

# A GIFT IN YOUR WILL IS THE UMBRELLA THAT EVERY CIVIL SERVANT NEEDS

Serving the Civil Service  
community since 1886



**CHARITY  
FOR CIVIL  
SERVANTS**



# THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME



Dear Friend,

**Thank you for taking the time to find out more about what we do and for your kindness in considering supporting Charity for Civil Servants through a gift in your Will.**

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. During my 40-year career I've worked in the public and private sectors – and volunteered in my spare time. In the Civil Service, I worked in a range of departments, from the centre of government, as Principal Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary, to Director General of Environment, Rural and Marine in Defra. I've seen the important contribution civil servants make in their diverse roles – and the stresses they experience.

I've always supported the community and those in my team – but the right help is simply not always available within the Civil Service. That's where Charity for Civil Servants comes in. It bridges the gap and provides a community to turn to for confidential support.

The Charity is here to support current, former and retired civil servants that are experiencing challenges or caring for children or a vulnerable parent. In the times of trouble which we can all experience, we can turn to Charity for Civil Servants.

Since 1886, the Charity has been a trusted friend to anyone who has served as a civil servant. Our name has changed, but our mission to provide a lifetime of support hasn't.

I've seen what an impact it makes. It's not just about providing advice, financial support, or signposting someone to the right help. It's much bigger – a community that cares for the people who committed to a Civil Service career. I became a trustee for Charity for Civil Servants in 2020 because I believe in this community.

As a charity, we depend on people like you, who value what we do. One of the easiest ways you can help us to continue to support those that need us is through a gift in your Will. I hope you too are inspired by the Charity that's solely here for the Civil Service.

**Thank you.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sonia Phippard".

Sonia Phippard  
(Vice-Chair and Trustee)

## WHAT WE DO

Like the weather, life can be unpredictable. Sometimes rainclouds appear unexpectedly – bringing challenges like money worries, illness or bereavement.

As the only charity for all civil servants, we provide an umbrella of support for current and former civil servants, and their dependants, during difficult times.

From providing financial assistance, to supporting people caring for a loved one with dementia, Charity for Civil Servants



Civil Servants is here to support civil servants and ensure they never have to cope alone.

Money worries can be less overwhelming with expert financial advice or help paying for unexpected costs like funeral expenses or essential mobility equipment.

A devastating dementia diagnosis is easier to manage with the expertise of a Dementia UK Admiral Nurse. We also provide information and advice through our webinars and online resources.

The hundreds of thousands of civil servants who have benefited from our services know what it feels like when the weather turns and brings difficult times. They've felt someone by their side, on their side – until brighter days return.



## WHY WE DO IT

We help because we believe in the Civil Service community and that everyone who has been a part of the Civil Service should have the opportunity to overcome challenges and thrive.

With your support, we can be there for civil servants and their dependents for generations to come.

**“Both myself and my husband had long careers within the Civil Service. It really felt like a family. For that family to function, we need to be there for each other. That sense of belonging came rushing back when I gave Charity for Civil Servants a call. Their support has been utterly wonderful. It took my breath away.” (Marian, retired civil servant)**

## TOM'S STORY

Tom struggled with financial hardship when his daughter, Sophie, was diagnosed with epilepsy aged two.

Sophie needed seizure-detection equipment that Tom and his partner could not fund. Charity for Civil Servants contributed towards the cost of this potentially life-saving equipment for Sophie.

As the only charity for all civil servants, we're in a unique position – to be able to look after our community. We can't prevent the rainy days, but by leaving a gift in your Will, you can help us provide a life-changing umbrella of support for people like Tom and his family when they need it most.\*

**“The impact of the Charity’s help has not only been potentially life-saving for my daughter, it’s provided peace of mind for the whole family ... Charity for Civil Servants do some good in this world and we must hold onto that.”**

\*Some elements of this story have been anonymised or changed to protect the person's identity.



## **"I'M PLEDGING A GIFT IN MY WILL BECAUSE I'M A CIVIL SERVANT. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT."**



Colin began his working life as an academic before building an impressive career as a civil servant. Helping people has always motivated Colin. Now retired, he continues to make a difference to his community. From volunteering as a dog walker, to playing timpani in the local symphony orchestra.

The Civil Service is also a community, and Charity for Civil Servants exists to look after its members. Supporting our work is Colin's way of giving back:

**"The people have always been the highlight of my time in the Civil Service. There was always a great team spirit, especially when the job was challenging. Civil servants work hard to help the country, why shouldn't they be looked after too? It's important to me now and it will remain important when I'm gone. That's why I'm pledging a gift in my Will."**

When Colin decided to leave a gift in his Will, our charity was a natural choice:

Colin told us, **"Charity for Civil Servants will continue to help people and do some good in this world even after I'm gone, so why would I ever stop supporting them? I have been a civil servant. It's as simple as that and if we're not going to support our own charity, then who will?"**



**We are incredibly grateful to people who contribute to our umbrella of support, which protects civil servants and their dependents from the rainiest of days.**



## **PATRICIA'S GIFT TO A COMMUNITY THAT CARED FOR HER**



Patricia and Peter met working for what was then the Customs and Excise Department. They married and baby Elizabeth was born. A few years later Peter died suddenly, leaving Patricia with no income to support herself and her daughter. Thankfully, she was able to turn to the Charity for Civil Servants. We provided Patricia with financial assistance and support through one of the most challenging times of her life.

Patricia never forgot the difference that help made as she remembered the Charity in her Will:

**"My mother was loyal to your organisation throughout her life. I found letters indicating how grateful she was for the financial and emotional support you gave her as a young, widowed mother over 60 years ago. I'm sure she chose to leave her legacy to you so that others might benefit from your generosity in times of need."**  
**(Elizabeth, Patricia's daughter)**



## HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO SUPPORT CIVIL SERVANTS

After taking care of your loved ones, any gift in your Will – no matter the size – could provide an umbrella of support for civil servants in need for generations to come.

Most people choose to leave a percentage of whatever is left of their estate once all other gifts and everything else have been paid out. This allows you to ensure your loved ones are looked after first. It also means your gift will keep pace with inflation.

## IT'S EASY TO INCLUDE THE CHARITY IN YOUR WILL

If you already have a solicitor, they will need the following information to include a gift to the Charity in your Will.

**Registered charity name:**  
**The Civil Service Benevolent Fund**

**Address:**  
**5 Anne Boleyn's Walk, Cheam, Sutton, SM3 8DY**

**Charity number:**  
**England and Wales: 1136870, Scotland: SC041956**

If you need help finding a solicitor, please get in touch.

If you have any questions, or would like to find out more about how your gift could help civil servants, please contact our **Supporter Care team** at [hello@cfcs.org.uk](mailto:hello@cfcs.org.uk) or on **0800 056 2424**.

We are unable to offer legal advice and would always recommend seeking independent legal advice when making your Will.



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