WILL YOU LEAVE A GIFT THAT LASTS A LIFETIME?
YOU CAN HELP US BY LEAVING A GIFT TO GOAL IN YOUR WILL
Hello,

For over 45 years GOAL has been working as agile first responders, to protect some of the world’s most vulnerable people in some of the worst humanitarian crises.

That work would not have been possible without the generosity of people like you.

Will you help us to continue our work delivering aid and support to those who need it most? By leaving a gift to GOAL you can.

In doing so you’ll help create a better more resilient world.

Warmest regards,

Siobhán Walsh

Siobhán Walsh, CEO of GOAL
In 1977, just five days before Dublin’s first ‘proper’ rock festival in Dalymount, the King of Rock n Roll Elvis Presley passed away leaving the world shocked. But while the world mourned, John O’Shea’s focus was elsewhere.

Deeply moved by the plight of street children he encountered that were living in dire poverty in Kolkata (Calcutta), John O’Shea founded GOAL – and committed to doing whatever they could to alleviate the suffering these children faced.

And throughout the more than four decades since, GOAL has gone on to respond to some of the world’s worst humanitarian crises, working with vulnerable communities in more than 65 countries worldwide.
Over the years, the phrase ‘first in and last out’ has become synonymous with GOAL. We don’t just have a reputation for being courageous and agile first responders, but for being committed to working with communities in the most dangerous and prolonged situations.

This includes the crisis in Ukraine, the long conflict in Syria, or in Ethiopia, where we have been working since the tragic 1980s famine. We are there for however long it takes to help those who need it.
ROAD WE’VE TRAVELLED TOGETHER

1984
We helped alleviate the effects of famine in Ethiopia, a human catastrophe on a barely imaginable scale.

1992
We started supporting the people in Somalia as they became plagued by conflict and devastated by famine.

1994
GOAL provided emergency aid and assistance after the horrific 1994 Rwandan genocide.

2004
A tsunami in South-East Asia led to the largest GOAL response programme up to that time.
2010
Haiti suffered a massive earthquake. GOAL were on the ground responding within 24 hours.

2012
GOAL begins operating in war torn Syria, its largest response.

2014
GOAL play a central role in the 2014 Ebola response in Sierra Leone

2020
GOAL responds to the global Coronavirus pandemic in 13 countries.

2022
2022 GOAL is on the ground within hours responding to the urgent needs of the Ukrainian people.
When Longford based husband and wife, Dermot and Eveline Dolan, passed away they left a gift to GOAL in their Will. It went on to transform the lives of some of the poorest families in Masaka, Uganda. Their son Tiernan, shares their family’s experience:

“Losing both parents one year after the other was unbelievably tough. It was heart-breaking. Being GOAL supporters for years, it was no surprise that GOAL was generously remembered in their Will.

Following a short discussion with GOAL, it was decided to build houses for some of the most vulnerable people that GOAL supports in Uganda.

Observing the project unfold was both a source of joy and a testament to the lives of two wonderful people. One of the highlights of my life was visiting these new houses and seeing the difference the funding had made.

One lady told me that she now had a palace, not a house. Another, that the health of the entire family would now improve. Most moving of all probably was the single, disabled lady who opened her new house to others suffering from disability.

Smiling children beamed massive broad smiles as I was shown round their new homes, their little hearts bursting with pride.

My parents may be gone, but as well as living in our families’ hearts for ever, their legacy will continue to make a profound difference to other families for generations to come.”

The Dolans’ story is an incredible example of the transformative impact one family can have, on so many others – the extraordinary affect each of us can have when we have the courage to care.
Their gift continues to make a profound difference to families and will for generations to come.
“I’ve no idea how GOAL, or you, brought me from the street and gave me this opportunity. When I see my child attending school, I feel so happy.”

Selma was only 13 when she became 1 of the 100,000 homeless children living on the streets in Ethiopia. Vulnerable to the elements, ill-health and sadly, violence and abuse, her life was in grave danger.

She had to drop out of school. Life became a constant battle to just survive the day. To find food. To find water. And most importantly somewhere safe to hide. A shelter.

Girls on the street face so many dangers - physical violence, abuse - with many forced into sex slavery.

Then it got worse. She became pregnant and had to try and nurse, protect and care for her baby girl Hermela on the streets. Every day took its toll and by the time Hermela was a year old, she had lost all hope.

But support like yours offered them vital care. A chance to escape the streets through our ChildSPACE (Supporting Positive Action for Child Empowerment) programme.

Together we were able to provide basic care like food and water, a blanket, healthcare, soap. And provide the wider support they needed to create a better future - like counselling, basic literacy and numeracy training, life skills coaching and job training.

“Everything you see is ugly and makes you feel hopeless on the street. You know what makes you proud? When you defeat all those challenges and become a better person.”

A gift in your Will can offer a vulnerable child hope and a chance at a better, safer future.
"When I see my child attending school, I feel so happy"
OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We want you to know how much we appreciate you considering such a wonderful gift today and how seriously we treat this deeply personal decision for you. **We promise you...**

1. We understand that your own loved ones come first and will always respect their privacy and treat them with courtesy and sensitivity.

2. We will use your gift wisely and efficiently to help alleviate the suffering of some of the world’s poorest and most vulnerable people.

3. We appreciate that your own circumstances may change - it is no problem, if as a result, you need to remove GOAL at a later date.

4. We will protect your personal information and value your privacy, holding any plans you share with us in the strictest of confidence.

5. We will be available to answer any queries you have about us, our organisation or how your planned gift could help build a better world.
HOW TO MAKE A WILL IN 5 SIMPLE STEPS:

1. **MAKE YOUR WILL LEGAL.**
   Contact your Solicitor or use an expert Will writing service.

2. **CALCULATE THE VALUE OF YOUR ESTATE**
   Work out the total value of all your assets (property, pension, cash etc) and subtract the total of any debts like loans, mortgages etc)

3. **WHO DO YOU WANT TO LOOK AFTER AND HOW**
   How would you like to divide your assets? Decide who you would like to look after and consider if there are causes close to your heart that you would like to include. Consult with your solicitor as to how to best represent these in your Will.

4. **EXECUTORS**
   Choose someone trustworthy to carry out your wishes as set out in your Will. (It is quite common to choose 2 reliable people).

5. **HOW YOU CAN HELP US**
   Every single gift is important and means we can continue to save lives. Please leave a gift to GOAL in your Will and make life a better place.
If you are considering leaving a gift to GOAL in your Will, then first and foremost - Thank you! But you will also need the relevant information below regarding how you can do this.

Instruct a Solicitor - Make an appointment to consult with your solicitor about drafting/amending your Will.

Note: GOAL offers a free Will-writing service verified by a qualified solicitor, should you so need - Please contact Courtenay Pollard, GOAL Legacy Manager (details below) for further information

Who Should benefit and How - Having worked out your net estate with your solicitor, decided on executors of your Will, and having looked after your loved ones, you can decide on the nature of your gift to GOAL, whether that be a defined monetary amount or the remainder of your estate (or % thereof).

Draft/Amend Will - Ensure that your Will accurately reflects your wishes. Sample Clauses of a gift to GOAL below depending on whether monetary or residuary gift.

“I give, devise and bequeath (a set amount - in figures and words) to the charity GOAL, of Carnegie House, Library Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin – Registered Charity Number 20010980 and (CHY 6271) to be used for its general charitable purposes”.

“I give, devise and bequeath [insert % of residue if relevant] the rest, remainder and residue of my estate to the charity GOAL, of Carnegie House, Library Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin – Registered Charity Number 20010980 and (CHY 6271) to be used for its general charitable purposes.”
WHY IS IT A GOOD IDEA TO MAKE A WILL?

Having a Will, is the only way of ensuring that your loved ones and chosen charities will be remembered and your wishes carried out when you die. If you do not make a Will, your estate will be distributed in accordance with the Succession Act 1965 (the Rules of Intestacy) which may not reflect how you wish your estate to be distributed. While most of us recognise the importance of having a Will, many of us never get around to doing it. Making a Will offers peace of mind knowing your wishes will be carried out as you intended.

I WOULD LIKE TO ADD A GIFT TO GOAL IN MY WILL. HOW DO I DO THAT?

You can do this in 2 ways. You can either draft a new Will, which will automatically revoke any previous Wills, or you can simply add what is known as a Codicil. This is a smaller, supplemental document that amends and forms part of an existing Will.

ARE THERE TAX IMPLICATIONS I NEED TO CONSIDER REGARDING MY WILL?

Any gift that you leave to family or friends that is above the tax-free threshold incurs an inheritance tax of 33%. The good news is that if you leave a bequest to GOAL then your gift Will be tax-free!

WHAT IS NEEDED FOR A WILL TO BE VALID?

Consulting a legal professional is a good place to start. To have legal effect a Will needs to be in writing, you must be over 18, and of sound mind. The Will needs to be signed and must be witnessed by 2 people. Importantly, witnesses are prohibited from receiving a gift in your Will.

IS IT EXPENSIVE TO MAKE A WILL?

A Will need not be expensive! A solicitor’s fee in this instance is usually quite reasonable. If you do not already have a solicitor, it may be a good idea to ask a friend or family member for a referral. You can also contact Courtenay in GOAL to hear more about writing your Will for free.
HOW WILL MY GIFT BE USED?
If once you have looked after the people who matter to you most and you decide you would like to leave a gift to GOAL, then please rest assured that we will spend it very wisely and efficiently. The gifts we receive vary in size depending on the person’s wishes and their circumstances, but what they all have in common is that their generosity helps alleviate the suffering of some of the world’s poorest and most vulnerable people. It literally changes lives forever; a gift to GOAL continues to make a profound difference for generations to come.

WHERE IS A GOOD PLACE TO START?
The best advice you will get is from the legal profession. If you then decide you would like to entrust GOAL with a gift to help people transform their lives, then we would of course be very grateful. Your generosity will enable us to continue our work, such as ensuring babies are given the right nutritious start in life, families given access to clean water and farmers given the right tools and education around crop management to help them sustain a living.

If you have any questions about how your money will be spent, then please give me a call, or drop me a note at any time. My name is Courtenay and you can reach me on: 01-280 9779 or cpollard@goal.ie.

YOUR GIFT CAN LAST A LIFETIME.
In leaving a gift to GOAL, you will help some of the most vulnerable communities to respond and recover from crisis.
THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING MAKING SUCH A PRICELESS GIFT

Please feel very welcome to contact Courtenay on 01-2809779, if you have any questions about making a Will or how including a gift to GOAL could help some of the world's most vulnerable people.
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