

MY LEGACY MONTH



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HEAR FROM OUR SUPPORTERS.....

If you would like more information on the practical steps to making a Will and leaving a gift to the Irish Red Cross, please contact Donya by email on danvari@redcross.ie or to have an informal conversation, please call her a call on 01 642 4649.

my legacy 

Plant a seed. Grow your legacy. Leave a gift in your will.

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Fidelma Kelly, Irish Red Cross supporter, author and elderly carer.

I made my first Will when I purchased my first home and have amended it twice since. The process was neither difficult nor expensive; I just booked an appointment with a solicitor and was guided by their expertise.

It's an extremely important thing for every individual to make a Will, but particularly if you have a smaller family, I would urge you to think more deeply about it.

That way, you are able to consider and decide how anything that is left after your death, gets distributed. Otherwise, kin are king – any inheritance is distributed equitably across your extended family members. Whilst this may be absolutely fine for many people, it is worth careful consideration, as it is your life's legacy.

For me, it was important, after I ensured my loved ones were taken care of, to give to charity in my death. I believe a charity like the Irish Red Cross have a great need for 'banked' funds, specifically for emergency aid as crises arise, as it often does, in unprecedented circumstances. The Irish Red Cross are like first-responders. They do not have the time to fundraise on each and every occasion a humanitarian disaster strikes. If my legacy gift can help to mobilise immediate resources for people in⁰⁷ terrible crisis – that is a legacy I am proud of.

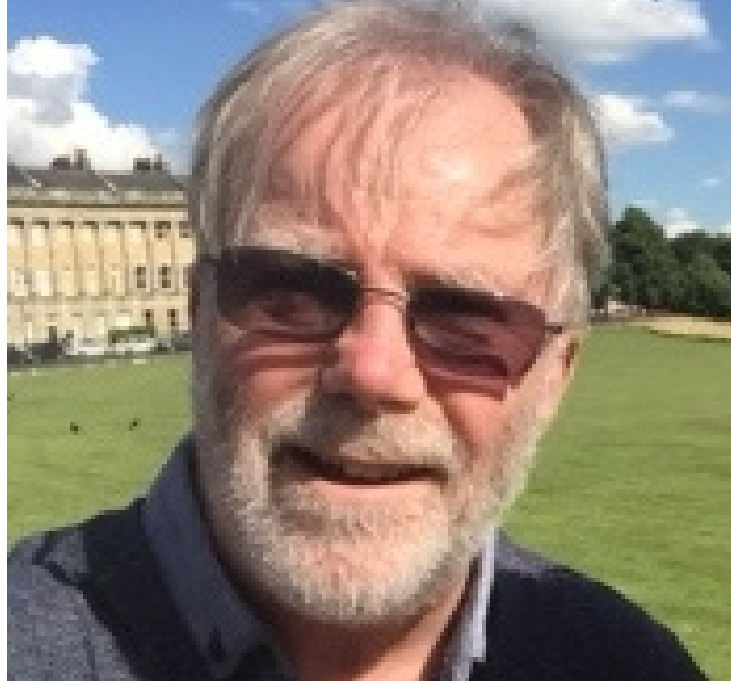


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WHY DID I CHOOSE TO MAKE MY WILL AND LEAVE A GIFT TO THE IRISH RED CROSS?



EDWIN HUMPHREYS
2021

I have always been lucky. I earned enough money to live a comfortable life. I travelled, both for work and for leisure. Generally, I went to places that reinforced my sense of my self-worth. I felt I deserved my good fortune. But, as time went by, I could no longer fool myself.

It is obvious that we live in an unequal world. What I take for granted: education, work opportunities, a place to live, time for enjoyment, even the shirt on my back, are unimaginable luxuries to those for whom fate has decreed that they be born in a very different world. In the 21st century, with the advance of technology, it should be possible to share resources across the planet. Maybe that will happen in time. Future generations, wiser than mine, may grasp the nettle and cut through the political barriers.

Until then, it may seem impossible for any individual to make a difference to the inequity around us. Fortunately, however, some people are already tackling the problem. The Irish Red Cross, with its associate organisations, has, for many years, been present in areas of conflict, disease and natural catastrophe, lending comfort, medical assistance and funds to whoever needs it most. I seem always to have been aware of the Red Cross, with its distinctive logo. If I can help their efforts, I am proud to do so.

My own contribution is probably miniscule, compared to the overall need, but I do believe that every effort should be made. Above all, I trust the Red Cross to use my contribution effectively and efficiently. I made a will some years ago, not long after my marriage, and renewed it more recently. After leaving a certain amount to family members, I have included bequests to various charities like the Irish Red Cross. It makes sense to me that one of my final acts will be to assist with the work that, sadly, will need to continue for some time.



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Remembering a woman who remembered **the world.**

"Honesty was right down Mary's backbone. She had no time for any kind of dishonesty! She was a great believer in giving people an opportunity.

Mary was a principal teacher in a primary school. It was a country school, where you had to be master of many things.

For Mary, what was most important was that everybody had a chance.

Mary would come to your rescue when you needed her. She was cheerful and hospitable. And she tended to be thrifty – that was how she accumulated her money. But when she saw something in need, she would quietly contribute.

It is fitting that Mary would choose to leave a gift to the Irish Red Cross – Mary would look for where help was needed and where she could make the greatest difference, too."

Mary is another amazing person who left a gift to the Irish Red Cross in her Will. We would like to celebrate Mary this Legacy month, through the words of her nearest and dearest.





BRAVERY.

GENEROSITY.

KINDNESS.



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Those are the words that Marese's siblings thought best describe Marese. A much loved woman; Marese continued to embody these characteristics in her death as she did in her life.

Marese was kind enough to leave a gift of €1,000 to the Irish Red Cross in her Will. We were honoured to speak with her family and learn more about the wonderful person she was, through her act of compassion, care and humanity.

Marese, like most people, was such a mixture of lots of characteristics – often shy and hating any limelight, to fighting undeterred for those with lesser voices who needed a champion. She had huge energies that she happily gave to the people and causes in her community.

She was a very independent person with MS who lived life to the fullest. Marese would have been touched by the amazing work of the Irish Red Cross and she was keen to support such efforts. By leaving a gift to the Irish Red Cross in her Will, Marese ensured that her legacy lives on

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Would you consider leaving a gift to the Irish Red Cross in your Will? A gift of any size could help end the suffering of innocent lives.

Please call Donya today on 01 642 4649 to talk about how easy it is to make a Will or email her on danvari@redcross.ie.



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