our early intervention enables us to discover and build on the smallest area of sight or hearing that a child may have, along with learning to engage all their other senses through specialist play.



It can take weeks, months or years of work for those precious breakthroughs to come, but when a little boy or girl shows their happiness or excitement for the first time, when they know and respond to their parent with a first sign or word – it's a precious moment of **joy**, with many more to follow.


It's these moments of **joy** that you will be including in your Will if you decide to leave a legacy to Sense.



“I’ve been working with Dylan since he was a baby. He gets so much **joy from exploring, trying new things and really makes the most of life.”**

Anne Cheesbrough,
Sense Children and Family Support Worker

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You can include the joy
of being in water...

Mia has complex disabilities, and she can't go to her local swimming pool because the normal water temperature would cause her muscles to tense up.

But at Sense Family Centres, everything from the warm hydrotherapy pool to the play areas are designed to include children like Mia. As she slides into the pool with dad Andy, Mia feels safe and comfortable, and gives a beautiful smile.

You can ensure that children like Mia aren't left out.





...the **joy** of going on
a big adventure...

You can help children experience
the **joy** of a Sense Holiday.

So many activities children enjoy
aren't accessible or safe for
children who are deafblind like Dylan without specialist support.

On a Sense Holiday, Dylan gets to try so many exciting experiences he
would otherwise miss out on, like meeting animals at the zoo or feeling
the thrill of the climbing wall. Throughout the week, his confidence grows
as he learns and explores a new environment.



...the **joy** of moving
to the rhythm...

Luca has CHARGE syndrome that affects his ability to see, hear and balance. To tap into a world of sound, Luca needs Sense's specialist support.



With help from his Sense Family Support Worker, Luca can feel all kinds of different sounds and music through the vibrations of a resonance board. And Sense's support also means he is learning to sign along to his favourite songs, like Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.

You can help a child who is deafblind get specialist support.



...and the **joy** of
saying “Daddy”

**You can help a child who is deafblind
communicate for the first time.**

Ernie has Down's Syndrome and very little hearing, so Sense is helping him find his own way to communicate.

We've been teaching Ernie exercises to help with his speech, and it was such a heart-warming moment when he said his first word – “Daddy”. He's also become a confident signer along with his twin brother Ted, and is teaching his grandparents how to sign too.





Your Will sets out your wishes

You can take care of those you love

Writing a Will is the best way of ensuring your family and friends are looked after. It is also a reflection of the person you are and the things you care about.

You'll know that your wishes have been recognised

People often put off making a Will for another day. But once it's completed, you can be sure that the family, friends and causes that bring you **joy** will be taken care of.





You can get your Will written for free

You may want to take part in Sense's Free Will Scheme and get a simple Will written for free at a local solicitor's office, at home, or online. For more information, please get in touch using the details at the back of this booklet.

You could save tax

When you leave a gift to a charity like Sense in your Will, you often get some tax benefits. A specialist can give you more advice on this.

"Sense Family Centres are such uplifting places – you almost don't notice the disabilities because everything is set up for their needs. You can see how happy everyone is – it's a little community. We need to keep it going."

Helen Conway, Ernie's mum



Sense have been bringing **joy** for 65 years

Sense was founded in 1955 by **Peggy Freeman** and **Margaret Brock**. They were two mothers who had both contracted rubella whilst pregnant and whose children were born deafblind.

Peggy and Margaret reached out to other families in similar situations, and together they fought to get support and recognition for their children, as well as to help them learn to use the senses they did have to communicate and experience the world.

Sense was born, and over the years we have developed an unrivalled

depth of knowledge, skills and expertise to ensure that children who are deafblind and have complex disabilities aren't left out of life.

We remain dedicated to families – working with mums and dads to give them the specialist support, advice and facilities they need to connect with their children.

By including Sense in your Will, you'll help ensure children who are deafblind are included at school, in their communities, and in the **joy** of life.



“At Sense, we are privileged to witness so many special moments. A first smile, a burst of giggles in response to a sensory toy, or simply when a child reaches out to take their mum’s hand. These moments of joy are all thanks to the people who remember Sense in their Wills.”

Richard Kramer, Chief Executive



You can make a world where children who are deafblind are included





No gift is too small to include

When you leave a gift to Sense in your Will, it's not the amount that counts. It's knowing that we have your support in years to come. Even a 1% share of your estate can help to give specialist support to families, bringing smiles, laughter and **joy** to more children who are deafblind or have complex disabilities like Tyrese.



Giving **joy** with a gift in your Will



**Any gift that you leave to Sense
will make a difference.**

A residuary gift is the remainder, or a percentage of the remainder of your estate, once other payments have been made, and is the choice of many of our supporters.

We suggest this wording:

‘I give _____ % of my residuary estate to Sense, 101 Pentonville Road, London N1 9LG Registered charity number 289868, to be applied for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the finance director or appropriate officer shall be a complete discharge to my trustees.’

Or you may decide to give a fixed sum of money – **a pecuniary gift** – using this wording:

‘I give £_____ to Sense, 101 Pentonville Road, London N1 9LG Registered charity number 289868, to be applied for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the finance director or appropriate officer shall be a complete discharge to my trustees.’

No matter what you decide, children who are deafblind will be understood, learn new skills and feel the love of their families in years to come.

And all this **joy** will be because of you.

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Why we're including **joy** in our Wills

"I am just in awe at the wonderful work you do with children who are deafblind at Sense. I am happy to give support when I can as I think the families need all the support they can get."

Mrs Bradley, Sense supporter and legacy pledger

"I think that Sense is a wonderful and worthwhile charity with which to be associated."

Jon, Sense supporter and legacy pledger

Thank you for considering including **joy
in your Will with a gift to Sense**



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