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Our vision is a world in which all people have the opportunity to lift themselves, their families and their communities out of poverty. A world where all children go to school, families are fed and communities thrive.

We are making progress. Since 1971 we have helped break the cycle of poverty for over a million people. But with your help we can achieve so much more.

If you are thinking about the important business of your Will and what happens to those you care about and the causes you believe in, then this leaflet may be of interest. Gifts left in Wills are vital to the future of our work. People living in poverty need a secure income to survive. Our services enable people to develop their small businesses and work their own way

out of poverty, giving them dignity and a future hope for themselves, their families and their communities. By investing in the lives of poor communities, you can have an impact that reaches beyond a lifetime.

Fatima always wanted to learn how to make clothes but couldn't afford the equipment or training. Thanks to a loan from Opportunity International she was able to train, buy sewing machines and build her own dressmaking business. Fatima is now providing a similar opportunity by offering apprenticeships to two young people within her community – enabling future generations to gain the skills needed to earn a living and transform their lives. *The average cost of our three year apprenticeship scheme – that provides training, equipment and a loan - is just £1,000.*



Photo: Zsófia Molnar

Please remember Opportunity International in your Will. With over 98% of micro-loans being repaid and recycled, it is a gift that really does keep on giving. It will last for generations.



Photo: Helen Manson



How to Leave Opportunity International a Gift in Your Will

Making a Will is the only way you can be sure that your wishes are understood. It is usually a quick, simple and inexpensive process that ensures that those you care about are well looked after.

If you already have a Will and are thinking about leaving a gift to Opportunity International, you can add a codicil (a short document that is added to your Will). See the back of this leaflet for examples of wording that you can use.

The best thing to do is to speak to your solicitor who will advise you on how to create or amend an existing Will. They can also provide information about the positive effects of leaving a donation in your Will to the inheritance tax on your estate.

The key information that your solicitor will need is that gifts should be left to *Opportunity International UK* and must use our registered charity numbers (*UK number 1107713; Scotland number SC039692*) and registered address: *Opportunity International UK, Angel Court, 81 St Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AW.*

If you decide to leave a gift to Opportunity International in your Will, you can be sure it will be used effectively to provide people with a hand up out of poverty. We receive all gifts with sensitivity and efficiency, making sure administration costs are kept to an absolute minimum.

Thank you. Without supporters like you our work for future generations would not be possible.



If you would like further information or to speak to someone directly then please call **Jenny** on **01865 725304** or visit: www.opportunity.org.uk/gift_in_will

Our Promises to You...

- ✓ We will respect your right to privacy – you do not have to tell us your decision (although we would love to be able to say thank you).
- ✓ We understand that those you care about come first.
- ✓ We understand that circumstances may change and this may result in you taking us out of your Will.
- ✓ We will keep you updated on our work which is only made possible by gifts like yours. Just let us know how you would prefer to receive this information.
- ✓ We promise to handle your gift with sensitivity and respect.
- ✓ We promise to use your gift wisely.

Examples of Wording for Your Will

A proportion of your estate:

I give (...%) of the residue of my estate to Opportunity International UK (Registered charity no: 1107713), Angel Court, 81 St Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AW, for the general purposes of Opportunity International and I declare that the receipt of their Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

For a cash gift:

I give free of tax to Opportunity International UK (Registered charity no: 1107713), Angel Court, 81 St Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AW, the sum of (£...) for the general purposes of Opportunity International and I declare that the receipt of their Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

For a codicil:

I (name) of (address) declare this to be the (first/second) codicil to my Will dated (date).

In addition to any legacies given in my said Will I give to Opportunity International UK (Registered charity no: 1107713), Angel Court, 81 St Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AW the sum of (£ or % share of my estate) to be used for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

Please seek professional legal advice on the exact wording needed for creating or amending your Will




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