



**Irish Red Cross**

**‘Don’t  
leave  
me  
this  
way’**

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**How leaving a gift in your Will changes our world**





**Your humanity and care**

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In the midst of all the suffering in the world, wherever people see a Red Cross, they will find hope, help and practical assistance. A gift in your Will leaves a small corner of a better world to someone in desperate need. You could help care for families who'll flee another war like Syria, for babies who'll survive the next tsunami, for mothers who'll struggle to feed their families during the next drought or famine, for elderly people washed out of their homes during another flood in Cork or Dublin.

Your act of kindness will change the world for someone who is suffering. It will also touch the hearts of everyone who strives to live in a kinder, more compassionate world.



Mrs Farrell was an extraordinary woman who left a gift of €2,000, to be used wherever it was needed most. At the time, a Red Cross branch urgently needed a new defibrillator for the ambulance. The ambulance is out and about every weekend and Mrs Farrell's gift has already saved a life of a spectator who collapsed at an outdoor sporting event.

**helps create a kinder world for everyone**





During times of great suffering

Whatever the future holds, you can help bring suffering people into the care of the Red Cross. You can make sure that whenever disaster strikes, people will be rescued and given shelter. During drought and hunger, families will receive food, water, seeds and tools to stay alive and to rebuild their lives. During war and conflict, people can find sanctuary and relief.

When you have passed, your compassion lives on. A gift to the Irish Red Cross in your Will brings practical help and human kindness to people in urgent and desperate need. It's a gift that reaches around the world, from families in Africa to people in Ireland. It's a timeless testament to your humanity and to your hope for a better future for everyone.



Mrs Ahearn passed leaving a gift of €45,000 for people caught up in disasters. Her gift helped survivors immediately after the 2011 Japanese tsunami. Today she is still helping to give play-times to traumatised children who see water and mud in their nightmares.

**you can bring help, hope and human kindness**





**When you change the world for one person**

During the dark days of war, hunger and drought or the grim aftermath of an earthquake or tsunami, there's always a spark of light for the survivors. A Red Cross volunteer helps an old lady from the rubble, a Red Cross ambulance rushes an injured child to hospital, a Red Cross shelter offers a safe place to sleep, a Red Cross tanker delivers cool, fresh water, a Red Cross parcel provides food, blankets and warm clothes, a Red Cross clinic treats those who are wounded, sick or wasting away.

Today and every day, the Irish Red Cross will change the world for people who are suffering overseas and in Ireland. It's been going on for 74 years and, with the warmth of people like you, it will never end.



When Mrs Dunne passed, she wanted to help stop suffering caused by hunger. She left €25,000 in her will and it was used to build a borehole for 5,000 people in Zinder, Niger. Since then the borehole has provided millions of litres of fresh water and micro-irrigation so villagers can keep goats and chickens and grow tomatoes, melons and corn around their homes.

**you change the world for everyone**

# Change your Will and help change the world

If you have already made a Will and would like to include the Irish Red Cross, you can make a simple addition called a codicil. When you have decided if you want to leave a sum of money, an item of value or a share of your estate, you should seek independent guidance from your own legal adviser.

Legacy gifts to the Irish Red Cross are tax-free under current legislation.

# Your gift can change the world

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## Someone to talk to

We help people who would like to leave a gift to the Irish Red Cross in their Will. We have a list of solicitors who can help you make or change your Will.

If you'd like to know more, please telephone or email Frank on 01 642 4645 or [fphelan@redcross.ie](mailto:fphelan@redcross.ie)

## Your legacy guarantee

The Irish Red Cross promises you that ...

1. We understand that your family and loved ones must, and will always, come first.
2. We will always respect your privacy. We recognise and appreciate that your Will is completely personal to you.
3. You can tell us that you've left a gift if you want to, and we'd love to hear from you, if only to thank you – but you don't need to tell us and we won't keep asking you to.
4. We will give you and your family as much choice as we can about how and where your gift will be used to make the biggest difference to the most people.
5. You always have the right to change your mind about a gift in your will to the Irish Red Cross.
6. We will use your gift to change the lives of people you care about: who are most in need.





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