The College is keen to recognise those who have planned a bequest. Membership of The 1885 Society is offered to those who notify us of arrangements to remember Darwin in their will. Members of The 1885 Society will be invited back to special events and formal dinners. If you have remembered Darwin in your will, please let us know by completing the form below. Send it to The Development Office, Darwin College, FREEPOST CB 1098, Cambridge, CB3 7BR.

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

Postcode: ________________________________

Telephone: ________________________________

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Please indicate the nature of the bequest:

☐ Residuary
☐ Monetary
☐ Specific/Non-Monetary
☐ Reversionary

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A history of academic excellence... a commitment to the future!
Darwin College was founded through donations from our three founding colleges: Trinity, St John’s and Caius. The College was also enhanced over a number of years by major gifts from The Rayne Foundation.

Darwin College was named because Charles Darwin’s second son, Sir George Darwin (1845-1912) bought Newnham Grange, the Old Granary and Small Island, in 1885. When the family vacated the property in the early 1960s, the founding colleges acquired the buildings and grounds, providing in combination with The Hermitage, a fine home for this fledging college, its first Master, 12 fellows, and the original 12 students.

Since then, Darwin has been fortunate to receive generous support from its ever-expanding membership; this year 640 students call Darwin their ‘home away from home’. Benefactions and gifts have enabled the College to evolve into the unique institution it is today. This strong foundation has allowed us to provide both an intellectually stimulating home for students and Research Fellows alike.

A more recent bequest has come from the estate of Professor Ian Stevenson, a Visiting Associate at Darwin in 1987-88. Impressed with the friendliness and diversity of College life, but sad to find the state of the accommodation on offer for Visiting Fellows very limited, his bequest of nearly £1M provided for ‘the purchase of a building and remodelling of an existing building... for one or more Visiting Scholars of the College, perhaps with their family members...’

As a result, we purchased and refurbished two cottages in Newnham Path to meet this purpose. This stunning bequest has created a memorable ‘idyll’, close to the College and the University facilities, and perfect for sabbatical study.

When making a will, it is best to seek help from a legal adviser. As well as drafting a will, a lawyer will also be able to help you reduce tax liabilities. The information in this leaflet provides the correct legal title for Darwin College, and suggests appropriate wording for two of the three major types of bequest. We suggest that you consider making your gift for ‘general College purposes’. This allows support to be given across the core activities of the College, and benefits the largest proportion of members.

**Wording for a Residuary Bequest**

I give to the Master and Fellows of Darwin College in the University of Cambridge ____%(percentage in figures) (_____) (percentage in words) of my residuary estate for the general purposes of Darwin College. The receipt of a person who appears to be a proper officer of Darwin College shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

**Wording for a Monetary Bequest**

I give to the Master and Fellows of Darwin College in the University of Cambridge the sum of £_______(figures) (_____) (state in words) for the general purposes of Darwin College. The receipt of a person who appears to be a proper officer of Darwin College shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

Please note, the value of legacies of a stated monetary sum decreases over time as the cost of living rises—so the actual gift may not in the end be what you intended. Monetary bequests are therefore often linked to RPI. Please ask your legal adviser for appropriate wording.

Specific wording for Reversionary or Contingent Bequests is not included here because advice needs to be sought about the very specific terms under which reversionary legacies are drawn up and fulfilled.

**A Specific or Non-monetary Bequest**

If your gift to the College is made in the form of shares, stocks, property, pictures, or furniture, please consider whether you wish that they should be retained in perpetuity, or may be sold when advantageous to provide funds for general or specific purposes. If you wish to make a bequest for a specific purpose, that purpose should be stated, in place of ‘...the general purposes of Darwin College’. Examples might include ‘...for the purpose of student support’, ‘...for the purpose of academic support’, or ‘...for building purchase or maintenance.’ You may wish to consult the College before settling on this form of bequest.