



THE GREATEST GIFT

You'd agree that the greatest gift we can bequeath future generations to come is the chance to fulfil their potential and grow up healthy, happy and protected. As our founder Eglantyne Jebb said: 'The future of the world is in childhood.'

Regardless of whether you choose to include Save the Children South Africa in your Will, be mindful of the two most common myths regarding Wills, so that you don't fall into these traps:

"Only rich people should bother with a Will."

FACT: No matter what your status in life, everyone over the age of 18 should have a Will. A Will is the only way to ensure that your wishes are honoured after you're gone.

"I can download a Will from the Internet and do it myself."

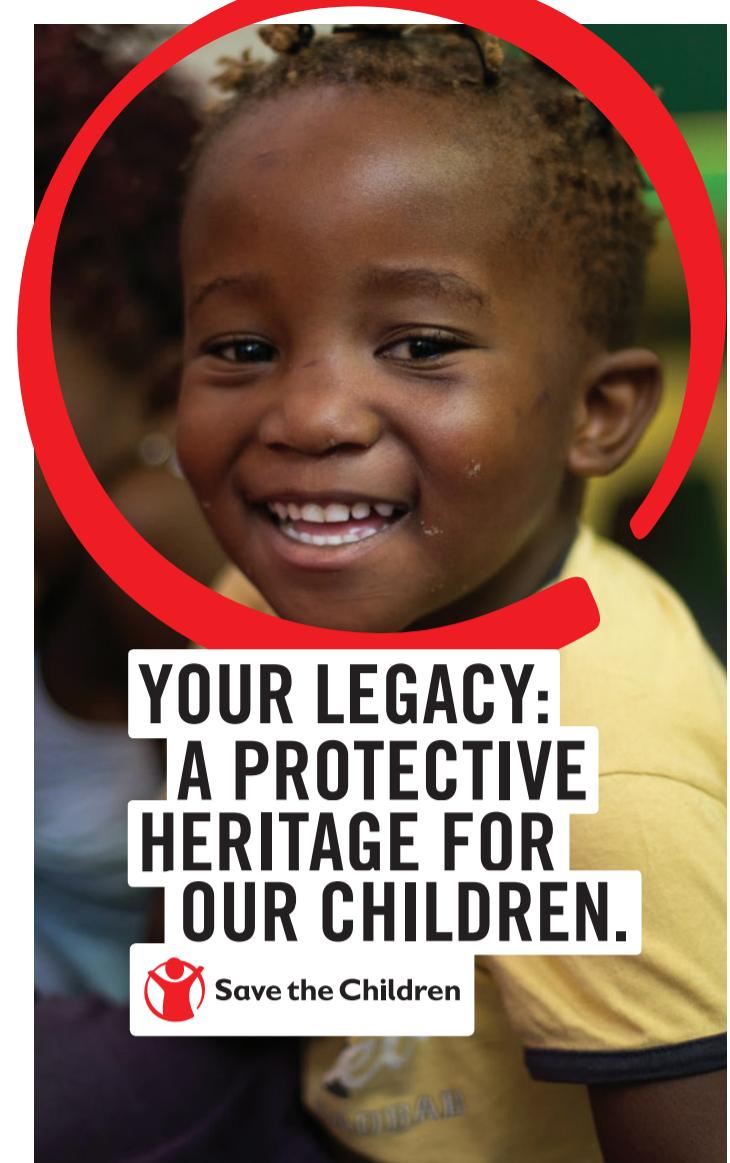
FACT: As a legal document, strict requirements must be met for a Will to be valid. A simple technicality could undermine the entire document, so rather consult a professional.

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN

Leaving a legacy to Save the Children South Africa is testament to your commitment, and we would appreciate the chance to thank you for your vision. Your bequest will help us to:

- Save babies' and children's lives – because no child should die of preventable diseases.
- Promote quality education for all children, regardless of where they live. Ensuring the quality education is provided to children in underprivileged areas allows them to break out of poverty.
- Safeguard children in safe spaces after school, where they learn healthy habits and are supported with their homework while their caregiver or parents are at work.
- Reach children in distress when crisis strikes, such as natural disasters or conflict.

If you have already made a bequest, please let us know, and be assured your confidentiality will be respected.



YOUR LEGACY: A PROTECTIVE HERITAGE FOR OUR CHILDREN.



Writing A Will

Writing a Will ensures that your wishes are honoured after you're gone, and that your loved ones are provided for as you intended.

It's also the ultimate way to express your commitment to a cause close to your heart. When you remember Save the Children South Africa in your Will, you ensure that your caring continues beyond your lifetime.



WHY HAVE A WILL?

Many people think that their family or spouse will automatically inherit everything in the event of their death.

That's not true, because dying intestate (without a Will) can result in long delays while your affairs are settled, and it causes more grief and hardship for those left behind. If you have no living relatives, your assets could go to the State.

Since a Will is a legal document, it's important to have it drawn up by a qualified professional, such as an attorney or financial advisor. This way, you can also see to it that the value of your estate is correctly calculated and that estate duty or tax is minimised.

You can start this process before speaking to your lawyer by preparing a list of all your assets and liabilities. Remember to note any items of sentimental value or family heirlooms, so that your wishes regarding these are also recorded.

There's no substitute for peace of mind and knowing that you have made proper arrangements for your loved ones.

INCLUDING A CAUSE CLOSEST TO YOUR HEART

Once you've made provision for your family in your Will, you may wish to remember the causes you've supported during your lifetime, such as Save the Children South Africa.

Generous, visionary individuals are the reason that Save the Children South Africa can keep up its work in advancing the rights of all our children to education, health care and protection – and providing life-saving relief in crisis situations.

Not sure where to start? There are two main types of bequests and knowing this may help to clarify the best option for your circumstances:

1. A specific bequest

A specific bequest could be an amount of money, property such as a house, apartment or land; an insurance policy or items of value such as artwork or jewellery.

2. A residual bequest

A residual bequest simply refers to whatever remains of your estate after all gifts have been made and obligations have been met.

In addition to doing something incredibly generous and important for children, there's another benefit to remembering Save the Children South Africa in your Will: bequests to charity are tax-deductible and reduce the amount of estate duty payable.



WHEN IS A CODICIL NEEDED?

A Codicil is a document that is read with your Will. For instance, if you have an existing Will and want to add Save the Children South Africa as a beneficiary, you can add a Codicil to your Will. This prevents the need for an entirely new Will.

Your Codicil must be properly witnessed and signed by two people, neither of whom will benefit from either the Codicil or your Will.

Important: do not pin or staple the Codicil or anything else to your Will. Keep the Codicil in an envelope, with your Will.