



A gift that's never forgotten:
your guide to remembering
the British Red Cross



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Making sure your loved ones are looked after while leaving an unforgettable gift for people in crisis is so straightforward.



Give the gift of warmth and protection

Be a symbol of hope when people need it most

We've been supporting people in crisis for over 150 years – bringing moments of humanity amid the chaos. Today, wherever people need support in 191 countries around the world, our teams are there.

By leaving a gift in your will, you can make sure that whatever happens after you're gone, you'll be there too.

You could be the hand reaching through the rubble after an earthquake, the friendly face offering shelter from floods and the wildfires, or the symbol of hope bringing rapid and compassionate aid to people.

Whether you're making your first will or updating an existing one, we're enormously

grateful for your interest in remembering the British Red Cross.

Your will makes sure your wishes are carried out – for your money, home and treasured possessions – and not having one could be stressful for those you care about. Making your will is simply a matter of stating your wishes in a way that is legally clear. And you have the option to include a gift – doing this is really easy.

We've put this booklet together to give you the information we're asked for most often. We hope you find it useful.

Good to know

Let's start with some of the questions we're asked most often.

“What is the best way to leave a gift in my will to the British Red Cross?”

One way is to leave us a percentage of what is left of your estate, once all other gifts have been made (known as a residuary gift). This type of gift doesn't lose its value due to inflation, so will always reflect your wishes.

You could also leave us a sum of money (a pecuniary gift) or a specific item – things like shares, furniture or jewellery. Your solicitor will be able to advise on which is best for you.

“What if my circumstances change and I can no longer afford a gift?”

We understand that things can come up in life, and you're free to change your mind at any time.

“How do I keep my will safe?”

It's best to leave your original will somewhere secure, but where it can be found easily. This could be with your solicitor.

“What could my gift mean for inheritance tax?”

Inheritance tax is currently paid to the UK government if your estate is worth more than £325,000. This is paid at 40%. However, the rate might be reduced to 36% if 10% or more of your estate is left to charity.

Most gifts left to British Red Cross are exempt from inheritance tax. You can find out more by contacting HMRC or your solicitor.



British Red Cross health staff member Beverley provides support to Sudha at her home in Nottingham. Our Community Crisis Supporter Service team work alongside families and the NHS to care for people who need support following hospital discharge, including palliative and end-of-life care.

Any gift, no matter the size, could mean that, whatever happens in the future, you can help us be there for people when disaster strikes.

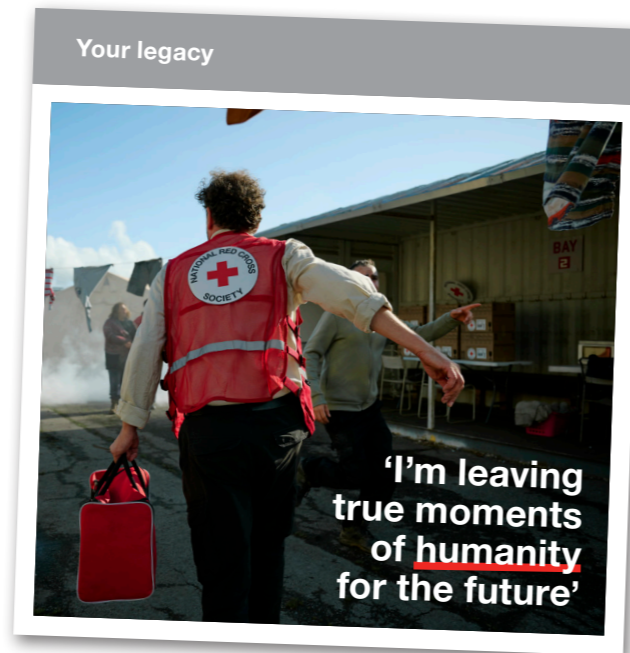
The power of your gift

Gifts in wills are the bedrock of the British Red Cross.

Whenever you see us in action – be it responding to an international crisis or helping people in a street very like your own – you can be sure the gifts in wills that people generously promised years ago are playing their part.

We're truly grateful that you've chosen us to bring hope and help to people in the future. When the time comes, we will fulfil your promise and the trust you have placed in us.

If you prefer to keep your gift private, we understand and completely respect your decision. But if you'd like to let us know you've remembered the British Red Cross, we would love to hear from you and have the opportunity to say thank you.



If you'd like to let us know you've remembered us in your will, please fill in and return the enclosed card.



You can use this guide to help make sure you have an up-to-date will.

One that reflects your wishes, and the people and causes you care about.

For more information, call **0300 500 0401** or email **legacy@redcross.org.uk**
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