



LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL



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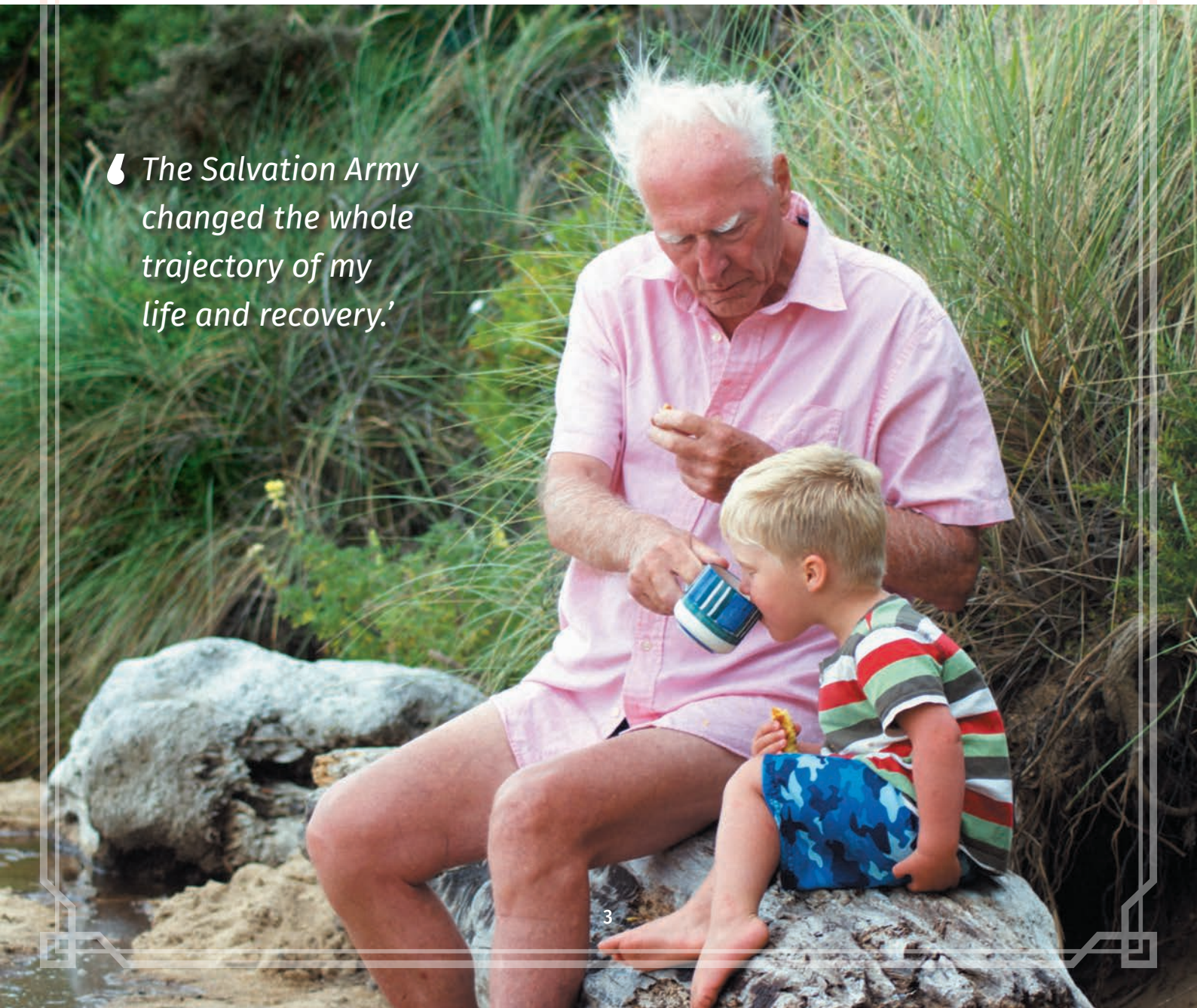
Leaving a gift to The Salvation Army in your Will is a very special way to continue to care for people, long after you have passed away.

Gifts left in Wills are the major source of funding for the Sallies, enabling us to provide life-changing essentials for New Zealanders in need.

Your gift means Kiwis who are struggling just to survive will be able to receive the care and support they so desperately need to help turn their lives around, and build brighter futures for themselves and their families.

Thank you for considering how you can continue to walk beside those in need. A gift in your Will can offer them hope—and show your love and compassion for generations to come.

“The Salvation Army changed the whole trajectory of my life and recovery.”



WHY HAVING A WILL IS IMPORTANT

No one likes to think about dying, but it's important to prepare for it by making a Will.

We all want to keep caring for those who matter to us, even when we're no longer able. A valid and up-to-date Will is the only way to ensure you have certainty and control over what happens to your assets when you pass away. It is one of the most important documents of your lifetime.

If you don't have a valid Will prior to your passing, you are deemed to have died 'intestate'. In such cases, the state can appoint an administrator for your estate who will distribute your assets in accordance with New Zealand law.

All the more reason to make a Will now—no matter your age, or how much you own.

What kind of gift can I leave to the Sallies?

After providing for your loved ones, a gift in your Will to The Salvation Army helps ensure we can continue our vital work in the community.

Broadly speaking, there are three main types of gifts (or bequests) you can leave in your Will, and become an Honoured Friend of The Salvation Army.

A GENERAL GIFT

This usually is a sum of money or percentage of your estate that you leave to The Salvation Army. A gift of even just five percent of your estate can make a real difference in the lives of the people we help every day.



*In the last year,
my life has done
a complete 180
... I now have so
much freedom
and self-love.'*



A RESIDUAL GIFT

After all other gifts and expenses are paid to family and friends, what remains (or a percentage of it) becomes your gift to The Salvation Army.

A SPECIFIC GIFT

You can choose to leave a specific item to The Salvation Army, such as jewellery, books, clothing, cars or property.

Honoured Friends

Honoured Friends are people who have advised us they have included The Salvation Army in their Will.

Through a gift in your Will, the work of The Salvation Army can continue well into the future. As an Honoured Friend, we thank you and invite you to learn more about The Salvation Army's work and how your generosity will make a difference. You are welcome to receive regular communication from us, including at Christmas and other times—just as any friend would!

HOW YOUR GIFT WILL HELP

Leaving a gift in your Will helps The Salvation Army to help people when they are at their most vulnerable.

Overcoming pain, hardship, and finding support through our life-changing programmes is what The Salvation Army is all about for Kiwis in need. Our wraparound services enable them to rebuild their lives—but it is your care and commitment that helps to make everything happen.

Safe homes

Everyone deserves a safe, liveable home. Our housing support comes in many forms to help those in need find a place they can start to rebuild their lives and be themselves again.

Budgeting for a better future

Financial pressures can often feel overwhelming for many Kiwis, especially when debt begins to spiral out of control. Our courses help people to deal with the depression, anger, grief and stress, giving them the skills they need to set goals and get their lives back on track.

Freedom from addiction

Overcoming addiction to alcohol and other drug harm is rarely easy. But with support and encouragement, positive changes will happen. Our centres provide the support people need on their journey to recovery.

Practical assistance

Emergency support through our welfare services can be a lifeline for struggling families and individuals. Practical items like school lunches and food parcels bring relief. Aid packages with bedding, homewares and clothing can also make a huge difference.

Anyone giving to them should have no doubt that their money goes exactly where it's needed—to helping people like me and giving us a chance to start over.'





I thought that when The Salvation Army got us the house that would be it—but no, they are still with us.



For many wanting to get their life back, reaching out to the Sallies is a perfect place to start. Just knowing that someone cares about their plight is a gift in itself. And often, we are their very last option for receiving help.

But in reality, we simply couldn't do what we do without people like you. The services we provide cost money to run—housing, food and support for people in desperate need does not come free. So no matter how big or small, a gift in your Will means we can always be there for those who need us.

‘I’m not trying to pay back anything they’ve done for me; I just admire what they’re doing.’



‘The Salvation Army gave me the tools to set goals and achieve them—now I’m proud of the mother I’ve become.’





‘It’s always been on my mind to help The Salvation Army, because they’re always helping other people.’



‘When I go, my home goes to The Salvation Army. Hopefully the money will help a family out there somewhere. It’s very hard at the moment for a lot of people.’

A GUIDE TO YOUR WILL

*Thank you so much for considering a gift to The Salvation Army.
Here are some key elements for preparing your Will.*

About your Will

Your Will is an important personal document that reflects how you wish to distribute what you own to the people you hold dear throughout your life. When making a Will, make sure you seek legal advice to help you. This will ensure:

- your will is precisely worded and accurately reflects your wishes
- the administration of your estate will be professionally carried out
- all aspects of your will, including the people who will benefit, are carefully considered.

Preparing your Will

When preparing your Will, you should:

- appoint an executor(s) who you trust to carry out your wishes
- consider how the balance of your estate will be distributed, and to whom
- appoint a guardian for children under the age of 18
- provide specific details of any gifts, property or legacies, including any gifts you wish to leave to charities.



Budgeting, literacy and helping people through hard times—that kind of stuff really resonates with me.



How to determine your estate

Only personally owned assets, or assets in which the Will maker (ie, you) has an interest, will form part of an estate and be controlled by a Will. Always be sure to consider the effect of any debts or encumbrances relating to the distribution of your assets. Jointly owned property as ‘Tenants in Common’ will form part of your estate, and be controlled by a Will.

Be sure to take professional advice, especially when dealing with anything complex including a superannuation fund, trust, company or business in which the Will maker is involved.

What is an executor?

An executor is someone you trust to ensure the terms and conditions of your Will are carried out. Your executor should be someone who is:

- reliable and trustworthy
- available and willing to act
- likely to survive you
- preferably with business or estate administration experience.

Appointing a guardian

If you have dependants under 18, you should consider appointing a guardian(s) to look after them should anything happen to you unexpectedly.

Keeping your Will safe

Your original Will should be kept in a safe, secure place, such as with your solicitor. Make sure you retain a copy of the Will, and details of where the original is stored. This will ensure your appointed executor will have easy access when they need it. It’s also a good idea to let your executor know where your Will is being kept.

ENSURING YOUR WILL IS VALID

When preparing your Will, make sure you work with a trusted legal professional such as your solicitor. They will take you through the entire process.

Make things official

To ensure your Will is legally valid and accurately reflects your wishes, it should be prepared and reviewed by one or both of the following:


- a solicitor/lawyer
- a Public Trustee.

Finding a solicitor

If you do not already have a solicitor, use the *Find a lawyer* tool on the home page of The New Zealand Law Society website—www.lawsociety.org.nz.

Reviewing your Will

You should consider reviewing your Will every few years, to ensure it stays relevant to how you wish to distribute your assets and is in keeping with your current domestic and financial circumstances. All changes should be verified by your chosen legal representative.


A photograph showing a man and a child sitting on a grassy hill, looking out over a beach and the ocean. The man is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and glasses, and the child is wearing a blue and red striped shirt and a grey hat. The ocean is blue with white waves crashing onto the beach. The sky is clear and blue.

With the threat of homelessness causing me distress, I came to The Salvation Army asking for help.'

Suggested wording for leaving a gift in your Will

If you would like to leave a gift in your Will to The Salvation Army, here's a guide on some wording you can discuss with your legal representative:

'I **[Name]** give free of all duties to The Salvation Army New Zealand Trust, a registered charity CC37312, the sum of \$**[sum]** or **[XXX]**% of my estate, or the residue of my estate, for use in the New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa Territory.'

 *The Salvation Army gave me a place where I could sleep without fear, so I have no words to say how grateful I am to them for it.'*



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Some helpful answers to frequently asked questions.

Do The Salvation Army really need a gift from me?

Every day, we meet new people who are desperate for support, and the services we provide cost money. So yes, every donation is greatly appreciated. Your gift, however large or small, supports the ongoing work of The Salvation Army, and gives hope where it's needed most.

I don't have much. How can I include a gift in my Will?

It's a common myth that only wealthy people can afford to leave a gift in their Will to charity. This couldn't be further from the truth. Thousands of Kiwis, from all walks of life, include a charitable gift in their Will. Even a small percentage of your estate—as little as two per cent—can make a big difference to the lives of Kiwis in need.

I already have a Will. Why do I need to change it?

There are many reasons to review your Will regularly; to make sure it still reflects your wishes, for one. Also, your circumstances may change over time, and you want to ensure your loved ones are provided for, before anything else.

I don't want my family and friends to miss out. What should I do?

Of course, you should always look after your family and friends first. Once they are cared for, please consider including a gift to The Salvation Army in your Will. Your solicitor can suggest the best way to do both.

Will it cost me money to include a gift in my Will?

Writing or updating a Will is not as expensive as you think. Solicitor costs do vary—depending on how complex your wishes are—but you can ask for an estimate of fees before you commit. The cost of having your Will professionally written today will also save a lot of time, money and further pain for those you leave behind.

How do I make a gift to The Salvation Army in my Will?

Talk to your solicitor. They can advise you on the best way to go about giving a gift in your Will, possibly using the suggested wording included in this brochure.

Can I add a gift to The Salvation Army in my existing Will?

If you've already written a Will, but would like to add a gift to The Salvation Army, you can easily do so by adding a codicil. This is a short legal amendment to your existing Will. Again, your solicitor can help you with this.

Should I tell you if I've included a gift in my Will to The Salvation Army?

We'd love to hear from you if you've included a gift in your Will—mainly so we can thank you personally. Doing so automatically makes you an Honoured Friend of The Salvation Army. However, we will always respect your privacy and treat your wishes and kind gift with the care, sensitivity and respect they deserve.

GET IN TOUCH

Thank you for considering a Gift in your Will. For more information on preparing or updating your Will—or any other way of supporting The Salvation Army—please do get in touch. We'll be very happy to help.

Phone **0800 53 00 00**

Email **sef@salvationarmy.org.nz**

Web **www.salvationarmy.org.nz/wills**

Or scan the QR code to the right.





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The Salvation Army has been transforming lives in New Zealand for over 140 years, helping those who find themselves living in poverty or social and spiritual distress. More than 150,000 families and individuals reach out to us every year for food and clothing assistance, life skills programmes, budgeting advice and other comfort and support. At The Salvation Army we are committed to building healthy communities, working for justice, and restoring hope. We do this without discrimination.

The Salvation Army is a registered charity under the Charities Act 2005, registered number CC37312.