# Help a future journey

Leaving a gift in your Will is one of the ways you can support Open Road. Your legacy will help us to provide vital support to over 11,500 people and their families each year.



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We have a strong track record, established over 27 years, of helping people achieve recovery from addiction and reintegration into their families and communities. We work at dedicated centres and outreach points where a range of innovative treatments and therapies are on offer, from one to one counselling to group support sessions.

We provide practical help with housing, benefits and getting back into education, training and employment.

We also operate SOS bus services in Colchester High Street and Chelmsford City Centre. These specially adapted vehicles, staffed entirely by trained volunteers, are on site every weekend. They provide a safe haven as well as medical aid to people who need it. They help reduce the negative impact of the night time economy on local businesses and residents.

# **Open Road's Impact**

This is what our clients and their families say about the impact Open Road had on them:



Is your life better?



Is your family's life better?



**76%** of respondents believe that

Open Road has helped them reduce their drug or alcohol use and the harmful influence on their lives.



74%

responded that their family life

had significantly improved.



Is your community's life better?



**62%** considered that their treatment and support they

were given had reduced anti-social behaviour and the harmful impact of drugs and alcohol on their community.



I now have a flat, a job, a loving family around me and some good mates. At one point in my life, I thought I had lost all of this.



Open Road has given me the tools to turn my life around.

# Where one journey ends another begins

Writing a Will ensures that your wishes are carried out after you have gone. As well as making sure your loved ones are taken care of, you might also wish to remember others. Please consider Open Road and the support we will continue to give to future generations in need.

If you are unable to make a donation at the moment, leaving a gift in your Will is a wonderful way to support the work of Open Road. Even a small gift can help us make a big difference to the lives of our clients on their recovery journey.

Because Open Road is a charity, any gift you make to us, in your lifetime or in your Will, may be eligible for tax relief. So, for every £100 gifted, Open Road will benefit by £125.



Open Road gave me my life back. I now have the strength to deal with it – I'm now living, not just existing.



Without Open Road, I would still be languishing in a mire of drink and self-loathing, I cannot thank you enough – I'm getting there.

### Different ways to remember Open Road in your Will

When you make your Will, please consider one of these options to leave a gift:

- A Residual Gift This is what remains of your estate after any legacies you have specified have been made.
   You can give all or a portion of the residue as a gift.
- A Specific Gift An item of value, such as jewellery, an antique, a car or even a property.
- A Pecuniary Gift A set amount of money.

By giving through your Will, you are supporting a cause you care about. You will make a lasting difference.

#### Thank you.









'My attitude and my lifestyle is gradually improving. I want to continue.'

> 'My family is relieved and so pleased with the way Open Road is helping me.'

'After about thee weeks
of sessions at Open Road,
I stopped the drugs.
I have never had them
since. It was the
best thing
I ever did.'

'Open Road had no direct contact with my family, but the benefits I gained, I have transferred to them. My family trusts me once again.'

'Now I'm getting help, my family have stopped worrying about me so much.'

Our mission is to empower a diverse range of individuals, families and communities to lead healthy and more meaningful lives, free from addiction, offending behaviour and disadvantage, to ensure healthier, happier lifestyles.

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'The community knows about Open Road. They know it's there for them if they need it.'

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