

LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

**AND WHEN YOUR LIFE ENDS, GIVE THE CHILD THE
CHANCE TO BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE**



A message from Anna-Mai Andrews, CEO of Chance for Childhood



When we look back on the key moments and people in our lives, it's only natural to start to think about the future and how we can leave our mark on the world. By choosing to leave a gift in your Will, there's a way to leave something behind for loved ones as well as children who need it the most.

I have had the privilege of witnessing first-hand the transformational difference our work makes for thousands of children, helping them to access a brighter future.

Together with your support, we can continue to educate, empower and protect children today and for generations to come.

My heartfelt thanks,

Anna-Mai Andrews





OUR EXPERTISE

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

FROM EARLY YEARS AND BEYOND

- Enhancing Inclusive Early Childhood Education through teacher training and early detection of developmental delays and disabilities.
- Home-based early childhood education training for parents where accessing formal centres just isn't possible (especially important during lockdown).
- Designing innovative solutions, such as locally sourced teaching aids, to support teachers to ensure that children with special educational needs can access quality education alongside their

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OUR EXPERTISE



SAFER SPACES

SAFETY AND PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN IN VULNERABLE SITUATIONS

- Create spaces of refuge in the community, as the first point of contact for children threatened by violence, neglect or conflict.
- Deliver home-based early childhood education training for parents where accessing formal centres just isn't possible.
- Support strategic initiatives to promote family-based care for children in their communities to prevent institutionalisation and street connections.



Nadia's Story

Living on the streets of Kenya



"I left my home because of the fighting. If I had done something wrong, like forgetting to finish a chore, my mother would shout at me and beat me up.

Sometimes on the streets, people fight and, when you try to stop it, you get beaten up. **One time, a group of people was fighting, and I tried to intervene, and I got cut with a machete.**

I never have enough money to buy food. Sometimes people around me have food, and I just have to sit and watch them because I don't have anything to eat.

Often, I wander around at night. I am hungry a lot and am harassed and beaten up. I feel sad and scared when I think about it."

As a girl on the street, risks are everywhere. Younger girls will often attach themselves to older men for protection. But they still face sexual exploitation, rape and violence. Liz, Head of Programmes at our partner Glad's House Kenya, describes her experiences seeing girls growing up on the streets.

"I meet many girls on the streets. They tell me how they've been here for over ten years. Many of them have children. They have been arrested, they've been beaten, they've been raped and they've experienced trauma"

- Liz, Head Of Programmes

Some of the mothers we meet on the streets will give their children away. It's this that hurts and traumatises them the most. But they can't bear seeing their children going through the same suffering they went through"

Thankfully, soon after Nadia moved to the streets, an outreach worker with our partner, Glad's House Kenya, found her. Thanks to your support, we can send outreach workers onto the streets day and night, every day of the week. For many children on the streets, they are the only trusted adults they can talk to. They'll listen to children's problems and offer them hot food, medical care, and work with them to help them build a life away from the streets.

"An outreach worker told me to come to the support centre where I can study, eat well and shower. I am being treated with respect here and that's why I keep coming back. Now I can dress well and eat well, and am learning in the classrooms. We also learn ball games and they are teaching me to play football. Here at the centre, I feel safe. I am happy when I am here, I forget all the problems on the streets."

- Nadia



Why make a Will?

By making a Will, you can ensure that your wishes are met after you die. It means that you can decide how your loved ones, and causes you care about, can benefit from your assets once you're gone.

You can also include other information in your will, such as funeral arrangements and appointing legal guardians if your children are under the age of 18.

How can I make a Will?

Although you can use 'do-it-yourself' Will kits, we strongly advise that you create your will with the professional expertise of a qualified solicitor, who will tell you everything you need to know and ensure your Last Will and Testament is legally binding.

To save time, before you contact a solicitor, it's a good idea to jot down your answers to the following questions:

What assets will I leave behind?

This includes any property you own, savings, investments, valuable items and jewellery.

Who would I like to receive my assets from?

You may want to consider your family and friends first so make a list of their full names and addresses for your solicitor.

What causes or charities would I like to support?

We are very grateful for every donation we receive. However large or small, a fixed percentage of your estate or a monetary gift, your decision will help us achieve our vision of a world where no child is forgotten. After you have considered your loved ones you may decide you want to leave a gift in your Will. Here's a quick guide to the different types of gifts you can leave in your Will. If you're not sure which is best for you, a solicitor will be happy to help you, but here are the most common types:

1. **You can give a share of your estate** – this means that we will receive a percentage of the value of your property (including money) after any debts and expenses relating to your death have been paid. By giving a gift in this way, it won't be affected by inflation.
2. **You can give a specific sum of money.**
3. **You can give a specific item** – this may be, for example, jewellery, property or shares.

Once you have decided which type of gift you choose to leave, make sure that you have our contact details (which you can find at the end of this guide) to include with your Will.

Do I need to tell Chance for Childhood about my gift?

If you decide to leave a gift to our charity in your Will, it would be wonderful to let us know so that we can plan properly for our future. It also means that we can say a huge and heartfelt 'thank you' – something we'd very much like to do. If you would rather not mention it, that's fine too. We understand that these decisions are very personal and you may wish to keep them to yourself. Please be assured that if you do decide to let us know, we will always keep this information completely confidential.

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Our corporate partner Cameron James Legal can advise on all aspects of estate planning, including writing wills and helping supporters to leave a legacy to Chance for Childhood to help protect the lives of vulnerable children long into the future. Cameron James Legal visits clients in the privacy of their own homes at a time convenient to them.



Our promise to you

We understand that leaving a legacy is a special and personal decision. That's why we make this promise to you:

We respect that writing a Will involves making personal decisions and that your family and friends will come first.

We will always be happy to answer any questions, explain our work in more detail and share information about how your gift will make a difference to children's lives.

We will use your gift wisely so that it has the greatest impact for children.

You can change your mind about leaving a legacy at any time, and we will respect your decision.

We will always respect your privacy – you choose the frequency and ways we can contact you.



The change you could make

In March 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic spread globally and the world was going into lockdown, we knew that the most vulnerable in society would be hit the hardest, including the thousands of marginalised children we support. Our partners were sharing stories of children at risk of hunger, domestic violence and sexual abuse and children who may not ever return to school.

Thanks to a very special and heartfelt donation left to us by a supporter who remembered us in their Will, we were able to act quickly to support our partners as they adapted to meet the changing needs of the children we support. This legacy played a significant role in the creation of our COVID-19 Response Fund, ensuring we could continue to support vulnerable children through the pandemic and beyond.

This generous gift went on to help so many vulnerable children and their families. Children like Stephane.

Stephane is 13 and lives in Kisumu, Kenya. When COVID-19 forced the city to go into lockdown Stephane's school closed. Although many lessons moved to be broadcast over the radio, Stephane had no way to listen in. Stuck at home Stephane was missing out on his education. Then one day our local partner KUAP visited the home to deliver vital food supplies. When they realised that Stephane was unable to listen to the lessons, they provided him with a radio. Since then, Stephane has been able to keep up with lessons, taking notes and performing well on questions.

The far-reaching impact of this legacy was felt throughout all the countries we work in. In the DRC, it supported our partner Children's Voice who called up girls who have gone through their tailoring course to sew over 600 masks! The girls are paid for their work, helping to make up for income lost over a tough few months.

"Since Coronavirus arrived in our province and in Goma, we've been coordinating together several times to fight against this disease and above all to protect the children and young women who we support and have supported in the past.

This project has come just at the right time. We knew about vulnerable families and children who were unable to get themselves a mask. These people were victims of the police, and the more people without a mask put themselves and others at direct risk from the disease."

- Jeannine, tailoring instructor at Children's Voice

Over the past few months, this donation left by one person has gone on to change the lives of thousands of others in Rwanda, Uganda, and Ghana as well as the DRC and Kenya. We are so grateful that this supporter decided to support our work in such a poignant and meaningful way.

The stories of Stephane and Jeannine show just how powerful a legacy can be. If you would like to find out more about leaving a gift in your will and the difference it could make you can download our information pack [here](#) or contact Alice Barley at alice.barley@chanceforchildhood.org or 01483 230 250.



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If you would like to contact Cameron James Legal for advice about writing your Will you can contact them on 01243 696920 or at enquiries@cameronjameslegal.co.uk.

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