

Your Will

CAN BE THEIR REFUGE



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency
Australia for UNHCR



Foreword

HOW YOUR GIFT CAN HELP

When we think about making a Will, it's only natural to consider loved ones first and foremost. Many people also find a place in their Will to reflect on other important aspects of their lives – the issues that concern them the most and the causes they believe in.

By remembering Australia for UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, in your Will, you are helping to ensure that people affected by conflict and natural disaster receive vital support in their time of need. Beyond your lifetime, you will be providing protection, food, water, shelter and healthcare to some of the world's most vulnerable people.

Thank you for considering leaving a gift to Australia for UNHCR in your Will.



TRUDI MITCHELL
Chief Executive Officer

WHERE UNHCR
WORKS AROUND THE

World



UNHCR's humanitarian assistance spans **130 countries** throughout Africa, the Middle East, Europe, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific.

Here are just a few examples of UNHCR's life-changing work to protect refugees around the world.

South Sudan

Providing protection, education and livelihood support in seven states in South Sudan.

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Democratic Republic of the Congo

Helping displaced people become self-sufficient through education, health and livelihood programs.

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● Ukraine

● Syria

● Yemen

● South Sudan

● Ethiopia

● Democratic Republic of the Congo

Ukraine

Providing emergency aid, cash assistance and psychosocial support for vulnerable refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine

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Syria

Distributing supplies such as thermal blankets and solar lamps to internally displaced Syrians

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Afghanistan

Supporting nutrition, health and education initiatives for displaced Afghans facing extreme poverty and hunger

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Myanmar

Providing shelter, COVID-19 education and prevention, and livelihood support for refugees, including Rohingya who have fled violence in Myanmar

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Yemen

Providing food, water and other essentials for internally displaced Yemenis and refugees from Somalia and Ethiopia

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Ethiopia

Coordinating 72 camps and collective centres, and providing emergency aid for people fleeing violence

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PROVIDING REFUGE

for Today

Responding with Life-saving Support

Your generosity ensures that UNHCR is ready to lead the humanitarian response to a crisis whenever it arises. UNHCR can deploy emergency teams within 72 hours of a crisis unfolding, and are committed to stay and deliver for as long as needed.

UNHCR provides emergency aid such as shelter, food, water, sleeping mats and hygiene supplies, as well as protection services, including counselling and legal aid.

UNHCR works to identify the most vulnerable refugees in need, including unaccompanied children, people with disabilities and the elderly.

UNHCR is often first on the ground, helping refugees like Svetlana who are fleeing conflict or persecution. Svetlana, an 83-year-old wheelchair user with low vision, fled her home in Mykolaiv, Ukraine, and found safe accommodation in Moldova. She has also enrolled in UNHCR's cash assistance program so she can buy the essentials after leaving almost everything behind.

PROVIDING REFUGE

for Tomorrow

Safeguarding Fundamental Human Rights

UNHCR seeks to uphold the human rights of displaced people, ensuring that refugees are provided with legal assistance, protected from sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), and are not returned involuntarily to a country where they could face persecution.

In both emergency and protracted settings, UNHCR supports the construction of health care centres and hospitals, which provide necessary physical and psychological care for individuals and families.

UNHCR continues to work on malnutrition through enhanced prevention, detection and treatment, as well as providing vital water infrastructure that is crucial in disease prevention.

In Uganda, South Sudanese refugee Eunice is a volunteer at the Women's Executive Committee for Refugees in Bidibidi. Here, women are able to learn skills like baking, knitting, and jewellery making. They also participate in awareness programs and psychosocial counselling for SGBV survivors.









PROVIDING REFUGE

for the Future

Building Better Futures

UNHCR is committed to improving the lives of all refugees and displaced people in protracted settings through education and livelihood programs. When you support Australia for UNHCR, you're helping refugees develop the skills they need to achieve self-reliance, as well as supporting their opportunity to work and earn a living.

Education is vital in any child's life, creating stability and safety during times of displacement. With your help, refugee children and youth have access to quality education, empowering them with the knowledge and skills to live productive and fulfilling lives.

UNHCR supports education projects so children like Pauline, 16, can continue pursuing their goals. Pauline, a refugee from the Central African Republic, is a secondary school student in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where she has begun using digital tools to study in a new way.

OUR BEQUEST

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WE RECOGNISE the significance that your generosity will make to the lives of refugees when you leave a gift to Australia for UNHCR as part of your last Will & Testament.

WE UNDERSTAND that those dear to you need to come first, and we encourage you to share your intentions with them before including us in your Will.

WE KNOW that your privacy is valuable, and we respect and appreciate that your Will is a very personal decision.

WE RECOGNISE that leaving a gift to Australia for UNHCR in your Will is an important decision that you need to make in your own time.

IF YOU DECIDE to leave us a gift in your Will, you can choose whether you would like to receive regular updates from us about UNHCR's work.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE that you have the right at any time to change your mind about leaving a gift to Australia for UNHCR in your Will.

YOUR GIFT will be used wisely and cost-effectively so that your legacy leaves a lasting impact on the lives of refugees and displaced people.

WE WILL THANK YOU and remember you for your continued support.





STEPS TO LEAVING A

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STEP ONE

Decide on the family, friends and organisations that you would like to recognise in your Will.

STEP TWO

Talk about your decision with your loved ones and share your wishes with them.

STEP THREE

Choose the type of legacy you would like to leave:

- A residuary gift: the remainder of your Estate once everything else is taken care of
- A percentage of your Estate: a specific proportion of your Estate's value
- A pecuniary gift: a specific sum of money

STEP FOUR

Visit a solicitor to have your Will written or updated with a codicil.

STEP FIVE

Please consider contacting us if you have made the decision to leave a gift to Australia for UNCHR in your Will.

HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT TO AUSTRALIA FOR UNHCR IN

Your Will

Leaving a bequest helps us provide ongoing support to causes that are aligned with your values while extending the impact of your generosity beyond your lifetime. The following words can be used to describe the type of gift you wish to leave to Australia for UNHCR. We suggest you take this booklet with you when consulting your solicitor.

I give to Australia for UNHCR ABN 35 092 843 322 of PO Box 428, QVB, NSW 1230 [the residue / the desired percentage / the specific sum of \$.....]* of my Estate to be used for its general purposes. I direct that a written receipt from Australia for UNHCR shall be a complete and sufficient discharge for my Trustee.

Australia for UNHCR is a deductible gift recipient as defined in the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth). Australia for UNHCR does not provide advice to donors or their advisors as to whether a gift or bequest will be tax deductible by the donor, who is advised to rely on their own independent advice.

*delete whichever is not applicable.







Dorothy's Testimony

Here in Australia, we're truly fortunate.

We don't often see children who have had explosives pounded into their vicinity. We don't often see children who have lost a leg because they've stepped on a landmine. Sadly, I have, during my long career as a teacher. Many of my students have been young refugees and have endured dreadful hardship and trauma.

As principal for 23 years at Holroyd High School in Sydney, where more than half of my students came from a refugee background, I just could not turn my back on injustice and unfairness. I ensured all my students had every opportunity to succeed, especially the refugee students, who had lost so much and seen things we would not want children to see.

I wanted to help on a global scale, as well. That's why I began donating to Australia for UNHCR, and why I've chosen to leave a gift in my Will.

Your gift, no matter how large or small, can have a huge impact for refugees, and for refugee children, who are the next generation and the hope for the future. Some will become doctors, or teachers, like me – and they will all be central to building the new, resilient communities we need for tomorrow.

Dorothy Hoddinott AO
Confirmed Bequestor

BEQUEST CIRCLE

As a thank you for your generosity, once you have left a gift for Australia for UNHCR in your Will, you will be invited to become a valued member of the Bequest Circle of Refuge. These members share a unique bond and are a part of a warm, caring group of our most dedicated supporters. As a sign of our genuine appreciation, you will be given an exclusive view into the ground-breaking work UNHCR is doing through regular updates, as well as opportunities to meet like-minded advocates at special events.

Thank You

FROM JOELLE

When I was 14 years old, civil war broke out in my home country of Syria. Too many times to count I couldn't go to school or leave the house because of violence and bombings. In 2016, after years of uncertainty, UNHCR helped my family travel to Australia on a humanitarian and refugee visa and in 2017 I got a job working at Australia for UNHCR.

When you leave a gift to Australia for UNHCR in your Will, you're helping to change the lives of refugees like me who are forced to flee conflict or persecution. I don't want anybody, especially children, to have the same experiences I had. Everybody deserves to have the basics like shelter, electricity and water. I want children to be able to grow up somewhere safe and have access to education and health care. By remembering Australia for UNHCR in your Will, you can help this become a reality for people all over the world.

A bequest gift doesn't have to be a grand gesture reserved only for the wealthy; everyday people like you and me can leave a legacy by remembering the causes closest to our hearts, once our family and loved ones are taken care of.

I can assure you, being a refugee is not a choice – circumstances out of my control changed my life forever – but thanks to the generosity of people like you, I have been able to build a future for myself that, during the violence in Syria, I would never have thought possible.

Thank you for considering leaving a gift to Australia for UNHCR in your Will – I can tell you firsthand truly what a difference it will make.

JOELLE FARRAYEH

Former refugee and previous employee of Australia for UNHCR



I'D LIKE MY WILL TO BE

Their Refuge

Please tick the appropriate box:

- I have already included a gift to Australia for UNHCR in my Will.
- I am intending to include a gift to Australia for UNHCR in my Will.
- I am considering a gift to Australia for UNHCR in my Will.
- I am interested in receiving more information about leaving a gift to Australia for UNHCR in my Will.

Details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Donor ID (if known): _____

My preferred method of contact is:

- Mail
- Phone
- Email





If you would like to discuss your bequest or have any further questions, please contact us by phone or email.

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