



Bethany
Christian
Trust



Leaving a gift
in your will

Welcome

At Bethany Christian Trust, our mission is to prevent homelessness, relieve suffering and meet the long term needs of people who are homeless across Scotland.

Every year we help almost 7,000 people, working in partnership with amazing volunteers and hundreds of churches. We support people in a broad range of ways including: housing, education and employment, addiction recovery, emotional well-being, street outreach, community integration, offending reduction and social support. Since opening our doors in 1983 a culture of love and community have always been at the core of our work.

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1983

Bethany Christian Centre opens its doors

1988

Bethany House purchased for supported housing

1990

Care Van works begin with Edinburgh City Mission

1993

First Bethany Shop opens

1996

First Winter Care Shelter has its first run as a two week pilot

2009

Learning Centre in Leith opened

2013

Connect to Community begins

2019

Care Van launched in Glasgow

2020

Anne Hope House – Women's Residential Therapeutic Centre

2021

Supported Housing launched in Aberdeen

2022

Bethany Homes West Lothian started

2023

Bethany Homes Fife launched



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.

See what your gift could achieve:

£75

allows a child experiencing adversity to go on a weekend residential, potentially the only holiday that they will get that year.

£600

pays for a week's stay for 4 different people at the Welcome Centre. This provides more than a bed and food, as people are assisted into secure accommodation.

£1,000

helps one person reintegrate into the community upon release from prison, with support in employability, housing and family reconciliation.

£5,000

can be used to fund a community development project for a year. A gift of this size will help us extend our support into some of Scotland's most vulnerable communities.

Regardless of the amount, your gift will have a lasting impact and will help us put an end to homelessness in Scotland.

Our promises to you



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.



Different types of Gifts in a Will



Keiko's Story

After taking care of your friends and family, here are three ways to show your support for Bethany's work.



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, legacies, 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.

“I decided to leave a gift in my Will to Bethany because I love their hands-on approach. I have been impressed by the can-do attitude of everyone that I've met and it is very reassuring to me that people are receiving support that is given in sincere love. Because of this, I have been making regular monthly donations for a while now. Changing my Will to include a gift to Bethany seemed like the next natural step. Knowing that my gift will be used to give hope and a fresh start to future generations gives me great joy. My wish is for a world where everyone has a chance to be happy and reach their potential.”

– Keiko, 70



“Karen made it so easy for me to write my Will, she was so professional and friendly.”
– Jordan, Bethany Supporter



Solicitors, Balfour+Manson LLP, have partnered with us to offer a free Will writing and review service to anyone who leaves a gift to Bethany's life changing work, regardless of the amount.

Balfour+Manson LLP are an established law firm who have been providing advice and support to their clients since 1888. They believe whole heartedly in quality service and giving back to the communities that they serve. They cover a breadth of legal services and their private client team specialise in inheritance planning, incapacity and estate administration.

What can Balfour+Manson LLP offer you?

- A new simple will or an amendment to your will at no cost
- A more complex will at a reduced cost
- Professional guidance and impartial advice
- The opportunity to support Bethany

For more information or to book an appointment:

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📄 **Online Will Tool**
www.balfour-manson.co.uk/for-individuals-families/wills

📍 **Offices** Edinburgh | Aberdeen | Glasgow

☎ **Telephone / Video consultations** are also available

FAQs

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 people who are homeless or vulnerable to homelessness because they do not have family or a support network?

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

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.

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:

- *Where it's needed most*
- *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.

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.

I've sent in my pledge form. What happens if I change my mind?

Making a pledge is non-binding, it is your Will that directs how your finances will be distributed.



Pledging Form

If you have decided to leave a Gift in your Will to Bethany Christian Trust – thank you! Please consider letting us know using the pledge form below. This pledge form is not legally binding but it will help us to plan for the future. We would value the opportunity to thank you, but **we will not contact you without your permission**. *Please be assured that the information you supply will be treated with the strictest of confidence and in line with GDPR protocol.*

I have included the following gift to Bethany Christian Trust in my Will:

If you would like to tell us anything about your gift, e.g. reasons for remembering Bethany Christian Trust in your Will, please let us know:

Please send me more information about services including the impact of gifts in wills on the work of Bethany Christian Trust by:

- ☐ Email ☐ Post
- ☐ Please contact me about the possibility of visiting a service
- ☐ Please do not contact me



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