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Save the Children

Your Guide to Gifts in Wills.



YOU'VE ALREADY DONE SO MUCH FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

Today a child is being born into a safe, loving environment. For the next five years they'll be nurtured and cared for. When they're hungry they'll be fed. When they're sick they'll be healed. And when they're old enough, they'll go to school. They'll learn and grow and prosper.

It sounds normal enough, doesn't it? Surely that's how it should be for every child. But for this child, having such a life ahead of them is nothing short of miraculous. Because this child is being born in Bangladesh. Just 30 years ago, 150 children in every 1,000 born in Bangladesh never lived to see their fifth birthdays. Today 120 of those children will survive and thrive.

This extraordinary change has been brought about by people like you. By supporting the work of Save the Children, you've created a present that, for hundreds of thousands of children, is significantly better than the past.

But our work together is not yet complete. We still need to create a future where every child has a safe start in life. And where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

This Guide to Gifts in Wills outlines how, together, we can make that future a reality.

‘Girls should be able to study and fulfil their dreams. They should decide for themselves what they want to be. If I study I will do well in life. I won’t be a sex worker.’

Shuma*, Bangladesh

Shuma* is the daughter and granddaughter of former sex workers in a large brothel in Bangladesh.

A brothel is a grim place to live for anyone, but especially for children, who are vulnerable to being coerced into the sex trade and are often subject to violence and abuse. Shuma knows that a brothel is no place for children to live.

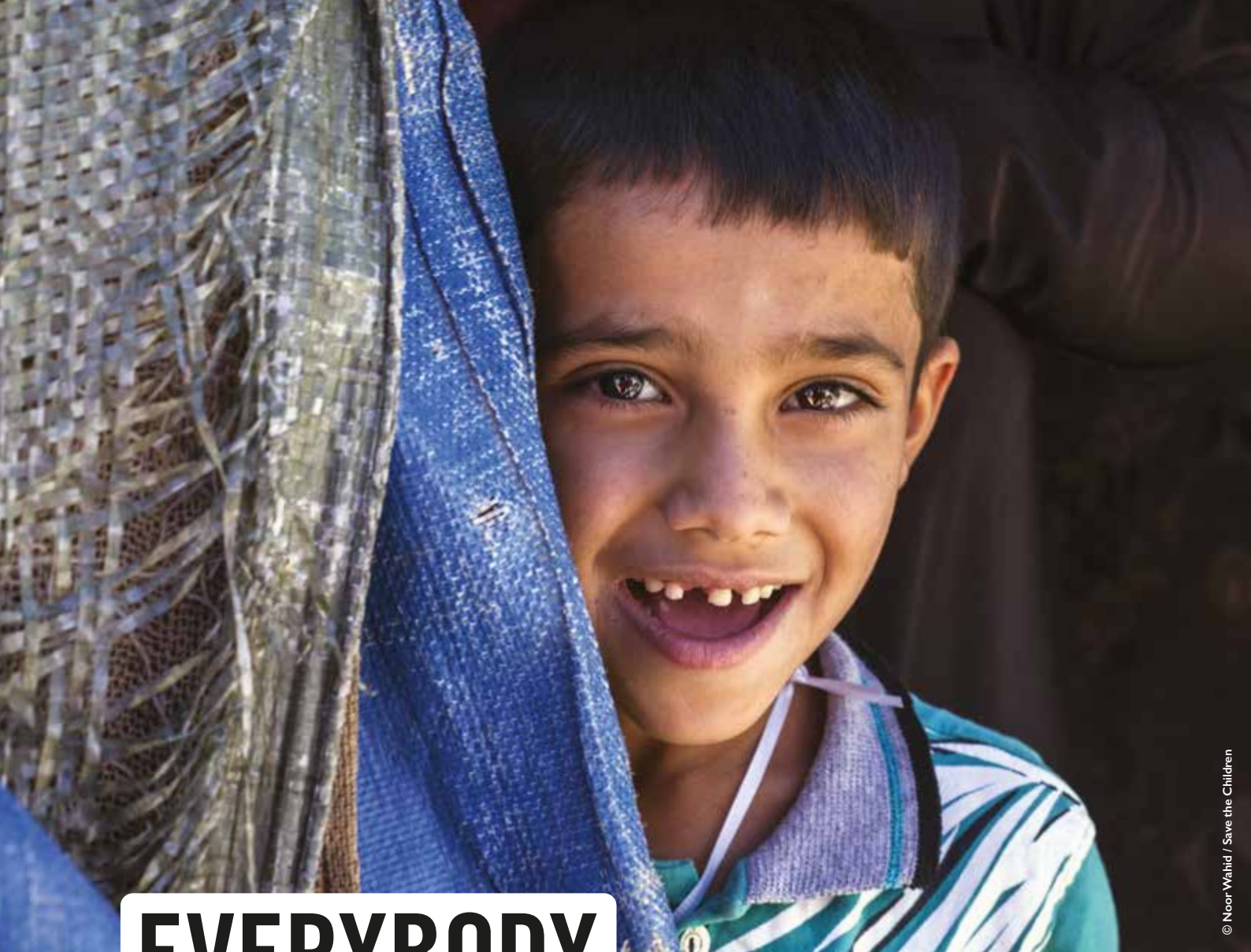
Studying at a Save the Children-supported school for children from the brothel has given her big ambitions – she wants to be an English teacher when she grows up.

For Shuma, education is the key to finding a future away from the brothel. Thanks to Save the Children supporters, she’s able to go to school, where she thrives in a stimulating and safe environment.

Through a gift in your Will you can give children like Shuma an education and the chance to build better lives.

*Name changed to protect identity





EVERYBODY NEEDS A WILL

Whatever your circumstances and however well-off you consider yourself to be, it's a good idea to have a Will.

A legally recognised Will is the only way to leave a true record of exactly what you want to happen to everything you own after you're gone. It can take away a lot of stress and worry for the people you leave behind, at what will inevitably be a difficult time for them. And it can give you peace of mind knowing that you've made provision for the family, friends and causes you really care about.

Having your Will drawn up by your lawyer is comparatively quick, easy and inexpensive. If you don't have a lawyer you can find one through the New Zealand Law Society, 04 472 7837, www.lawsociety.org.nz or Citizens Advice Bureau, 0800 367 222, www.cab.org.nz

The benefits of having a Will can be long-lasting, not only for you and the people and causes you care about, but for many others whom you'll never meet.

CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN

Save the Children has many wonderful supporters who have recognised the powerful impact of leaving a gift in their Wills, knowing that it may be the most transformational gift that they will ever make. One of these is Diana Morrison.

'I have long been an admirer of the work of Save the Children, and it has been a privilege in the past to work with some wonderfully dedicated people – volunteers with the same belief: that we have a responsibility for children throughout the world who suffer from poverty, famine, disease and violence, and have no hope of an education.

Children with good health and education and, I hope, loving families will grow up with a greater

understanding of their world. They may also be empowered to contribute to their countries' development and so, eventually, to greater peace in their world.

I am no longer actively involved with the work of Save the Children, but I am pleased that I can still contribute by leaving a gift in my Will; it is that simple.'





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YOUR WILL IS YOUR PARTING MESSAGE TO THE WORLD

Writing a Will is a sensible thing to do. But there's more to it than that. Because the process of deciding who you want to provide for when you're gone invites you to think about the people and issues that have mattered to you in your life. Your Will becomes a message – a statement of who you are.

So once you know you've provided for family and friends, you can also use your Will to support the causes you really care about – like the children of the world.

It's easy to include a gift to Save the Children in your Will. The value of that gift is of course entirely up to you. No matter what it is, it will make a difference. And it can take one of three different forms:

- A 'residuary gift' is a share of what remains of your estate once your other wishes have been carried out. Many people see this as the ideal way to support a charity like Save the Children, as it ensures your immediate loved ones take priority.

- A 'pecuniary gift' is a financial donation of a fixed amount – although it's worth remembering that, due to inflation, the value of this type of gift may have decreased by the time of your death.
- A 'specific gift' is a possession or item such as jewellery, property or shares.

If you already have a Will, it's easy to amend it to include Save the Children. You just need to ask a lawyer to write and attach a 'codicil' – a legally recognised addition or amendment to your Will.

‘Like Eglantyne, I believe that “the future of the world rests with the child”. In the years to come I know that Save the Children will use my Legacy to help children in need of care, protection and education.’

– Lynne Charters, Eglantyne Jebb Society member

Leaving a gift in your Will to Save the Children is the ultimate expression of your support for the world’s most vulnerable children, and we wish to honour your commitment to them through membership of the Eglantyne Jebb Society.

As a member you’ll receive updates on our work and invitations to special events.

There are no fees or obligations associated with membership; rather the Society is a way for us to thank and acknowledge our very special Legacy supporters.

Eglantyne Jebb and her sister Dorothy founded Save the Children in 1919 to raise funds for starving children in post-World War I Europe. Eglantyne later drafted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, which evolved into the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, today’s most universally accepted human rights treaty. Everything Eglantyne stood for, Save the Children still fights for today.



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YOUR FINAL GIFT TO THE WORLD: A BETTER FUTURE FOR CHILDREN

So, if you do choose to include Save the Children in your Will, what will we actually do with your gift? The answer is quite simple. We'll use it to save and improve the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable children.

That might mean setting up health clinics in refugee camps to save precious young lives. Or it might mean establishing a school or early learning centre so that children in one of the world's poorest countries no longer have to miss out on an education.

In short, wherever the need is greatest – wherever children are still being denied healthy, fulfilling lives – that's where your support will go.

A fair chance in life for all the world's children isn't a pipe dream. It's a future that we can all choose to create.

If you'd like to talk to Diana Meads, our Relationship Fundraising Manager, about any aspect of including Save the Children in your Will, you can call, email or write to her in complete confidence:

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‘My son got cured, I am very happy – when I took my son to the clinic he was lying in my arms. When I brought him back he was walking.’

Anwar's mother

Anwar*, a Rohingya child living in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, was dangerously ill with pneumonia and was struggling to breathe.

Pneumonia is a curable disease but he needed medicine and qualified medical staff to save his life. His mother was able to get him to a Save the Children medical centre in the camp, where he got the life-saving treatment he needed. He made a full recovery and a happy, healthy Anwar returned home to his family.

A gift in your Will can provide such life-saving medical treatment for children like Anwar, well into the future.

*Name changed to protect identity



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Why should I make a Will?

Making a Will is the only way you can be sure your wishes will be met after you die. Dying without a Will – ‘intestate’ – can cause unnecessary distress to family and friends.

How can I include Save the Children in my Will?

There are three types of gift you can consider. A ‘residuary gift’ is a share of what remains of your estate once your other wishes have been carried out. A ‘pecuniary gift’ is a financial donation of a fixed amount. And a ‘specific gift’ is a possession or item such as jewellery, property or shares.

How do I prepare for a meeting with my lawyer?

Before meeting your lawyer, you might want to use the Estate Value Calculator we’ve provided to get a top-line value of your estate. You should also consider whom you would like to act as your executor. They could be a close friend, a family member or your lawyer.

Can I write my own Will?

Any errors in a Will can cause problems and make it invalid. That’s why we strongly recommend that you use a qualified lawyer.

What if I already have a Will?

You can amend an existing Will to include Save the Children very simply by asking your lawyer to draw up a ‘codicil’.

What essential information will I need to give my lawyer?

You will need to give your lawyer our registered charity number, CC25367, and our address, PO Box 6584, Marion Square, Wellington 6141. You should also advise whether you’d like to leave a residuary, pecuniary or specific gift.

Should I tell Save the Children I’ve included you in my Will?

Your Will is a very personal document and you’re under no obligation to let us know if you’ve included a gift to us. However, it’s enormously helpful if we do know your intentions. That way we can make sure we only send you information that’s helpful and relevant to your circumstances and invite you to appropriate events. We’d also like the chance to say ‘Thank you!’

There’s a response form at the back of this Guide, with a reply-paid envelope, if you’d like to tell us of your gift.

GLOSSARY OF LEGAL TERMS

Will:

A legal document setting out what you want to happen to your estate when you die.

Estate:

Everything you own and any debts you have at the time of your death. Any debts will be paid out of the value of your estate.

Legacy or bequest:

A gift left in your Will.

Beneficiary:

Any person or organisation to whom you leave a gift in your Will.

Codicil:

An addition or amendment to an existing Will.

Executor:

The person or people you choose to carry out the provisions in your Will in the event of your death.

A testator/testatrix:

The person making a Will.

Intestate:

A term to describe a person who dies without having made a Will.

Residue:

What’s left of an estate after funeral expenses, debts, legacies and taxes have all been paid.

WHAT ARE MY ASSETS WORTH?

You may not think you have much to leave. But most people are surprised by how the value of their homes, possessions and savings adds up. Completing the checklist below will give you an idea of the value of your estate and could save time with your lawyer.

Deducting your liabilities from your assets will give you the approximate value of your estate.

ASSETS (what you own)

Property (house, apartment, land)	\$
Car	\$
Stocks and shares	\$
Bonds	\$
Insurance policies	\$
Superannuation	\$
Bank/Building society accounts	\$
KiwiSaver	\$
Other savings	\$
Furniture/Household possessions	\$
Antiques/Collectables	\$
Artworks	\$
Jewellery	\$
Other items of value	\$
Money you are owed	\$
TOTAL	\$

LIABILITIES (what you own)

Mortgage	\$
Loan	\$
Overdraft	\$
Hire purchase agreements	\$
Credit cards	\$
Other debts	\$
Tax due	\$
TOTAL	\$

ESTATE VALUE

(Total assets minus total liabilities)

\$

IT'S IMPORTANT TO USE THE RIGHT WORDING

It's important to ensure your lawyer includes all the right wording in your Will to ensure your gift goes exactly where you intend it to. You can take this sheet with you to your meeting to share with your lawyer.

RESIDUARY GIFT:

I give all (or a _____ share of) the residue of my estate to Save the Children New Zealand, PO Box 6584, Marion Square, Wellington 6141, registered charity number CC25367, to be used for its general charitable purposes. A receipt given on behalf of Save the Children New Zealand will be a full and sufficient discharge.

PECUNIARY GIFT:

I give the sum of \$ _____ to Save the Children New Zealand, PO Box 6584, Marion Square, Wellington 6141, registered charity number CC25367, to be used for its general charitable purposes. A receipt given on behalf of Save the Children New Zealand will be a full and sufficient discharge.

SPECIFIC GIFT:

I give my _____ (describe the gift you want to leave, e.g. book collection) to Save the Children New Zealand, PO Box 6584, Marion Square, Wellington 6141, registered charity number CC25367, to be used for its general charitable purposes. A receipt given on behalf of Save the Children New Zealand will be a full and sufficient discharge.

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If you've left a gift to Save the Children New Zealand in your Will, we'd really appreciate hearing from you.

This response form doesn't commit you to leaving a gift in your Will – it's simply a statement of your current situation. Any information you choose to share with us will remain confidential.

By returning this form you're giving us the opportunity to thank you and to know how best to communicate with you in the future.

Please fill in the details you're comfortable sharing with us:

I've left a gift in my Will for the general purposes of Save the Children New Zealand. My gift will be in the form of:

A percentage of my residuary estate (%)

A cash sum of \$

Other assets (e.g. property, shares, insurance policy)

Full name including title (Dr, Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mx):

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Thank you for arranging to leave a gift to Save the Children New Zealand in your Will; it's the ultimate expression of your support for the world's most vulnerable children.

Please return this form via return email:

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