## A Gift in Your Will Could Change the World

Why it matters - and how you can make it happen



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## Introduction

#### A gift in your Will is a simple, thoughtful act that will have a huge impact around the world for generations to come.

#### A message from George Graham, our Executive Director

Our world is becoming more challenging with what feels like emergencies, poverty, and conflicts growing every second. Every day we see just how big the needs are and how big a difference your remarkable support makes.

Thank you for considering this special way to support our work. A gift in your Will can help ensure that future generations have someone in their corner, defending them and supporting them to live a full life, free of danger, worry, or exclusion.

I hope this guide will show you how, together, we can ensure your generosity can make a better world for disabled and vulnerable people.

Thank you



George





In 1997 Humanity & Inclusion became the corecipient of the Nobel Peace Prize after our 5 year campaign for an international ban on landmines. This was a pivotal point in our history. We now work in 15 countries protecting communities from explosive weapons.

## **About HI**

What started as 2 doctors providing prosthetic legs and rehabilitation to refugees in Thailand has grown into a global organisation supporting disabled and vulnerable people in over 60 countries affected by poverty, conflict, and disaster. Day and night we work in the following areas to save and change lives:

#### **Emergency response**

Wherever and whenever a disaster strikes, our teams are there to provide life-saving emergency aid and ensure that every child and disabled person has access to the medical care they desperately need.

#### Rehabilitation

Our specialists work with people with varying injuries, from severe burns to amputations. They help people clean their wounds, increase mobility, and regain independence.

#### **Inclusive Education**

By building accessible schools and supporting teachers and students, we are making sure every disabled child gets to go to school, not only to learn but to also make friends.

#### **Explosive Weapons**

Our teams of deminers protect communities by clearing school grounds, roads, and crop fields from unexploded bombs. We also educate the communities on the risks and how to stay safe.

#### How it all started

In a refugee camp on the border of Thailand and Cambodia, two young doctors met over 6,000 amputees. Many of them were victims of landmines, who were being neglected from other organisations' humanitarian efforts.

Outraged, and deeply concerned for the future of those injured, they took matters into their own hands. They started by building artificial limbs using whatever materials they could find.

This image was one of the first taken, and more importantly two of the first children our founders ever built artificial limbs for after being injured in a landmine explosion. These two girls have gone on to live incredible lives, advocating for Humanity & Inclusions work and our many campaigns on explosive weapons and landmines.



## **Kanha's Story**

Meet Kanha from Cambodia. Kanha was a happy sixyear-old girl with dreams to chase and a bright future ahead of her. But everything changed in an instant when tragedy struck her family.

Her story starts when her father returned home from work carrying what he thought to be a chunk of scrap metal. Desperately poor, he was hoping to sell it to support his family. But, when he attempted to break it open, it exploded, taking his life instantly and leaving little Kanha critically injured.

Kanha was rushed to hospital with severe injuries.





Doctors had no choice but to amputate her leg. When she woke up, the little girl's life had completely changed and she found herself feeling lost. That feeling lasted for almost a year. But just when everything seemed lost, Kanha's mother found hope when she heard out about our rehabilitation centre in Kompong Cham, and brought little Kanha for a visit.

Our specialists showed Kanha how to look after her stump, how to clean it and change the bandage. Then they started doing some small exercises together, working on her balance and strength, so that we could fit her with a prosthetic leg.

Then, when Kanha was ready, our prosthetist took some measurements and made her her first prosthetic leg.

It was a lot of work and months of rehabilitation that followed, but we were there every step of the way. And slowly but surely, Kanha took her first steps with her new leg.

As they grow, children like Kanha need their prosthetic leg to be replaced every 6 months and Kanha soon outgrew hers. But, thanks to the generosity of our donors, Kanha has received a new prosthetic leg every time she has needed one over the last 20 years. But that's not all we have done for Kanha.

When she back on her feet, we helped her to attend school and supported her throughout her studies. Now 25, Kanha has graduated and works as a seamstress





creating beautiful dresses for weddings and religious ceremonies. She adores her job, and through it she has made some incredible friends. Her life is nothing like she'd imagined when she first lost her leg, it is fulfilled and rewarding.

She is one of the lucky ones. Sadly, too many children across the world are injured by explosive weapons, and if left without support they will live lives trapped indoors, in pain with no hope for the future. This is no life for a child, that is why our teams do what they do. By leaving a gift in your Will you could ensure that we can keep providing that life-changing support to children like Kanha all over the world.

## A Gift in Your Will to Humanity & Inclusion

### Why leave a gift in your Will?

A gift in your Will is one of the most transformative decisions you can make for vulnerable and disabled people worldwide.

Gifts in Wills amount to only 28% of charitable giving in the UK. But these gifts are invaluable. For Humanity & Inclusion, they enable us to respond immediately when an emergency strikes. They enable us to support entire schools, hospitals and refugee centres. They enable us to remove bombs, from school grounds, farms, and roads. And they enable us to provide an amputee child with rehabilitation and prosthetics for life.

As a legacy donor for Humanity and Inclusion, you will be standing up for people with no voice, demanding that they get access to the support they desperately need now, and most importantly into the future.

We value every gift we receive. Through this guide you will find more information about the types of gifts you can give, but no matter the size we vow to use your gift to create the biggest change.

### Your legacy will be a lifeline to a generation of children who would otherwise be forgotten.



### How to leave a gift in your Will

After taking care of your family, friends and loved ones including a gift in your Will to Humanity & Inclusion is an incredible way to support disabled and vulnerable people all over the world. There are three main ways that you can leave a gift to Humanity & Inclusion in your Will.

#### **Residuary gifts:**

A residuary gift is a share of someone's estate. This type of gift is written in a percentage. For example, you would like to gift HI 5% of your total estate.

#### **Pecuniary gifts:**

A pecuniary gift is a fixed sum of money. With this type of gift, you do run the risk of your gift diminishing over the years, but there are ways to avoid that. Just ask your lawyer or legal representative.

#### Specific gifts:

This is a gift of a specific, named item. For example, it could be a property, a piece of jewelry, artwork or a car.

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## How to make or update your Will

When making or updating your Will, we recommend you get professional advice. These tips will help your preparation before seeing a Will-making professional.

#### Think about your assets

Spend some time listing the assets you own, their value, and any potential debts that could reduce your estate. Once you have a complete list, you can now decide what you want to happen to your assets when you are no longer here.



#### **Appoint roles in your Will**

Your executors are the people named in your Will who will look after your assets and final wishes after your death. These people need to be people you trust. Most people choose friends or family but you can also choose professionals or even organisations like a bank or charity. But do remember to ask your friends and family to be your executors before writing them into your will just in case they don't feel comfortable performing that role.

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#### Leave a gift in your Will to Humanity & Inclusion UK

After you have made sure your family and loved ones will be well looked after, consider leaving a gift in your Will to a charity that will allow for your values can live on through supporting causes you care so much about. It is really simple to include Humanity & Inclusion in your Will, all you need is our address and Registered charity number which you can find on the back of this leaflet and choose how much you would like to leave.

Make sure your Will is valid

Visit a legal advisor or use our Will writing service to draw up or update your Will.

For our free Will-writing service with Octopus Legacy, <u>see page 12</u>



## **Your free Will**

Sometimes writing your Will can seem like a daunting task that can take hours. That's why we have partnered with Octopus Legacy, who take the hassle out of writing a Will. With Octopus Legacy, you could opt for a more in-depth Will, or you can have a simpler Will that will only take a matter of minutes.

We have a free Will offer, which is available to any Humanity & Inclusion supporter when you use our code 'HI-FREE-21'. You can use their services and speak to their Will specialist online or by telephone to discuss any questions you may have, or to start the process of writing your Will.

### Think about inheritance tax

If the value of your estate is higher than £325,000, inheritance tax (IHT) may be payable on the portion above that threshold. Charitable gifts made during your lifetime or in your Will are exempt from IHT. You can discuss this with the Wills specialist or your solicitor.

### If you have any questions about your free Will offer, please contact Laura at L.Phillips@hi.org



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### Dont forget the tax incentive

 The UK government has introduced a tax incentive to reward people for their charitable gifts in their Will.

So, if you give at least 10% of your estate to charity those listed as beneficiaries in your Will, will pay less inheritance tax on anything over £325,000. It's a win-win!

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Hi there!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read about our work and the incredible difference a gift in your Will to Humanity & Inclusion UK could make to millions of disabled and vulnerable people.

I hope you have been inspired by all that your gift can make possible and how surprisingly easy it is to leave a gift in your Will to charity.

Please remember that I am always here to help- whenever you need me. If you have any questions or need more information on anything mentioned in this guide, please get in touch.

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Laura





### Our promise to you

Leaving a gift in your Will is an incredibly special and personal decision. That's why when you choose to support Humanity & Inclusion UK, we make these promise to you:

- We believe that your family and friends come first, and we promise to treat them as if they were our own, with courtesy, compassion and respect
- We will always be here to answer any of your questions and keep you updated on how your support helps disabled and vulnerable people.
- We will use your donation wisely and responsibly, so it has the biggest impact possible- Including respecting your wishes regarding how your donation is spent.
- We will always respect your privacy and not sell or rent your personal details to other third-party organisations in the UK. Making sure that we deal with your personal information in confidence and store it securely.
- Once you leave a gift in your Will, you will join an amazing, kind community of people fighting to make the world a better place for disabled and vulnerable people for generations to come.

## FAQs

#### What information do I need to leave a gift to HI in my Will?

All you need is: Our name: Humanity & Inclusion UK Our UK registered charity number: 1082565 And, our Address: Humanity & Inclusion UK, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road. London. SE1 7JB

#### What happens if I don't have a Will?

If you pass away without making a Will, you will be classed as dying 'intestate' and this could result in your estate not going where you would have wished. If you have no family members to inherit, the entire estate could pass to the Crown.

#### How can I find a solicitor near me to make a Will?

We recommend you consult a solicitor when writing your Will or you can speak to one of Octopus Legacy's Will advisors, their contact information is on page 12. You can also visit the Law Society website at lawsociety.org.uk for a list of legal professionals in your area.

#### What happens if I change my mind?

You are free to change your mind about leaving a gift in your Will to Humanity & Inclusion UK at any time, and we completely understand that this is a personal decision. If you have told us you are intending to leave us a gift, it would be helpful to let us know if that changes.





Thank you so much for considering this special way of giving.

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