

A Gift in Your Will

Frequently Asked Questions



Why should I leave a gift?

Whatever its size, your gift will ensure the continuation of life changing services and fund new projects to reach thousands of individuals across Scotland. Regardless of the amount, your gift will have a lasting impact and will help us put an end to homelessness in Scotland.

What will you do if I leave a gift?

- ❖ **We will always act with sensitivity.** Your executors and family members will be treated with the utmost care by our team.
- ❖ **We will respect your choices.** An integral value at Bethany is that we make sure your donation reaches the areas that you want to support.
- ❖ **We will steward your gift wisely.** We will ensure your gift is invested into projects that directly help people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

What type of gift can I leave?

- ❖ **A share of your estate.** This can be anything, from 1% to 100%. It's called a Residuary gift, and is a proportion of your estate once bills, expenses and taxes are deducted.
- ❖ **A sum of money.** This amount can be whatever is suitable to your situation, and is known as a Pecuniary gift.
- ❖ **A specific item.** These items could be jewellery, paintings, furniture, or anything else that can be sold to further Bethany's work.

We are here to chat if you'd like to discuss any of these options.

What about my family and friends?

We understand that looking after those closest to you is very important. Once you have, would you consider supporting homeless and vulnerable people who do not have the community and networks that we all rely on?

Can a gift to charity help me pay less tax?

In some cases, leaving a gift in your Will can reduce Inheritance Tax. We recommend you speak to a solicitor about your own specific situation.

Can I give to a specific area of Bethany's work?

Projects can evolve and their names can change, especially over the course of many years, so we always advise that supporters donate to specific areas rather than services. We want to enable you to support an area if it's close to your heart, and suggest phrasing your wishes as below:

I would like my gift to benefit:

- ❖ The general work of Bethany
- ❖ Emergency accommodation
- ❖ Addiction recovery
- ❖ Education and training
- ❖ Family services

If you'd like to talk to us about where you would like to leave your donation, please don't hesitate to give us a call, 0131 561 8927.

How do I leave a gift in my Will?

If you would like to include a gift to Bethany Christian Trust in your will you can use the details below when speaking to your solicitor. Don't forget to use our full name and details to make sure your gift reaches us:

Bethany Christian Trust
65 Bonnington Road, Edinburgh, EH6 5JQ
Registered Scottish Charity No. SC003783

What if I already have a Will?

You can change an existing will using a codicil so that you do not need to re-write the entire document. Talk to a professional advisor about the best way to do this.

If I've left a gift in my Will, should I tell you?

If you've decided to leave a gift in your Will please consider getting in touch with us. We'd love to be able to use these pledges as the building blocks to Bethany's plans for our future services. They can be anonymous, but we would like to thank you for taking this generous step to supporting those who are homeless or are at risk of homelessness in Scotland today.

Please let us know by emailing Jordan jordanstorey@bethanychristiantrust.com or giving us a ring on 0131 561 8927.

Ending Homelessness in Scotland, one person at a time

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