

What will you leave behind?

Help make a better life for carers by
leaving a gift in your will to VOCAL



Carers in Scotland

500,000 people in Scotland care for a relative or friend. Nearly 80,000 people provide unpaid care in Edinburgh and Midlothian. Family carers are Scotland's largest care service – without their support our health and social care system would not cope.

Three out of five of us will become a carer at some point in our lives, regardless of our age or background. For many of us, this will be a challenging time, perhaps a life-changing experience.

VOCAL Carer Centres

VOCAL is a charity and provides help and support to family carers from two Carers Centres in Edinburgh and Midlothian. VOCAL is led by carers and provides expert information, advice, training, emotional support and counselling, practical and financial support to over 6,000 carers a year. Our support can make all the difference in helping carers to cope.

A gift that shows you care

Carers often put their own lives on hold to provide unconditional, unpaid care for loved ones – whether they are family or friends – but they often experience social isolation and need help and support to cope.

Leaving a gift in your will to VOCAL is a great way to show that you care about carers. Your gift can make a world of a difference to the lives of carers in Edinburgh and the Lothians.



As a carer, it's hard to find out what financial support and assistance you're entitled to and how to apply for it. The benefits advice and assistance I received from VOCAL was extremely helpful and made all the difference.

Why leave a legacy to VOCAL?

Whether you are a carer or know someone who is a carer, or you have been receiving care yourself, your gift could help make a real difference to someone in need of help. However large or small, your legacy could provide additional support for many carers who feel isolated and struggle alone with little or no help.

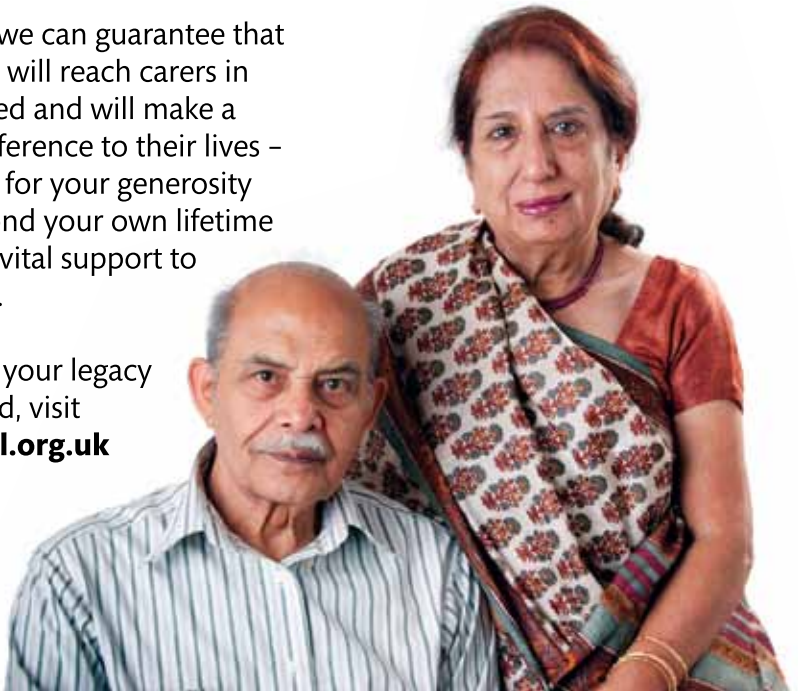
VOCAL is a carer-led charity. Our trustees, staff and volunteers bring professional experience as well as over 500 years of personal caring experience to the organisation.

At VOCAL, we can guarantee that your legacy will reach carers in greatest need and will make a genuine difference to their lives – a great way for your generosity to last beyond your own lifetime by offering vital support to local carers.

To see how your legacy may be used, visit www.vocal.org.uk



VOCAL services were a godsend and gave me hope and renewed strength. It allowed me to recharge and so be much stronger to pull my husband through his illness.



How to leave a legacy to VOCAL

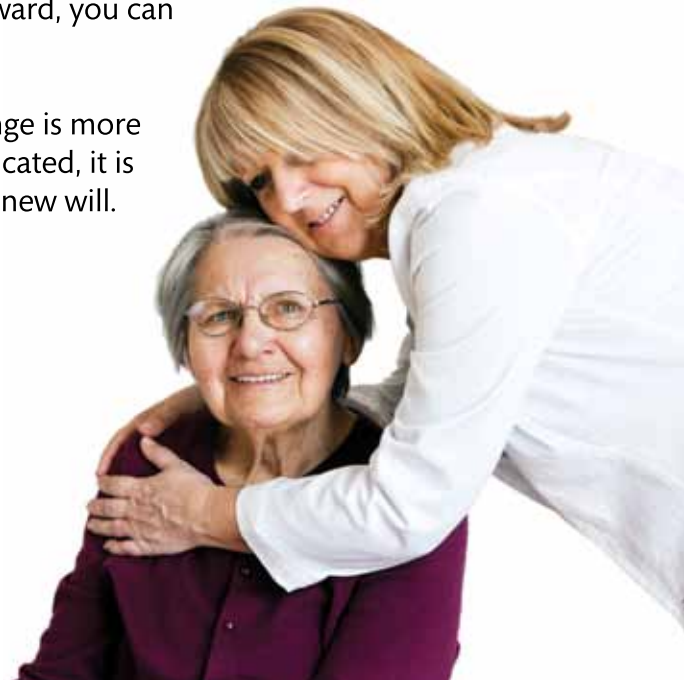
A legacy is a specific gift in your will. It could either be a sum of money, an item or it could be a share of the value of your estate after all bills have been paid and all considerations to family and friends have been honoured.

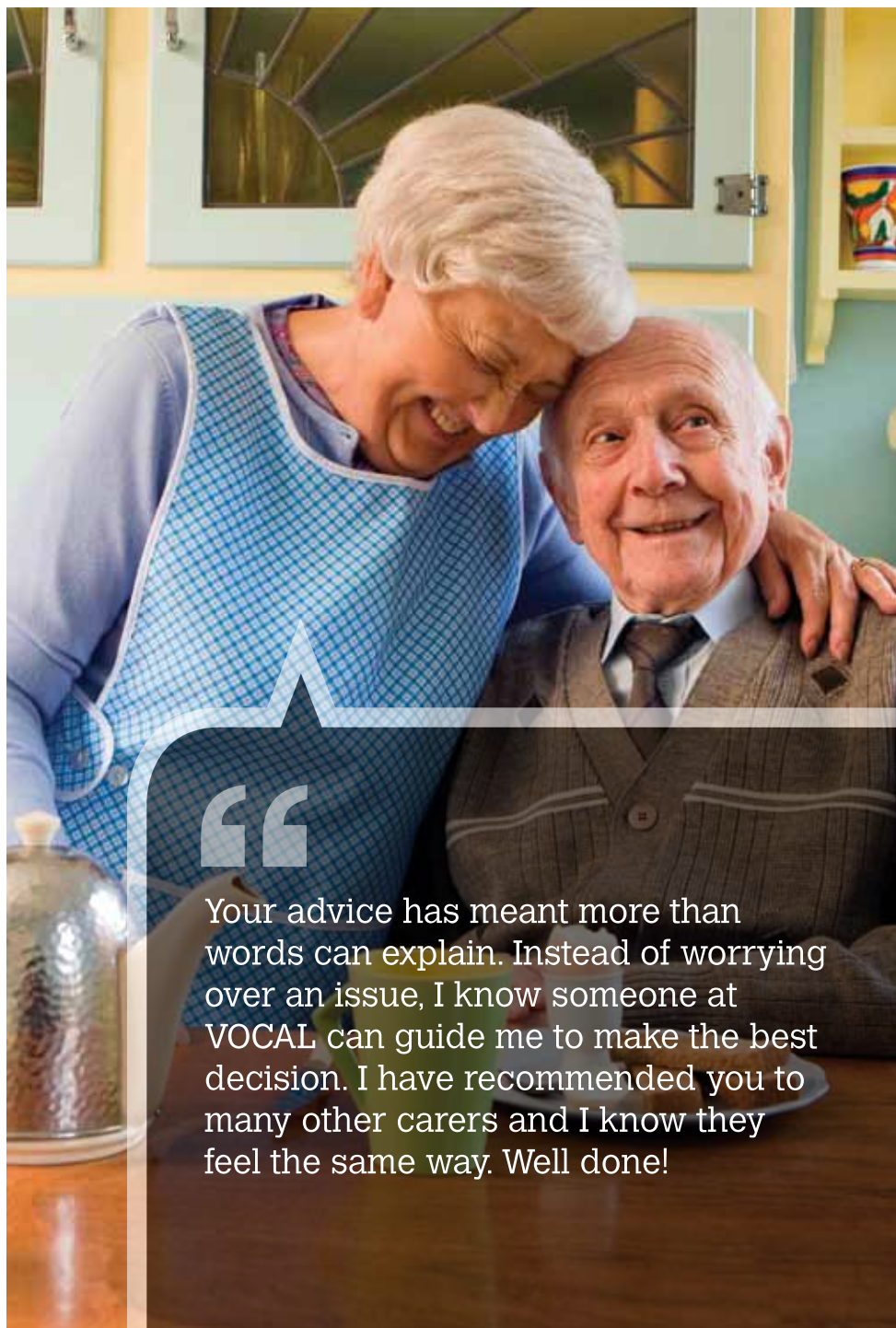
If you would like to add a gift to VOCAL in your existing will, you can use a codicil. Adding a codicil to your will means there is no need to change the terms of your current will. It simply adds a new instruction. In general, if the change you wish to make is quite small or straight forward, you can use a codicil.

However, if the change is more significant or complicated, it is advisable to make a new will.

Leaving a gift to charity has the added bonus of being exempt from tax, so it may reduce the amount of inheritance tax that is due from your estate.

Why not ask your solicitor about leaving a legacy to VOCAL? Your lasting legacy will help to make a better life for carers across the Lothians. If you don't have a solicitor, VOCAL can help.





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Your advice has meant more than words can explain. Instead of worrying over an issue, I know someone at VOCAL can guide me to make the best decision. I have recommended you to many other carers and I know they feel the same way. Well done!



Leaving a gift in my will is the best way I can thank the VOCAL Carer Centre for their support and help when my wife became ill. Their practical advice helped me cope at a traumatic time in my life.



For more information or if you plan to leave a gift to VOCAL, please contact us on 0131 622 7620 or email: chiefexecutive@vocal.org.uk

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