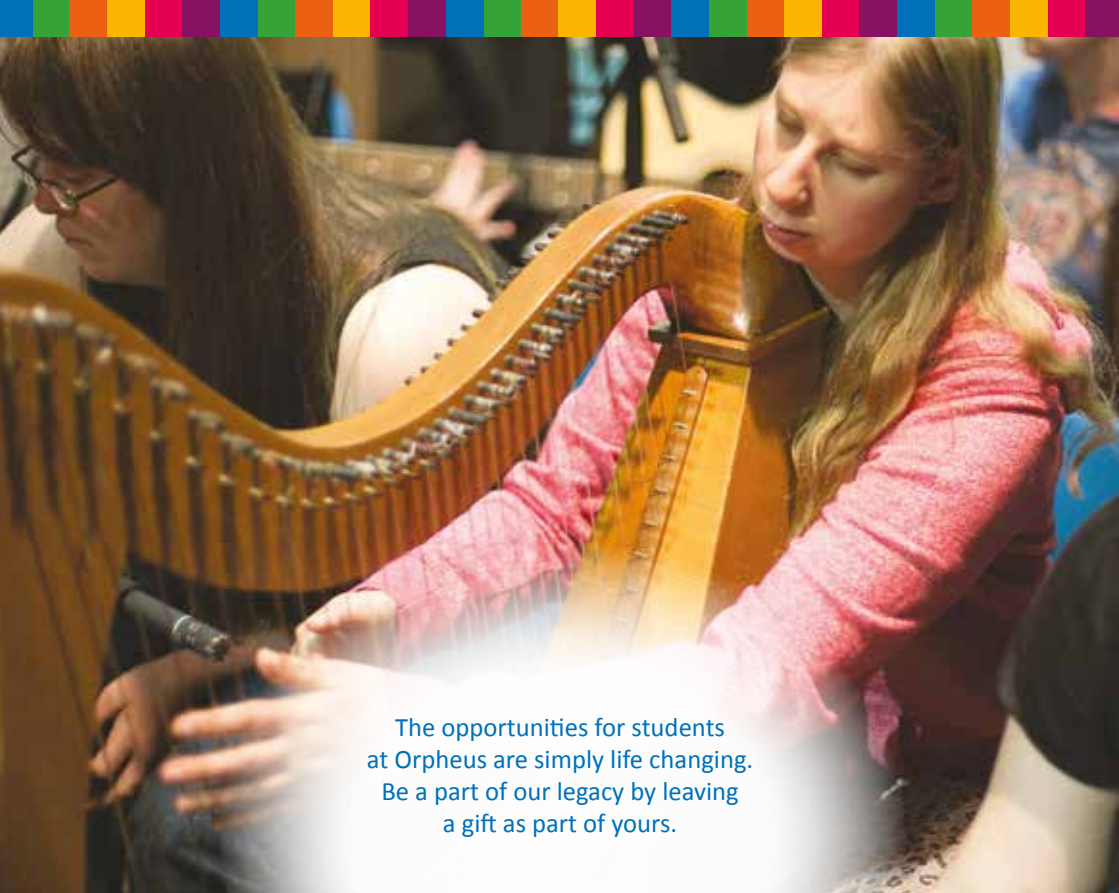


Orpheus

Leave the opportunity of independence in your will

A guide to supporting the Orpheus Centre
with a gift in your will



The opportunities for students
at Orpheus are simply life changing.
Be a part of our legacy by leaving
a gift as part of yours.

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A message from our Founder

Back in 1998, my dream was to empower young disabled people and help them use their passion for the arts to develop their skills and confidence.

My dream has come true and we now have a thriving centre, where students relish the independence they develop through the opportunities at Orpheus. But as a charity those opportunities are only possible through the generosity of our supporters and the gifts they give us.



Sir Richard Stilgoe

Why make a will?

A will is the only way that you can be sure that your personal and financial wishes are carried out after you die. It is a way to provide for any family, friends and charities that are close to your heart. Having a will can also relieve any pressures placed on your loved ones at their time of sorrow, as they will know what your last wishes are.

Making a will is normally an easy process and can be reviewed and amended in the future if you wish. If you already have a will and want to include additional gifts, for example a gift to a charity, there is no need to make a brand new will. You can make small amendments by using a form called a codicil which is a legal document and is stored with your will.

Help empower the next generation to take centre stage

Orpheus is a special place where young adults with disabilities come together to live and learn through the performing arts.

Our students, teachers, carers and other staff are amazing but we couldn't do it without the support of people like you. As a charity, it's only through the generosity of our supporters that we are able to empower our students and give them the ability to live confident independent lives. One of the ways that you can help us to be there for future young disabled people is by leaving a gift to Orpheus in your will. Every gift, in every will, makes a difference to the lives of students at Orpheus.

Help our students gain the confidence they need to play the leading role in deciding their own, independent future.

“Our vision is of an inclusive world where young disabled people live independent and fulfilling lives.”

We love seeing Jordan so happy

Jordan had a fabulous time at Orpheus. We have seen him change so much. He now sees his future in writing and performing and he's already joined two drama groups since leaving.

I cannot tell you how grateful we are for the opportunities Jordan has had. The highlight of his life was performing at the Opening Ceremony of the Paralympics with other Orpheus students. We will never forget that night.

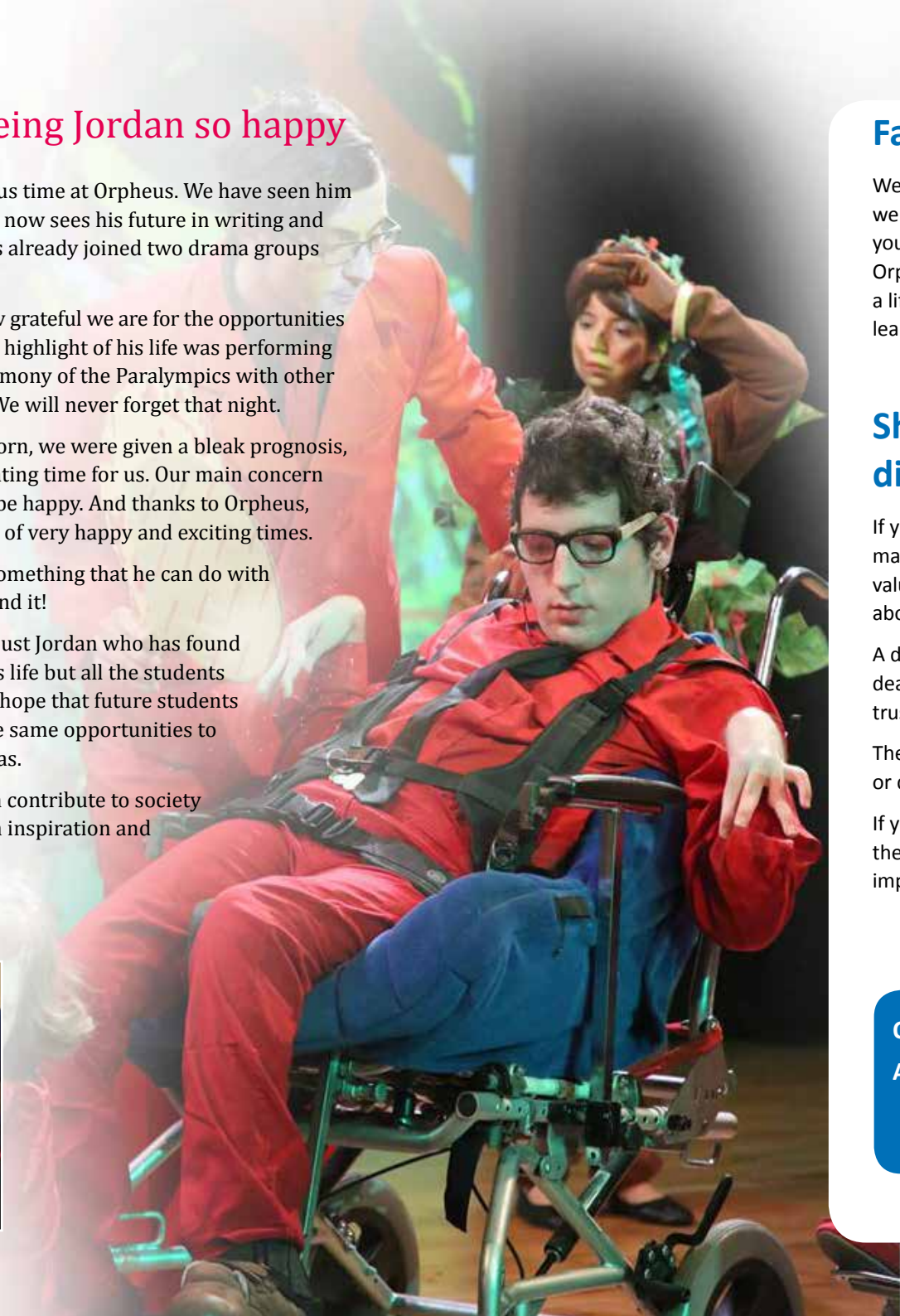
When Jordan was born, we were given a bleak prognosis, and it was a devastating time for us. Our main concern was that he should be happy. And thanks to Orpheus, his life has been full of very happy and exciting times.

He wanted to find something that he can do with his life, and he's found it!

I know that it's not just Jordan who has found a real purpose to his life but all the students at Orpheus, and we hope that future students continue to have the same opportunities to flourish as Jordan has.

Disabled people can contribute to society when they are given inspiration and given a chance.

Jordan's mum Jane



Family and friends first

We understand that your loved ones are likely to come first and we would encourage you to discuss your will with those close to you. But once they've been provided for, just a small gift to the Orpheus Centre could go a long way to help future students gain a life of independence through music, the performing arts and learning basic life skills.

Should I consider a discretionary trust?

If you are caring for someone with a disability or impairment, who may not be able to take care of themselves or fully understand the value of any money they have been left, you may be concerned about how they will be cared for in the event of your death.

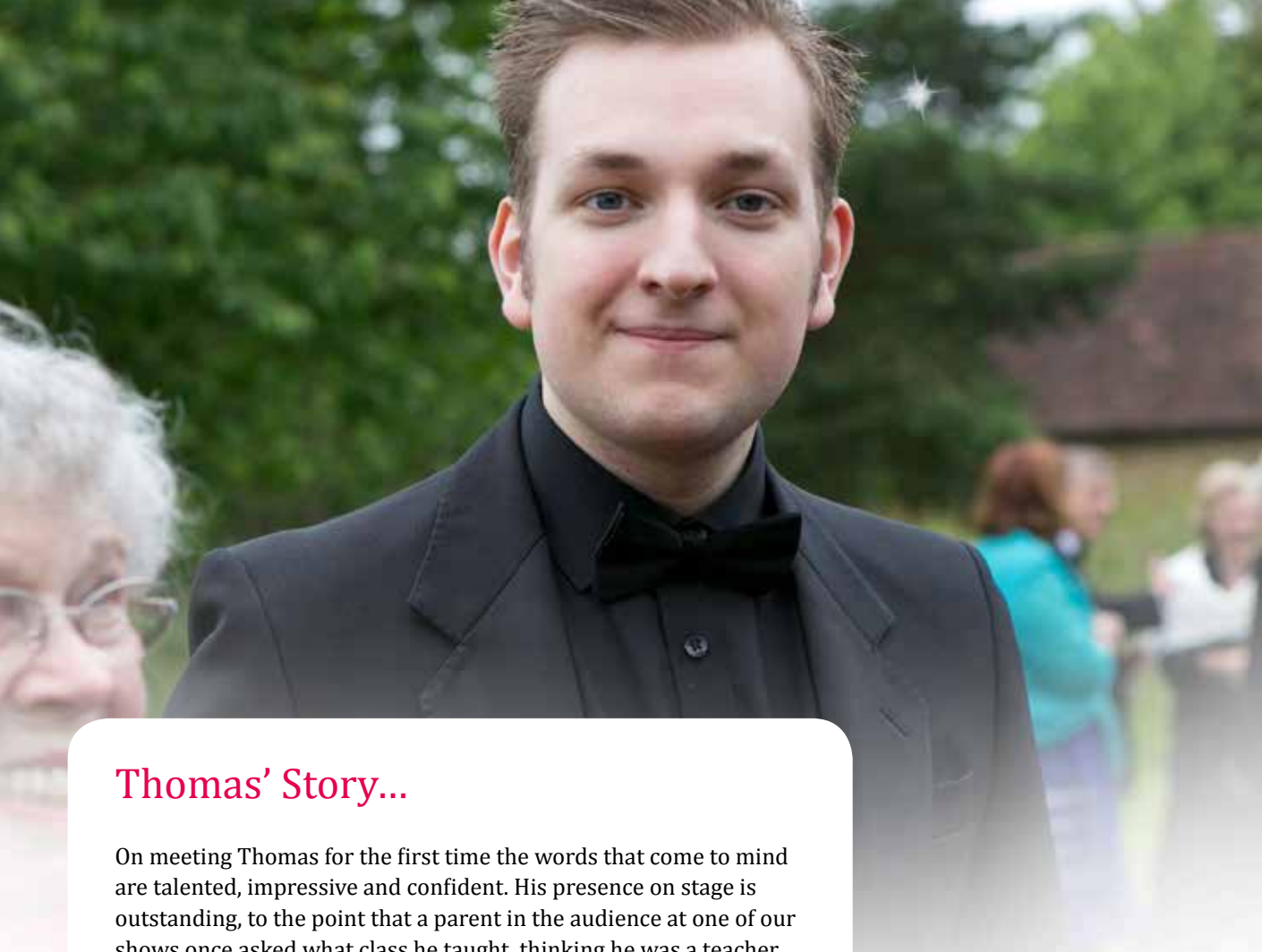
A discretionary trust is a way of providing for that person after your death, as the control of the funds is looked after by a trustee or trustees appointed by you.

The funds could then be used to pay for things like education, rent or day to day needs.

If you think that this type of trust would be right for your family then we would advise you to talk to a solicitor about this, as it's important that it is set up and administered correctly.

Q: Don't you have to be rich to leave a legacy?

A: No; a gift left in a will can be any size. There is no minimum or maximum about. Any gift, big or small will make a real difference to the work of the Orpheus Centre.



Thomas' Story...

On meeting Thomas for the first time the words that come to mind are talented, impressive and confident. His presence on stage is outstanding, to the point that a parent in the audience at one of our shows once asked what class he taught, thinking he was a teacher. He is a brilliant showman with a great sense of theatre. But when Thomas first came to Orpheus it was a different story. He was shy, withdrawn and often felt anxious. During his time here, Thomas has been helped to manage the anxiety and stress related to his autism and has transformed into a confident young performer.

But Thomas' journey at Orpheus would never have started were it not for the generosity of our supporters. Donations and gifts in wills are a big part of why Thomas is the person he is today.

Your help can continue to provide this amazing experience for future students which could change the lives of so many young disabled people like Thomas.



“ My husband John once said that 'Each one of us, when making a will, hopes that the decisions in it will help good things to happen after we have gone'. We will all miss John, but I have found comfort in the knowledge that the gift in his will to Orpheus will help change lives. ”

Pam Lavers, Orpheus Supporter



How Orpheus helps

- We provide a safe learning environment for over 40 day and on-site students
- Set up 20 years ago, we're growing in strength and numbers year on year
- 855 teaching hours every year
- 167 qualifications gained in 2017 alone
- 90% of our students go on to independent living

Providing a safe and enjoyable centre in which students can live and learn is so important and because we are a charity, this is only possible due to the generosity of our supporters. In fact, around a quarter of the money we raise comes from our fundraising activities. Although we receive funds from local authorities for housing and teaching costs, it's the donations we receive from people like you that makes Orpheus go from good to great.

Without the support of fundraised donations and gifts in wills, the enriched learning our students receive could simply not be achieved. Facilities like our specialist teaching kitchen and fully accessible recording studio only exist because of the commitment and support of our local community.

At Orpheus, we provide a safe environment where our students can grow in confidence. Students learn life skills and create friendships and memories that can last a lifetime.

However, a gift in your will to Orpheus will go further than the Orpheus Centre itself. Our most important and lasting role is to prepare and support students to think about what they want to do when they leave, and to support students on that journey into adult life. A gift in your will can help our students use the skills they have learnt through the performing arts, to play the leading role in deciding their own, independent future.

“Through my time at Orpheus, I learnt a lot of practical skills that have helped me to live independently, something I thought I would never have been able to do.”

Past student, Jenny



How do I leave a gift in my will to Orpheus?

If you choose to leave a legacy in your will to Orpheus, then you can be sure that your generous gift will be in safe hands.

There are 3 main ways of leaving a gift

A share of your estate: whether it's 1% or 100% a share of your estate is a good way to leave a gift. It means that once any cash or specific gifts have been paid, the charity would receive a percentage of your remaining estate.

An amount of money: a fixed amount of money of your choosing. Any amount big or small would make such a difference, there is no minimum or maximum amount – it really is up to you.

An item of value: you could choose to leave a specific item to Orpheus such as jewellery, a painting or musical instrument. We would then arrange for the item to either be used or valued and then sold to raise funds.

Using a Solicitor

We would strongly recommend using a solicitor to draw up your will. A correctly written will is important and will give you peace of mind, knowing that your wishes are known and correctly recorded. You can find details of solicitors local to you by contacting the Law Society:

Tel: **0207 320 5650**

solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk

“A gift in your will could give young disabled people the opportunity to live and learn through the arts.”

The legal bit...

If there is something you treasure that you wish to pass onto someone special, then a will is the best way to make sure your wishes are met. That could include a gift to a worthwhile charity.

If you decide to remember Orpheus through your will then it's important to use the correct charity details. By including our charity name and number in this exact way you are making sure that we receive the gift that you intend for us.

Suggested wording:

- 1) I give a ... percent share of the residue of my estate to the Orpheus Centre (Registered Charity number 1105213), North Park Lane, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8ND.
- 2) I give to the Orpheus Centre (Registered Charity number 1105213), North Park Lane, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8ND the sum of *(amount in figures and words)*.





A thank you from Richard

Orpheus obviously has a special place in my heart, but my heart won't go on forever – whatever the song says! By making a bequest in my will, I hope Orpheus can go on changing young people's lives for many years after I've gone. Thank you for considering a gift to Orpheus, and for joining me in helping to turn our past into someone else's future.

Please get in touch for more information or for a confidential chat:

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