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Advocating for human dignity



Renata Milán Morales

rom Zimbabwe to Colombia, Irish missionaries have been supporting the furthest behind, helping vulnerable and marginalised communities "not only to survive, but to strive", while also helping communities to develop local leadership. These missionaries become "rooted in the places they serve. Relationships grow from the long-term commitment to them that missionaries demonstrate. Trust then becomes the cornerstone for effective long-term development", according to Jennifer Donovan of Misean Cara.

Established in 2004, Misean Cara is an Irish faith-based organisation supporting the overseas development work of missionaries. Collectively, Misean Cara's 77 members work in over 50 countries and are part of a much bigger global missionary network that extends across the world with an extensive reach in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Misean Cara is committed to 'promoting the dignity and wellbeing of those furthest behind and aiding their access to essential resources and basic rights"

Misean Cara's missionary member organisations often work in remote and vulnerable communities, (helping with housing, health centres, schools and human rights). They serve the local people of the area and then they become part of it. An important goal is to develop selfsufficiency in communities and local leadership of proiects. The idea is that, longterm, the missionaries won't have to do this kind of job. They come to an area that is left behind. They work on that community so that the project becomes sustainable. This way, the missionaries can move to another area of need and that community can still work themselves. They work with and for everyone, on critical issues such as housing, education, climate change resilience and advocating for human rights.



Child Calm. T. Chinyama (7 years-old) Missionary member: Little Company of Mary Project: Murambinda Mission Hospital, Buhera, Zimbabwe



Brothers of the Society of St Francis interview community leaders



Jennifer Donovan - Misean Cara

In brief, Misean Cara is committed to "promoting the dignity and wellbeing of those furthest behind and aiding their access to essential resources and basic rights. To ensure that the support we give members has the most impact, our efforts are focused on five key areas: Climate-resilient livelihoods, education, health, emergency assistance and human rights".

Calm

"The work that the missionaries do is incredible. We work with over 1.7 million people every year, to help to improve their lives. A lot of missionaries don't even take a salary. I guess the approach itself is to enrich the poor", Jennifer Donovan, Donor engagement manager shared with this newspaper, "rather than to help eradicate poverty, to help to improve medication and education, because this is key to help people to get out of poverty. The access to clean water. When unexpected disasters or situations happen, missionaries are already there

to lend support."

The incubator where Calm was for the first two months of her life was there thanks to the funding of Misean Cara"

Last year Jennifer Donovan visited Zimbabwe, "I had the pleasure to meet this beautiful girl by the name of 'Calm' and her mother, Iovce Mudziumu. Joyce was months pregnant when her baby daughter was born. She wanted to have a boy. since she already had two girls, which is a big pressure in her country", Jennifer continued, "She believes that the stress that she was going through because of this was what led her to go into early labor. When the contractions started, she was rushed to the hospital. Upon arrival she was already 4cm dilatated, and the baby was born shortly afterwards. The incubator where Calm was

her life was there thanks to the funding of Misean Cara. This incubator was part of a bigger scale funding. The first few weeks were dramatic, and Joyce couldn't produce milk because of the stress. After two months of being in hospital, she did not need the incubator anymore. They stayed in the hospital for a few more months iust to ensure that the child was okay." Calm now goes to school, and she is so intelligent. Calm's mother is still in touch with the Sisters running the hospital, the Little Company of Mary. And now that she is aware of how Misean Cara helped her in her first months in this world she is grateful for the

for the first two months of

Security

Jennifer was also in Colombia, and visited a project in a very poor town that was set up by a nun who died recently but she left a legacy behind. This nun was there for 40 years. "She was helping women who had been affected by domestic violence and offering a service for the care of the elderly", Jennifer tells this paper, "What started as a small project is still helping. One of the women I spoke with, three of her children have been killed by gangs. But one of her sons has got a scholarship and now he is working on this project as a social worker, rebuilding human dignity. He is part of the community". Jennifer points out that people feel safer once the missionaries

are there. "What missionaries do so well is building the dialogue with the community, becoming part of it. They are there for the long run. It becomes their 'home'. They ensure that they have people from different fields so they can help in different areas".

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Why include Misean Cara on your will?

Leaving a will is our last opportunity to ensure that the people we love are looked after but it's also a chance for our beliefs and values to live on. To leave a life-changing gift to Misean Cara is an amazing act of kindness, that will ensure the work of missionaries lives on beyond our lifetime, giving more children, like Calm, the opportunity to not only survive, but to strive.

In Jennifer's words, "I guess for myself, I haven't worked in an international development sector before, so this is completely new to me. Last year, when I had the privilege of visiting Zimbabwe to look at some of our member's projects, I happened to visit the work of one of our congregations. What amazed me about the work conditions is that they are up at 4 am saying prayers. The missionaries spend their days working across the place and then, in the evening they would gather and pick what they grow in their garden and share it. They were happy people. I was highly humbled because of what I witnessed.

Missionaries work quietly. They are moving and they are still dedicated. It is not the same reading about it as going and seeing there what is happening. Missionaries work so many hours. They live to work on this. It is their life. Their help is done quietly. Even missionaries, they don't tell their stories. They are very low-key. They don't have the resources to shout about what they do. They don't have big advertising campaigns."

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In 2024, Misean Cara celebrates 20 years of support to Irish missionary organisations.

Be a part of the legacy,
by leaving a gift in your will to help
ensure that we can support their
life-transforming work overseas for
years to come.

Visit us at www.miseancara.ie/Legacy to learn more.

Let Your Compassion Live On...

Will you step back in time with me for a moment? I want to share the story of the Mater Hospital, and how it's been powered by kindness like yours right from the very start...

Put yourself in the crowd gathered on Eccles Street in Dublin, on a chilly late September morning in 1861.

It's the aftermath of the Famine...

- ...thousands of families fleeing the hunger have been forced into tenement slums.
- ...the death rate in Dublin is the highest in all of Europe.

But on this Tuesday morning, hope is in the air...

Because this is the day the Mater Hospital is opened.

And from the very beginning — despite having so little themselves — the Mater has been powered by the extraordinary kindness of the people of Ireland...

... by your great, great grandparents and mine.

You carry within you their same deeply-held values of compassion and concern and generosity passed down through generations of caring hearts like yours.

And it's in honour of that same spirit of kindness that has kept the Mater strong for so many decades that I feel I can ask you this question -



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Would you consider making a gift to the Mater Hospital Foundation in your Will?

Choosing the people and causes you want to remember with a special gift is a matter for your heart alone.

And, of course, your family is your first concern.

But after your loved ones are taken care of, a gift of just 1% or 2% of your estate to the Mater Hospital Foundation would see your love and compassion — the most beautiful and essential parts of yourself — live on within our centuries—old walls for hundreds of years to come.

It's hard for us to imagine now just what the opening of the Mater Hospital meant to our great, great grandparents.

You see, before the Mater, there was hardly a person in Ireland with access to healthcare...

And if you were poor or catholic you had no chance.

Were you or your child to get sick, your chances of survival were thin. It was as simple and brutal as that.

And it was that very injustice that Sister Catherine McAuley made it her mission to fight all those years ago. The Mater threw its doors open to all. It would be a hospital for the people.

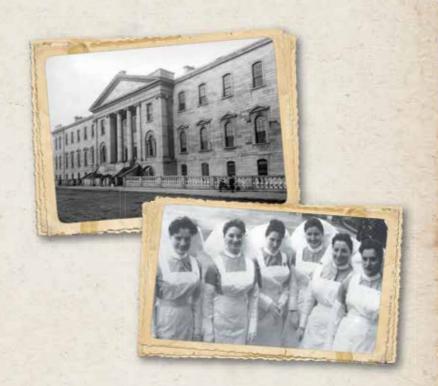
Our hospital. Yours and mine. And nobody suffering would be denied care, no matter what.

And although the modern Mater Hospital you visit today looks very different to how it did in 1861...

... There remains one constant.

Because it was generous, resilient, and principled people like yourself who gave what little money they had so their hospital could endure for their children and grandchildren...

... for you and me.



And it's kindness like yours that still powers our work to this day.

Sincerely yours,

Sames Sullivan

James Sullivan

Supporter Care Manager, Mater Hospital Foundation 53-54 Eccles Street, Dublin 7

P.S. For more than 160 years... through famine, plague and war, kind hearts like yours have kept the Mater Hospital caring for Ireland's sick.

Would you like to learn more about the history of the Mater Hospital and how, with a gift in your Will, your love can live within our walls and wards for the next 100 years?

For your FREE copy of 'Saving Lives since 1861...' just fill out the slip on the next page, and I'll pop something special in the post for you.

Let Your Compassion Live On



A gift in your Will to the Mater Hospital Foundation is the promise of help, hope and healing for the next 100 years...



Want to learn about the history of the Mater Hospital and how you can consider leaving a gift in your Will? For your FREE copy of 'Saving Lives Since 1861...' please contact James at jsullivan@materfoundation.ie, by phone at 01 830 3482 or fill out this slip and return by post to the address below.

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The Love of your best friend until the very end...



Every death matters and we only have one chance to get it right.

A gift in your Will can make this happen.

With 74%* of people in Ireland wanting to die at home, a gift in your will to Irish Hospice Foundation can help achieve our vision of an Ireland where people facing end of life or bereavement and those who care for them, are provided with the care and support they need.

A gift of any amount in your Will to Irish Hospice Foundation could be the easiest and most meaningful one you will ever make. It is a way of enabling you to continue to support our work beyond your lifetime. By remembering us in your Will, you can help us make long-term plans in support of end-of-life and bereavement care across Ireland, including Nurses for Night Care and our Bereavement Support Line. On behalf of those facing death and grief, thank you for your consideration.



A big, tall man with a gentle voice. He had an impressive cuckoo clock collection. A soft spot for animals. And... he was dying. With no family and few friends close by, John had just one final wish. She'd been there after he received his crushing, terminal diagnosis. She'd been there to comfort him through the pain as his disease took hold. And now the end was near, all John wanted was to die in his own home, his beloved dog, Bella, at his side.

This was made possible by Irish Hospice Foundation's Nurses for Night Care service. Nurses for Night Care enables people with non-cancer diseases, like dementia or motor neurone disease, to receive expert nursing care and support at night in their own homes in their final days. It also provides reassurance and respite for families and loved ones caring for someone at home.

Nurse for Night Care Mary recalls how, in his weakened state, John took a while to answer the door. But when he did, at his heel, not even up to his ankles... stood Bella. At over 6-feet tall, John and his fluffy wee dog made an adorably odd couple.

John loved to talk. He told nurse Mary how he rescued Bella from the pound almost a decade earlier. How it was love at first sight. And that he wanted to be with Bella at the end because he couldn't bear it if she thought he'd abandoned her. John was weary. This disease had taken almost all the fight left in him... Yet when he spoke about his Bella baby, his eyes danced with pure love.

John's last few hours were mercifully peaceful. Nurse Mary sat with him and made sure he was comfortable and pain-free. Bella never left his side. It was like she knew.

She lay on his pillow, head on John's shoulder. When he woke, he'd feel Bella's fluffy warmth against his face and let out a little sigh of contentment. It was only hours later that John drew his final breath. Bella began howling in anguish. It would have broken your heart.

But John got the choice. He got to choose where his life would end. At home, surrounded by the warmth and love of his best friend. Vital services such as Nurses for Night Care allow those like John to spend their final moments in this world surrounded by those they love the most. Irish Hospice Foundation's Nurses for Night Care is one of the only free services for people dying of non-cancer illnesses and the cost is rising year on year.

To find out more about including a gift in your Will to Irish Hospice Foundation, please contact Anna Sadlier at 01 679 3188 or email: anna.sadlier@hospicefoundation.ie

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"Everything is connected": changing future generations' fate with today's farming techniques

Rising temperatures, endless droughts and devastating floods – an unrelenting cycle of extreme weather is pushing communities in Malawi into deadly hunger. But thanks to innovative new climate-smart farming techniques, local farmers can protect their families and livelihoods from the catastrophic effects of the climate crisis for years to come.

In the Neno District of Malawi, farmer and father, Kosimasi has been struggling with the increasing consequences of climate change for many years. Unprecedented levels of rainfall have eroded the land and swept away his fishing ponds – the source of his family's food, income and security for the future. Poverty and the growing risk of life-threatening hunger became a terrifying reality.

Adapt, rebuild, thrive

Kosimasi knows that the rains will continue to come, and the land that generations of his family have relied on for their livelihood will continue to erode, with devastating impacts.

But with support, his whole community is now beginning to build resilience, and overcome the catastrophic effects of climate change. Kosimasi says, "We learned from Concern Worldwide that nature has changed and we should change our farms."

Having worked in Malawi for 21 years, Concern's climate-smart agriculture programmes have taught local farmers new irrigation methods and farming techniques, like how to dig swales and stabilise



Kosimasi, a fish farmer, stands in front of a pond in Samu village, Malawi, where he and his community are fighting the terrible effects of climate change. *Photo: Chris Gagnon/Concern Worldwide*

"Everything is connected. We are using the fish pond to irrigate our crops on the land, and we are using the same crops to make the feed for the fish. We are not devastating the environment, we are busy taking care of the environment."

Kosimasi, Malawi

dams, to improve rainwater runoff. Essential tools, such as water drums and slashers, as well as solar panels, are helping to protect crops from soil erosion, increase harvest yields, and offer new opportunities for climate-resilient farming. By working with the environment, Kosimasi is building a positive, lasting connection between the land and the families that rely on it for food.



In the past, the ponds Kosimasi and other farmers worked on would be swept away by flooding. *Photo: Chris Gagnon/Concern Worldwide*

A global connection

Unfortunately, Kosimasi's story is an all too familiar one. Around the world, millions of people are being impacted by changes to the climate and environment. In Malawi, where the land supports 80% of the population's livelihoods, climate shocks such as floods and droughts are pushing people to the brink of survival.

Here in Ireland, the effects of the climate crisis are starting to become more evident, with increased rainfall and flooding. But in Malawi, where farmers like Kosimasi are on the climate frontline, adverse changes in climate are severely disrupting the natural balance of seasons that farmers have relied on for generations. Consecutive harvests are being destroyed, giving families no time to recover and no relief from the devastation.

As experts warn that more intense and more frequent droughts, floods

THE LASTING LEGACY OF TOOLS AND TRAINING

Through the generosity of legacy donors, Concern Worldwide is able to support vulnerable communities now and for years to come with the vital tools and training they need.

TECHNOLOGY

Rather than irrigating land by hand with buckets and cans, farmers can use solar powered water pumps and save time for other vital tasks.



Through innovative irrigation training, such as how to dig swales to protect dams, farmers can continue to grow crops, even during droughts.



With support, farmers are trained in organic fertiliser-making – a sustainable way to grow crops multiple times a year, with readily available products.

and shocks are to come, millions are already being left without enough food to eat – and future generations are more vulnerable than ever.

Building resilience

Through kind donations, including gifts in Wills, Concern is supporting climate adaptation, helping to provide the long-term support farmers like Kosimasi need to prepare for the future. It's a vital connection between the work that can be done to adapt now, and the legacy of a more secure future for generations to come.

And the long-term impacts are already evident. Thanks to the tools and training he received, Kosimasi's fish farming business has flourished, and he has also begun harvesting crops several times a year. The determination of farmers like him is protecting families from life-threatening hunger, now and into the future.

A growing impact

"Everything is connected," Kosimasi beams, as he explains how he was able to make fertiliser for the beds of his fishing ponds. His ponds keep the land irrigated with nutrient-packed water, which helps to grow maize used to make fish feed. These new techniques have also meant Kosimasi can sell his fish and harvests at market, raising an income to build a new house for his family, and send his daughters to school. And, most importantly, his family is no longer hungry thanks to their improved diets.

A powerful and sustainable way to support Malawi is with a gift in your Will.

Through support from Irish donors, almost 40 farmers are now dedicated to conserving the Sayamika river and surrounding land, which means Kosimasi's whole community is no longer at risk of deadly hunger.

A lasting legacy

For many of Ireland's most compassionate people, playing a part in protecting the lives of future generations starts with leaving a gift in their Will. A crucial source of support, this life-saving gesture can give communities the training and tools they need to recover and adapt — and connect us all to a brighter future.

While climate change might be inevitable, through one act of kindness – choosing to leave a gift in your Will – you can make an extraordinary change. By leaving a legacy, you can help ensure every one has the tools and support they need to fight the effects of the climate crisis, so they can thrive in a world without hunger.

Discover how you can support families to adapt and survive. Together, we can fight for a future without deadly hunger.

"That my support will help create incredible change, even when I'm gone, makes me so proud."

Eileen, Co. Limerick

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Climate change and conflict continue to drive humanitarian catastrophes affecting millions



Communities caught up in conflict suffer not only violence but displacement and psychosocial impacts, writes **Noreen Gumbo**

have worked my entire career, over 30 years, in the International Development sector and today it feels that the world faces greater challenges than ever before. Climate change and conflict are two of the greatest challenges facing people in almost all of the countries where Trócaire works.

The effects of climate change saw records broken in 2023 and not in a good way. It was the hottest year on record. Sea levels rose to a record high as a result of ocean warming and the melting of glaciers. Extreme weather events such as heatwaves, floods, droughts, wildfires and cyclones caused mayhem for millions of people all around the world.

When the waters started rushing in, fearing for my children, I left everything behind and ran with the children to the nearby school"

One country hit badly was Malawi where Cyclone Freddy left more than one thousand people dead, half a million people homeless and countless livelihoods shattered. Mary Peter (42) is one of those who is trying to pick up the pieces of her life in the aftermath of the terrible storm. "When the waters started rushing in, fearing for my children. I left everything behind and ran with the children to the nearby school. The water was up to knee level and the children were crying in fear. The rain continued for three days and we stayed



in the school as it was the only place for us to go. We ate raw maize for three days to survive," she said.

Mary Peter lost her home, her animals and her crops.

Trócaire worked alongside eight local partners, including local church partners, to provide immediate relief to individuals and communities affected by the cyclone, and supported them on the long road to recovery of their homes. their farms and their livelihoods. "I am Catholic and the only thing that got me through this was my faith. The support and encouragement we got from Trócaire through their partner CADECOM really did mean a lot and gave us hope," Mary Peter said.

Globally

Malawi is just one example of how climate change is impacting people globally. Climate change affects everyone but not equally. It is a crisis of inequality. Countries in the global south that have contributed least to the carbon emissions underlying the crisis are facing its worst consequences. Trócaire is not only working to support people to combat climate change and adapt to new realities, it is also urging politicians and decision makers in Ireland and the EU to take urgent action to reduce emissions at home and to commit their fair

share of resources to assist other countries.

In his new paper on the climate crisis *Laudate Deum*, released in October 2023, Pope Francis makes a plea for the global community to take action before it is too late. He encourages us not to lose hope, because that "would mean exposing humanity, especially the poorest, to the worst impacts of climate change." (LD, 54).

Conflict is the second major issue impacting many communities where Trócaire works.

Trócaire's local partners in Gaza have lost staff members and have seen their homes and offices destroyed but continue to do what they can for those around them"

Conflict disrupts everything and communities

caught up in conflict suffer not only violence but displacement and psychosocial impacts. They lose their livelihoods, their access to healthcare, their churches and schools.

Violence increased significantly in Ethiopia, Myanmar, Sudan, Ukraine and, of course, Gaza in 2023. A rise in geopolitical competition has fuelled conflict in many countries with great powers competing for influence and supplying troops and weapons to countries at war.

Hampered

When conflict erupts, Trócaire's work and that of our local partners is severely hampered. Assets are destroyed, humanitarian need increases and women, men and children have to flee their homes in search of safety. The horrendous ongoing situation in Gaza is very much on all of our minds at the moment. Trócaire's local partners in Gaza have lost staff members and have seen their homes and offices destroyed but continue to do what they can for those around them.

Sudan is on the brink of famine with more than 18 million people facing starvation and millions of people forced to flee their homes"

In Myanmar almost 2.6

million people have had to flee their homes since a military coup in 2021. Many people have had to take refuge in the forests in their search for safety. Trócaire and our 25 local partners are operating in a complex environment to support 62,000 people with humanitarian assistance. In 2023, conflict in Sudan had a devastating impact on the civilian population across the country. Sudan is on the brink of famine with more than 18 million people facing starvation and millions of people forced to flee their homes. The Nuba Mountains, where Trócaire supports local partners to deliver primary

health care, has seen an influx of almost 600,000 people over the past year from other areas of Sudan, stretching the limited resources to a maximum.

Pope Francis said that war is "a crime against humanity" and has repeatedly called for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East and other parts of the world. "Let us not forget this (...) People need peace, the world needs peace," the Pope said after one of his weekly Angelus prayers.

Implications

Operating in conflict has many implications for the well-being and security of Trócaire and local partners' staff that must be carefully considered. But the support of the public in Ireland provides Trócaire with great motivation to continue even where the challenges are great. We will always be grateful to our supporters for the kindness and humanity they show through donations and also through gifts included in wills. Our work is only possible because of this and our supporters drive us forward every day.

To find out more about Trócaire's work visit www. trocaire.org

Noreen Gumbo is the recently appointed Director of Global Programmes in Trócaire having previously been the organisation's Head of Humanitarian Programmes

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It's been said that if your name is held in the hearts of others, you will never truly die.

When you set aside a gift of any size in your Will to Trócaire, your good and generous name will never die.

Every year after your passing, we'll honour your name in gratitude and love at a special Remembrance Mass where all faiths are welcome.

We'll keep your name safe and warm in our Books of Remembrance, too, where all the people who've loved you can come to see it.

Simple bequests of <u>any size</u> by Will are some of the greatest,

most everlasting gifts of all made by caring people just like you across Ireland.

So whether you ultimately include Trócaire in your final legacy – or another worthy cause – we have a free and easy planner you can bring to your solicitor to get started. We're happy to post it to you, discreetly, and with our heartfelt thanks for your consideration and for being a faithful Irish Catholic reader.

For the relief your legacy will bring to people living in fear from poverty, injustice,

indifference, and exploitation worldwide, we believe that even though you pass on, your good name should never die.

Request your free and confidential legacy planner from Trócaire today. Then bring the planner to your family solicitor for an open and honest conversation.

We'll remember your name.



To request your free legacy planner now, including bequest wording and a simple 4-step worksheet you can share privately with your solicitor, ring Grace Kelly on 01 5053 221, or email grace.kelly@trocaire.org

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A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO GOAL MEANS WE CAN BE FIRST THERE WHEN CONFLICT AND CRISIS HAPPEN

Loving words from a proud son

"THANKS TO MY PARENTS, SO MANY LIVES HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED..."

When husband and wife, Dermot and Eveline Dolan, passed away, their son (and one of our GOAL volunteers)
Tiernan discovered they'd left us a gift in their Will.
Here, he shares with you what their last gift means to him...



GOAL volunteer, Tiernan proudly shares his parent's story.

"My parents always had a tremendous sense of social justice, and as children, we were told how fortunate we were. We never took anything for granted.

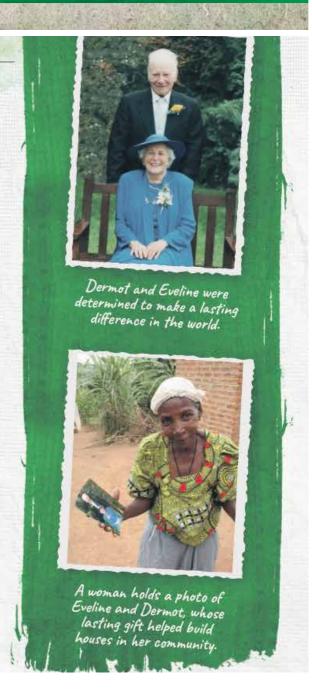
"When they passed (sadly, very shortly after one another), I asked friends and family to donate to GOAL in their honour - only to then learn that they'd generously remembered GOAL in their Will.

"It was my privilege to visit the project that my parent's last gift supported - building new houses in a very poor area of Uganda. It was an incredible experience to see the positive change and

the wonderful legacy that my parents had left.

"I'd taken a picture I had of them, from a family wedding, and I showed it to the families now living there. They hugged the photograph, and yes, there were tears!

"Standing there, with people who'd been helped by my Mum and Dad, I felt a quiet pride. In truth, I wanted to shout what they'd done from the rooftops, but that's not what they would have wanted. But I know, and my family knows, that because of their generosity, they'll continue to make a lasting difference to other families for generations to come.



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Visit our website https://www.friendsoftheearth.ie/get-involved/ways-to-donate/leave-a-legacy/to learn more or reach out to our team directly by emailing info@foe.ie or calling us at 01-6394652.

Help save what we love with a legacy gift to Friends of the Earth

Planting a seed for the future is something we should all consider, no matter what age or stage of life we are at.

Friends of the Earth is dedicated to creating a brighter, safer and more equitable future for all. Our unwavering commitment to environmental and social justice stems from 50 years of campaigning and supporting communities in taking action for a just world where people and nature thrive.

Leaving a Gift to Friends of the Earth in your Will

Your legacy gift will help us ensure the earth we are passing on to our children and grandchildren is a safe home for all of earth's creatures and retains the beauty and wonder that you know and love.

You can include Friends of the Earth in your Will when writing it for the first time, and also when updating it.
Simply contact your solicitor to tell them you'd like to include Friends of the Earth in your Will.

Your support enables us to do our important work for our shared planet and all it inhabits. Thank you for all that you do and give.

Your precious and lasting legacy

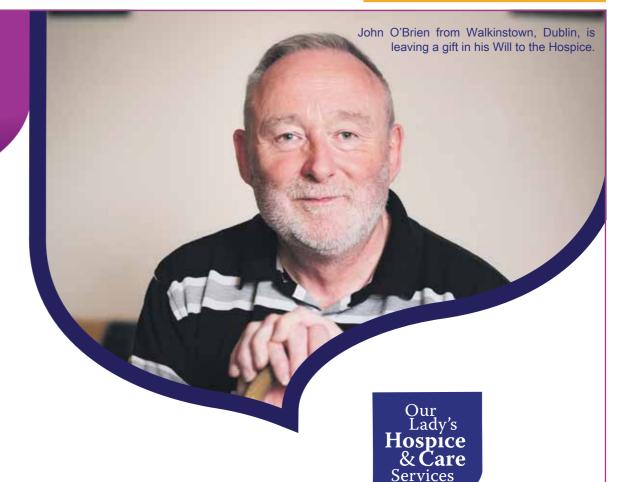
Leaving a gift in your Will to Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Harold's Cross, Blackrock and Wicklow, can provide care for this generation and the next.

Our specialist palliative care teams working from our hospices in Harold's Cross, Blackrock and Wicklow, and increasingly within people's own homes, bring comfort, professional support and quality of life to thousands of patients and their families every year.

As a charitable organisation we are determined to be there for as many people as possible to bring peace of mind, comfort, reassurance and dignity to all making the most of their final years. With your support, we hope to be able to do so for many years to come.

To find out more about Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services or to discuss the steps involved in leaving a gift of any size, please contact us in complete confidence, and with no obligation.

Thank you.



Susie Cunningham

Senior Manager - Partnership & Philanthropy

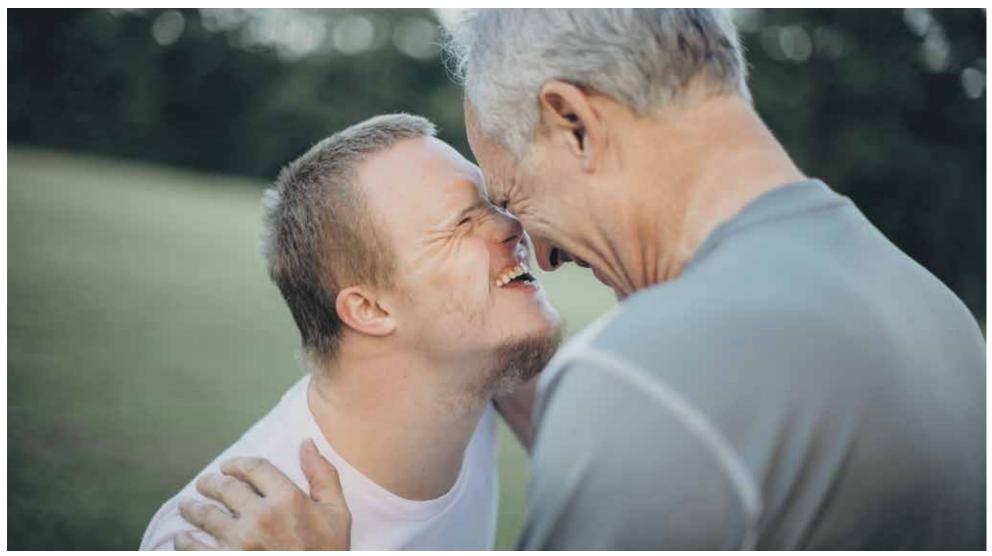
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Making a lasting impact supporting people with disabilities



t the Rehab Group, we believe in empowering children and adults with disabilities to lead fulfilling lives and to contribute positively to their community. This has been our overarching mission for the past 75 years. From humble beginnings in a small room on Dublin's Pleasants Street, where we provided supported employment for ten people recovering from tuberculosis, today our charity spans the length and breadth of Ireland, supporting many thousands of people in each county.

We offer personalised care, supported education, and employment services for people of all ages who have physical, learning, or intellectual disabilities, or mental health issues.

Support

Our health and social care service, RehabCare, offers resource, residential, outreach, supported accommodation, respite and home support services. We provide educational opportunities and inclusive training for students with disabilities or mental health challenges through our National Learning Network colleges. We also provide pathways to employment through Rehab

Enterprises, our social enter-

Within these three services, our collective, overall aim is about empowering people with disabilities to be active participants of society and we hope that our values will resonate with people who want a more inclusive society, where everyone has a seat at the table.

As we look to the future, we have exciting plans to further enhance our services and community engagement efforts"

We are led by the passion and expertise of our staff as well as the voices of the people with disabilities that we support. Advocacy is at the heart of our work. We support people in our services to take part in our local and national advocacy committees, passionately representing their own needs and the needs of their peers on issues spanning accessible transport to employment to hidden healthcare costs.

As we look to the future. we have exciting plans to further enhance our services and community engagement efforts, as we embrace assistive technologies including voice recognition programmes and screen enlargement applications. They will include devices to enable those with limited motor skills to eat, or play games independently and other devices for the home to help perform tasks such as cooking, dressing and grooming. We also hope to cultivate more sensory gardens and hubs for children and adults with autism.

Enriching

Enriching the lives of individuals with disabilities is our goal. This can include helping a member of our residential services to make a cup of tea for themselves, to ensuring that a young student with autism has the right support in place to start their dream college degree. We are asking people to join our efforts and support us in our work.

Making a will is without doubt one of the most important and influential decisions you will ever make"

By including a charitable bequest in your will, you are providing much needed funding to ensure that a charity like Rehab Group can continue to advance its mission and to help those who need our help the most. Making a will is without doubt one of the most important and influential decisions you will ever make. At first, it may seem unsettling, but once you begin, you quickly realise that it is an empowering choice and a way of taking personal action. It is an essential step to ensure your assets are distributed according to your wishes after you pass away.

While most people leave gifts to family and loved ones, leaving a bequest to a charity that is close to your heart is gaining importance. Charities play a vital role in providing essential services to those in need and many organisations rely heavily on donations to continue their important work.

The Rehab Group has gratefully received many Legacy gifts of all sizes in recent years, with every gift welcomed and valued by the thousands of people we support, and their families. From Cavan to Waterford and Limerick to Tipperary, individuals just like you have supported our work and our services with gifts left in their will. In some cases, these gifts are supporting the local service, such as our education services in Limerick, or helping fund major building works in our RehabCare service in Clonmel, while other bequests are used where support is needed the most.

Making a lasting impact on the lives of individuals with disabilities is a profound way to be remembered and creates a positive ripple effect which benefits society. These thoughtful gifts have a huge impact on the lives of people with disabilities both now and long into the future. Not only that but your bequest can inspire and encourage others to follow in your footsteps and make charitable giving a part of their own lives.

Throughout its history, the Rehab Group has championed the rights of people with disabilities. Our mission is to challenge stigma, to campaign, to innovate, and to enable people to thrive. Long into the future. we will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of individuals with disabilities and the surrounding community, and to promote inclusion for all.

1 Should you wish to find out more about leaving a legacy to Rehab, please contact fundraising@rehab.ie or call our fundraising team on (01) 205 7200 as your legacy will help change lives.

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Leave a Lasting Legacy to Rehab Group: Empower others through your will



Leave a lasting legacy by leaving a gift in your will to Rehab Group. Your gift will empower individuals to gain independence, pursue opportunities, actively participate in society and live fulfilling lives of their choosing. Transform lives and create a brighter future with your generosity.

To learn more about the difference your legacy will make.

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A Generous Gift for a Better World

Edwin Humphreys informed us he had included Irish Red Cross in his Will. We asked him to share why he made that important choice.

"I have always been lucky. I earned enough money to live a comfortable life. I felt I deserved my good fortune.

But, as time went by, I could no longer fool myself. 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.

It should be possible to share resources across the planet. Future generations, wiser than mine, may grasp the nettle and cut through the political barriers. Fortunately, however, some people are already tackling the problem.

The Irish Red Cross, with its associate organizations, 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.

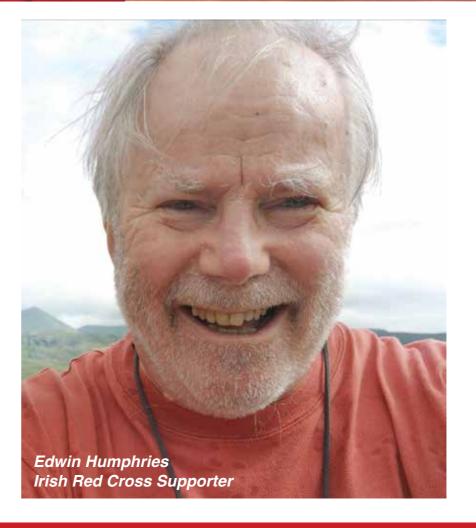
If I can help their efforts, I am proud to do so. My own contribution is probably miniscule, compared to the overall need, but I do believe that every effort should be made.

Above all, I trust the Red Cross to use my contribution effectively and efficiently.

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."

If you would like to learn more about including Irish Red Cross in your Will, please contact Frank Phelan on 01 642 4645. Or email him at fphelan@redcross.ie.



Have you put off making your Will?

The Irish Red Cross has partnered with FreeWills.ie so you can write your Will online for free.

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Everyone should be able to create a Will regardless of their finances. That's why we're offering this service. You don't have to leave a gift to the Irish Red Cross in your Will to use it. But if

you have already decided to include us in your Will, we would like to thank you for your generosity.

To learn more, contact Frank Phelan on 01 642 4645, or email fphelan@redcross.ie. He will be happy to answer any questions you may have and guide you through the process.

A gift in your Will is a symbol of hope for the future. Your gift will ensure your legacy of caring continues. At home in Ireland and abroad, we will be there. And so will you.



To those who are

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KINDNESS
DIGNITY... and HOPE

With my legacy, I want you to know that you are not alone. There are people who care and who want to see you thrive.

Legacy donations provide the financial stability to expand existing programs and respond to emergencies as they arise. By leaving **even 1%** as a gift in your Will, you can help ensure that Irish Red Cross carries on its mission today, tomorrow, and for years to come.

Call Frank Phelan on **01 642 4645**, or email fphelan@redcross.ie for more information on leaving the Irish Red Cross a legacy that will truly make a difference.

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Your faith is powerful, so is your will Retired Greystones teacher pledges a gift in her will to Christian Aid Ireland

hen Shirley Chee was a child, her parents fostered a little girl who had been injured in the war in Eritrea. More than fifty years on, as she settles into her retirement, Shirley is pledging a gift in her will to help Christian Aid rebuild other lives torn apart by conflict and poverty. Lisa Fagan spoke to Dr Shirley Chee about this special pledge.

Shirley Chee welcomes me into her home in Greystones, County Wicklow. She taught a 4th year class at Taney Parish Primary School, in nearby Dundrum. And from the get-go, her passion for teaching and music is clear:

"I love the Old Testament stories. I would play the piano and sing with the children – I did a rollicking good RE lesson", she laughs.

Born in Limerick and brought up in Killiney, Shirley was the eldest of three children and her family fostered a little girl from The Bird's Nest, a children's home in Dun Laoghaire:

"She was from Eritrea and had been injured in the war. She stayed with us at weekends and in the holidays. Eventually her mum was found and she returned to Eritrea."

This experience sparked a lifelong interest in Africa and by the time she was in her 20s, Shirley was secretary of the Christian Aid group in Dublin Central Mission and by her early 30s, she'd completed a Master's degree and a PhD in education, specialising in the teaching of music. One summer, during the school holidays, she volunteered at a school in Uganda.

I want to help children like the little girl my parents fostered, children displaced by war"

Shirley retired from teaching in 2021, after a career spanning 40 years, and she decided to leave a gift in her Will to Christian Aid. What prompted her to do it?

"It's the same reason that I support organ donation – to make sure what I have is put to good use when I'm gone."

"I want to help children like the little girl my parents fostered, children displaced by war. And I love the way that Christian Aid helps people boost their incomes by selling honey or vegetables, so they can send their children to school"

She adds: "Justice is very important to me, I want to be fair and equal to all. It's the reason I have always supported FairTrade and Traidcraft."

Justice was important in deciding how to divide out her assets:

"I don't have very much, just this house, but I decided that I would give a tenth to God – that's the share Christian Aid will receive. The rest is being divided out among the people in my life, including my niece and nephew and my four stepchildren."

Although Shirley's marriage ended, her relationship with her stepchildren remains strong.

How has Shirley been spending her time in retirement?

"I love art and gardening and music, of course. I play the piano, the recorder and the cello, and I sing in a choir. It's wonderful to start exploring the world again, I'm travelling in Japan and India next!"

Will the Wicklow hills be alive with The Sound of Music, I wonder? She laughs.

Like the governess-turnedstepmother to the Von Trapp children in the famous musical, our heroine Shirley was a teacher and stepmother, a singer and musician. Like Maria, she's fun-loving, kindhearted and guided by a strong moral compass. As she settles into retirement, you get the feeling a whole new chapter in Shirley's life is being written. And the beginning, as we learn in the musical, is a very good place to start.

Just like faith, gifts in Wills have the power to transform lives. A gift to Christian Aid supports our work in making a difference to communities in need, from responding to disasters, to supporting people's livelihoods

Partnership

Christian Aid works with and for people of all faiths and none, supporting them as they overcome the root causes of poverty, such as when power is abused and women are marginalised, something Shirley like many of our supporters admires

Our approach to local partnership means our development and humanitarian programmes are embedded in local contexts, and reach people in some of the world's most challenging environments with exactly what they need.

In leaving a gift in your



Candelario, his wife Herlinda and son Ronaldo photographed are holding their honey ready for sale locally. Candelario's passion for building knowledge and innovation through farming coffee, fruit and beekeeping, has largely protected their income, and ensured as a family they can all live sustainably. Credit: Christian Aid/Amy Sheppey

I love the way that Christian Aid helps people boost their incomes by selling honey or vegetables, so they can send their children to school"

Will to Christian Aid, you can take your lifetime of hope for a better, fairer world, and turn it into change that matters. A gift in wills can become so many things; a harvest of nutritious vegetables in Zimbabwe, relief supplies reaching a refugee camp in Bangladesh, fresh water in a village in South Sudan, or a sustainable honey production livelihood in Honduras.

These opportunities allow families to stay in their homes, in their communities, and have a chance against poverty and hunger"

Honduras is a country in Latin America that was once thriving with rich coffee plants and maize, but with the rising temperatures, droughts and hurricanes, crops are failing, and people are being forced from their land, into cities in search of better job prospects.

This enforced migration is having catastrophic consequences on communities, with

family members left behind becoming vulnerable to crime and violence. Yet there is still hope. Through the generosity of individuals giving regularly and in their Wills, supportive Church Partnerships and Irish Aid, Christian Aid Ireland develops programmes throughout the world, to support communities in various ways, including as they create new and reliable ways to generate income.

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Candelario

Candelario is a farmer working at the heart of a drug-trafficking corridor. He turned to beekeeping when coffee rust (a disease caused by a fungus) destroyed his entire coffee crop. Donations given to Christian Aid helped provide training and technical support allowing Candelario to expand his hives from two to 21, and he soon hopes to have 50. He has a commitment to working tightly with his family, as building a business together has personal benefits that are ultimately immeasurable.

As a result of the training and technical support provided, Candelario and his family have diversified their work, moving



Candelario is a farmer, beekeeper and member of a coffee cooperative, supported through Christian Aid's partner CASM. Farmers like him face many challenges; the climate crisis, economic migration and proximity to a drug trafficking corridor. Credit: Christian Aid/Amy Sheppey



Chee, a name I call myself. Like Maria, the governessturned-stepmother to the Von Trapp children in the famous musical, Shirley Chee is a teacher, stepmother, singer and musician.

from a single income source from coffee farming, to several different income streams.

"Diversifying our farming has prevented us from being forced to migrate. My sons haven't had the idea to migrate or fallen into drug trafficking. If we didn't apply all the techniques we learned in the trainings, and if I didn't manage to make the family work together, that wouldn't be the case."

No matter the size of donation, the impact of a gift in your Will can be mighty, helping farmers in places like Honduras with the start-up costs for their beekeeping and honey production businesses. Providing families with both nutritious food and a reliable income for years

to come, and better yet, beekeeping has a positive impact on the environment, promoting biodiversity.

Just like Shirley, you can be sure your gift will be used to help build a fairer, more peaceful world for the next generation. To find out more about remembering Christian Aid in your will, visit: caid.ie/giftsinwills or contact giftsinwills@christian-aid.org

We understand that deciding to leave a gift in your Will is an important decision and a personal matter. You may find it helpful to speak with family and friends first, and if you have any questions about Christian Aid, our Legacy team will be happy to help.

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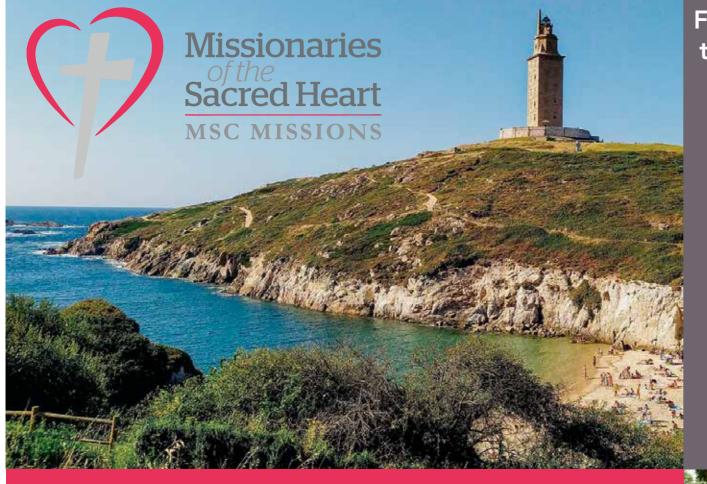








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HELGA'S STORY Leaving a legacy of MAGIC behind

Helga moved to Dublin from the Netherlands in 2008, and has been a generous supporter of Barretstown since 2014. She spoke to us recently about why she's decided to leave a gift in her Will to make sure the magic of camp lives on.

I started supporting Barretstown because they are supporting children who are living with serious illnesses. And, of course, there's the impact on the family and on the other siblings. It's such a complex and heart-breaking situation that these families find themselves in.

I don't have children of my own so I'm not going to be leaving money to my children. So, when I was writing my Will, I was thinking about Barretstown. It's such a good cause and they need all the support they can get. So, it was very clear to me that I wanted to give something to Barretstown. It was a very natural thing to do. It was very easy to do as well. I just made a note of what I wanted and brought it in to the solicitors.

I haven't left a particular amount. I've left a percentage. So, when the house is sold, and a percentage goes to my brother and few family members, then a percentage of what's left over goes to Barretstown. For me, that was an important way to do it. And it's so easy – what have you got to lose?

If someone is already a donor like me, then their values already align with the charity. They already have a relationship or a connection or a bond with Barretstown, and the work that they do and the families they support. So why not take it to the next level? Why not deepen that relationship? Why does the relationship have to end when you die?



I'm not able to give any more to the charity each month than I already do. But I feel a certain security in knowing that eventually more will be given to Barretstown. I'm giving something in the future – a moment of happiness or respite for a family, and I think that's a lovely thing to do.

To anyone else who is thinking of leaving a gift to Barretstown, I would say just do what you can. Because you can. You can help.

Because you can't take it with you. You can contribute to the greater good and in my opinion, it's your *duty* to contribute to the greater good.

If everybody was just a little bit better, then the world would be a better place.

Childhood stops for seriously ill children. At Barretstown we Press Play.

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By remembering Barretstown in your will you can make sure that every child with serious illness can experience the magic of camp.

"Healing doesn't just happen in hospitals and laughter may very well be the best medicine.

- Barretstown Founder, Paul Newman



To find out more about leaving a gift to Barretstown in your Will, you can contact Clare by emailing clare.martin@barretstown.org or calling (045) 864 115.



