

One act of kindness
can change the world.

Your guide to gifts in Wills.

"Providing for my family will always come first, but I also wanted to leave something meaningful behind. By including World Vision Ireland in my Will, I know my values will live on and continue to make a difference."

Rodger, dairy farmer in
County Limerick



A group of about ten children are playing in a circle in a grassy field at sunset. They are holding hands and smiling. The children are wearing various colorful clothing. In the background, there are trees and a wooden fence. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden light.

A gift in your Will to World Vision is a simple, compassionate act that will be felt around the world – for generations to come.

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to World Vision, it's an incredible act of generosity. One that makes global work possible, and one that has huge potential to change children's lives in the years ahead.

Think of your gift as a ripple effect – the one act you take now will be felt around the world. As you read through the guide, we hope you'll be inspired by all that your gift can make possible – and you see that leaving a gift in your Will is surprisingly easy.

Please keep in mind that we are always here to help you – whenever you need us. If you have any questions, or would like further advice, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you!

Call us on **01 498 0800**, email **ireland@worldvision.ie** or go to **worldvision.ie/giftinwill** for more information.

Children safely play in the evening sun in Katito Area, Kenya.

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“School is fun, I have energy to play with my friends.”

Joshua, 9, Kenya

A bright future for Joshua

Thanks to gifts in Wills, Joshua’s parents have built a thriving farm in the face of climate change – securing their son’s future.

No child should have to worry about where their next meal is coming from. For Joshua and his family in Kenya, this was a real concern – as the effects of climate change transformed the land around them from farmland to an arid landscape.

As weather patterns shift and become more severe, more communities are watching the land around them dry up – which is especially tough to take as these communities have often contributed the least to climate change.

Planning for the future

However, this doesn’t mean Joshua’s parents have lost hope. Instead, with the help of World Vision-funded projects – made possible by gifts in Wills – they’ve been able to adapt.

By learning water harvesting techniques and climate-smart agriculture methods – methods that help them get more yield out of their cropland – Joshua’s parents have been able to reinvigorate the land around them. In the future,



Joshua’s family can now grow crops reliably.

they’ll be able to pass on these methods to other members of their community, too.

Back to school

Now, Joshua is able to get the nutrition he needs – and not only live healthily, but go to school and start planning for his own future, all without worrying about his next meal.

A gift in your Will could reach so many families like Joshua’s, all around the world.

This is just one story of World Vision’s work – turn over to see how far your gift could reach.

Our work around the world

World Vision has worked for over 75 years in almost 100 countries – changing the lives of over 200 million children in the past five years alone. Our vital work, made possible by gifts in Wills, includes:



Emergency response

From floods to famine, earthquakes to war, emergencies always hit children hardest. Your gift could provide immediate food, vital shelter and medicines, and help families rebuild their lives following disaster.



Water

Clean water is a human right. Your gift can provide communities with access to clean drinking water in the years to come – and keep children safe from potentially deadly waterborne diseases.



Food

Your gift can help us continue working closely with farming communities to tackle climate change, promoting sustainable agricultural practices that can be passed on for generations.



Education

From improving school facilities to offering better training for teachers, your gift could help more children to realise their dreams.



Child protection

Your gift could help support programmes which protect vulnerable children from child marriage, child labour and trafficking – giving them a childhood free from fear.



Healthcare

Too many children are still dying from preventable diseases. Your gift could support and strengthen local health services, protect young children from infection and improve children's nutrition.



Safety in conflict zones

We work in some of the world's most dangerous places – building centres where children can feel safe, get support dealing with trauma, and go back to school.



Eradicating extreme poverty

We tackle extreme poverty at the root – encouraging communities to set their own goals for the future, and helping them take steps to become healthy and self-sufficient.



Caren, in Kenya, is a successful chicken farmer now – thanks to help from World Vision.



Combatting climate change

We support vulnerable communities as they become more resilient to climate change – helping them adapt to changing weather patterns and learn sustainable agricultural skills.

Why you can trust World Vision

Our programmes are run by our own staff or local, trusted partner organisations.

We have audited accounts that are publicly available at any time. As a charity, we're regulated by the

Charities Regulator – a legal body, which oversees all Irish charities and their activities.

How will a gift in my Will be spent?

When you give to World Vision, you can be assured that your donation will be used to have the greatest possible impact on children and communities who need it most.

Most people choose to leave a gift in their Will to us, to be used where the need is greatest – because they trust us and want their gift to make the greatest impact. But it is possible to specify an aspect of our work that you'd like to support.

Preparing to write your Will

Writing your Will is a time to consider what you own, the people and causes most important to you and what you'd like to leave behind.



A mother in the Philippines learns how to prepare nutritious food.

1

Decide how you'd like to write your Will

There are several ways you can write your Will – and we're here to help (see next page).

2

List out your estate

When you begin, list out your estate. Your estate covers everything you own – from savings to property.

3

Choose who will benefit

Make a note of loved ones and the charities you want to benefit from your Will.

4

Think about guardians

It's important to choose a guardian you can trust. You should choose a person who will be willing to take on care duties (such as caring for pets or small children) and who will be happy to take on the responsibility.

5

Choose your executor

The executor of your Will is the person who will manage your estate and carry out your wishes. This can be someone close to you, or a solicitor.

Getting support

When it comes to writing your Will for the first time, or amending an existing one, you can write your Will face-to-face with a solicitor.

Writing your Will with a solicitor

When considering leaving a charitable legacy, a solicitor can offer guidance on how to structure your will to include donations to your chosen charity. Whether you wish to leave a specific sum of money, property, or a percentage of your estate, a solicitor can help navigate the legal complexities involved in ensuring your charitable intentions are fulfilled. By working with a solicitor, you can create a lasting impact that reflects your values and contributes to the causes you hold dear. For advice, call us on **01 498 0800** or email **ireland@worldvision.ie**

Preparing to see a solicitor

Before visiting a solicitor, it's best to remind yourself of your list of queries and make sure you can get all of your questions answered.

Inheritance tax

When you're writing your Will, it's worth thinking about Inheritance Tax and how it might affect your loved ones. Leaving money to a charity like World Vision can reduce the amount of Inheritance Tax you have to pay – please ask your solicitor for more information.



Use our Free Online Will Writing Service

Writing or updating your Will doesn't have to be complicated or costly. You and your partner can access World Vision Ireland's Free Will Service. Through our partnership with FreeWill Ireland, you can create a simple Will online at no cost. While this service is suitable for many people, those with more complex circumstances may wish to seek advice from a solicitor.

To help you get started with **writing a Will from the comfort of your own home**, we've teamed up with [FreeWill Ireland](#), and their online partner [Last Will](#) to provide you with a free online Will writing service.

- When you have decided you would like to use this service, **please contact us to receive your unique weblink for your free Will**. Email us at Ireland@worldvision.ie or call 01 498 0800. You will also receive a simple Will Guidance document by email.
- Review the guidance material before completing your online Will. Plan your Will, taking account of your various assets, liabilities and wishes for the future.
- When you're ready to start drafting your Will, click on the link sent to you to start your free online Will.
- There are a number of sections, and you can review and edit these as you progress.
- Once the system has generated your Will, it will be emailed to you. Simply print it out and follow the instructions to sign it and have it witnessed.
- Store your Will in a safe place. It is strongly recommended to make other relevant people aware of its location.



There is no charge for a standard Will, which is suitable for most people.

If you find your Will is more complicated and you want to take legal advice, you can ask FreeWill to refer you to their partner solicitor (but there is a fee for this). The Will can be reviewed either in person or via video call.

When you leave our website, you can check the separate privacy policies of [FreeWill Ireland](#) and [Last Will](#) on their websites.

FAQs

Do I have to leave a gift in my Will to World Vision Ireland to use this FreeWill service?

No. It's entirely up to you whether you choose to leave us a gift or not.

How much makes a difference?

Even 1% of your estate could make a lasting difference for vulnerable children, while leaving 99% for your loved ones. No matter the size, every gift in a Will has the power to transform lives.

If I leave a gift to World Vision Ireland in my Will, do I need to let you know?

Unless you tell us, we won't know you have left a gift until the time comes for your Will to be read. It is always lovely to hear from supporters so we can thank you for your gift and stay in touch, but that is up to you. There is an optional tick box included in the form, allowing individuals to notify World Vision Ireland of their bequest.

What if I change my mind?

Including a gift to World Vision Ireland in your Will does not make it a binding commitment while you are still alive. You can change your mind and amend your Will again at any time.





10-year-old Wakeel works as a shoeshiner near a busy marketplace.

A safe place for Wakeel

At only 10 years of age, Wakeel was forced to work to provide for his family. But with World Vision's help, Wakeel is getting an education for the first time – and a better future.

Entire days spent cleaning shoes in the burning heat. Shouting to be heard over the bustling crowd, just to be ignored. Looking over and seeing your siblings in the exact same situation.

This is no life for a 10-year-old, but for Wakeel, in Herat, Afghanistan, this was reality.

Forced to provide

Every day, Wakeel and his two brothers would wake early, eat a small piece of bread and leave home – with nothing but a brush and some shoe polish. Wakeel told us that his family's next meal depended on how much they could earn.

Wakeel used to cry, seeing other children going to school. But, with World Vision's help, he's finally been able to start his education.

Now, Wakeel comes to World Vision's centre once a week. He's started learning to read and write – and he can spend time just playing and having fun, like every child should.

“My father is sick and can't work anymore, so my brothers and I work.”

Wakeel, 10, Afghanistan

A safe place to be

With the help of people like you, World Vision was able to set up Herat's first centre for street-working children. It's a safe, welcoming space for children between the ages of six and 12 – full of toys, colour, and somewhere they can be looked after with healthcare and a nutritious meal.

Water changes everything

With the right equipment, even the most dire situation can be overcome – just ask the people of Musura Village, Rwanda.

After their natural water sources dried up, people in Musura didn't have enough to drink. Many had no choice but to drink contaminated water from swamps – and the children often suffered from dangerous illnesses like typhoid and worms.

But thanks to water stations installed by World Vision – and made possible, in part, by gifts in Wills – there is a real sense of optimism in the community.

“Before we got this water point, we walked very long distances to fetch water. I sometimes missed school,” explains nine-year-old Alice. “But now, I fetch water and go to school on time – it's helped me improve my grades.”

The effects of the water stations on the community have been remarkable. People have improved hygiene, their health is better, and children have the energy they need to go back to school. Families are able to earn more money, too – meaning a brighter future for everyone.

Without gifts in Wills, transformative projects like this one just wouldn't be possible.

Alice, 9, in Rwanda, can now drink clean, safe water.



Wording for your Will

There are three types of gift that you can leave to World Vision:

A residuary gift – a percentage share of your estate. Just a small percentage can make a big difference.

A pecuniary gift – a fixed amount of money.

A general gift, of a specified item, building or investment.

Below is some wording to guide your solicitor or professional advisor when making or amending your Will, depending on the kind of gift you'd like to leave.

1. Where the need is greatest

Most people leave gifts to World Vision for general purposes, allowing us to respond to the greatest need when it comes.

Residuary gift wording

"I give, free of inheritance tax and all other fiscal impositions, % share of the residue of my estate absolutely to World Vision Ireland, The Mews, Garland House, Rathmines Park, Dublin 6, D06 C6K4, registered charity number 20011796,

for its general purposes, and I direct that the receipt(s) of the Director of Finance or other duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

Pecuniary gift wording

"I give, free of inheritance tax and all other fiscal impositions, World Vision Ireland, The Mews, Garland House, Rathmines Park, Dublin 6, D06 C6K4, registered charity number 20011796, the sum of €+ (in figures) €+ (in words) for its general purposes, and I direct that the receipt of the Director of Finance or other duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

General gift wording

"I give, free of inheritance tax and all other fiscal impositions, to World Vision Ireland, The Mews, Garland House, Rathmines Park, Dublin 6, D06 C6K4, registered charity number 20011796, my [description of property] absolutely for its general purposes, and I direct that the receipt(s) of the Director of Finance or other duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

2. For a specific area of our work

"I give, free of inheritance tax and all other fiscal impositions, [specify share of the residue] or the sum of €+ (in figures) €+ (in words) absolutely to World Vision Ireland, The Mews, Garland House, Rathmines Park, Dublin 6, D06 C6K4, registered charity number 20011796, with the wish that it be used by World Vision at its discretion for [insert an area of our work]."

If you, or your advisor, have any questions – please contact us:



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Your gift can make education more accessible – around the world.

Pledger stories

Everyone who leaves a gift to World Vision has their own special reasons for doing so. Hear why World Vision was the right choice for just some of them, in their own words.

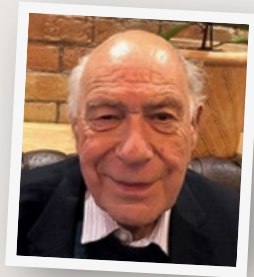


“For my sister and I, our gift to World Vision is about knowing that, beyond our time on this planet, there will be children, communities and families that will remember they were given a helping hand. That they weren’t forgotten.”

Sunny, who along with her sister Anita is leaving a gift in memory of their mother Motia

“I’ve left a gift to World Vision in my Will like my wife Jo did when she died. We have long admired their approach to the communities they serve. Not in the least patronising, they invite communities to say how they can best be helped.”

Hugh



“I’m really encouraged to think that future generations of children will have brighter futures, thanks to my gift. I’m also hopeful that my gift will be a source of comfort for my own family – they’ll know I’ll still be having an impact in the world.”

Lizzie

Rodger, dairy farmer in County Limerick



Meet Rodger, a dedicated dairy farmer for over 60 years. He loves his farm, his neighbours, and the life he’s built in his community. He has been committed to supporting children through sponsorship for almost two decades.

“I will stay supporting, as long as I live
I will be supporting World Vision
sponsorship.”

“I want to keep helping children thrive, even
when I’m gone. That’s why I’ve left a gift in
my Will to World Vision Ireland.”

Our promise to you



We understand that your loved ones come first. We recognise that it's only after you've provided for them that you can consider leaving a gift to World Vision.



We appreciate how important a decision it is to leave a gift. We will never pressure you, and only provide you with the information you request.



Your right to privacy is of the utmost importance to us – it is your decision whether or not to tell us if you are leaving a gift. Of course, we would love to hear from you if you feel comfortable, so we can celebrate with you and keep you informed of how your gift may be used.



We will respect your privacy and the confidential nature of your Will.



We will always be completely transparent and honest with you.



We will do our very best to abide by your wishes and will use your gift wisely and effectively, to change the lives of the world's most vulnerable children.



Your gift will be handled with care and respect, and in line with our strict professional standards.



At any point in the future, you can change your mind about leaving a gift in your Will to World Vision.



A girl tends to her sister in Somalia.

Thanks to supporters like you:



Every 60 seconds a hungry child is fed and a family receives the tools to overcome poverty.



Over the last five years, **89% of malnourished children we treated made a full recovery.**



We reach one new person with clean water **every 10 seconds.**

Just imagine what your gift could do.



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