

# LEAVING A GIFT TO NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS IN YOUR WILL



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## COMMON QUESTIONS

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Your Will is a very personal document and everyone's circumstances are different but Red Cross has found that people often have similar questions or concerns about leaving a gift to charity. This information sheet hopes to answer some of the more common questions.

### *How will New Zealand Red Cross use my gift?*

For over 100 years, Red Cross has been active in New Zealand helping people, guided solely by their needs. Your gift will be used where the need is greatest. It will be used to alleviate suffering and improve the lives of vulnerable people, across the street and across the world.

### *What if I want to support a specific programme or community?*

Community needs, programmes and even geographic boundaries can change over time. For this reason Red Cross recommends that before leaving a restricted gift in your Will you, or your lawyer, contact us to discuss the best way to word specific requests. That way we can ensure that Red Cross is always able to honour your wishes.

### *Is there an endowment fund I can leave a gift to?*

Yes, New Zealand Red Cross Foundation. Gifts left to the Foundation are invested permanently and the interest used to support the core activities of Red Cross. If you wish to leave a gift directly to the Foundation please note that it is a separately registered charity.

**The official name is New Zealand Red Cross Foundation, Charity Commission Registration CC22820, address PO Box 12140, Thorndon, Wellington 6144.**

### *What sort of gift is best to leave?*

What is best depends on your circumstances and what works best for you. Any gift, of any size, is appreciated and will help people in need. But one of the most effective types of gift is called a residuary legacy. The benefits of this type of gift are that it only relates to that share of your estate that's left after family, friends and loved ones have been taken care of. Its flexibility also means that it is less likely to need updating over time.

### *Do I need to make a new Will to include New Zealand Red Cross?*

No, you can make a simple amendment to your existing Will using the Changes to My Will form enclosed. However we would recommend seeking professional advice when you make or update your Will so that your intentions can be fully carried out.

### *Do I need to tell you that I have included Red Cross in my Will?*

You are under no obligation to tell us, but we would really appreciate it. It would give us the opportunity to thank you and keep you informed about our work. Your information will always be treated with complete confidence.

**Thank you for considering leaving a gift to New Zealand Red Cross in your Will. If you have any more questions or would like more information please contact us on 04 471 4338 or use the enclosed contact form.**