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WILL POWER



**Everything you need
to know about leaving
a gift in your will to
Tibet Relief Fund**



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WHY LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL?

Thank you for considering a legacy gift to support Tibetan communities. Your thoughtful decision ensures your compassion for Tibet will extend far beyond your lifetime, creating a lasting impact.

Since 1959, Tibet Relief Fund has been dedicated to empowering Tibetans, meeting their essential needs, and fostering self-sufficiency.

Our work, from rebuilding homes after natural disasters to providing vital education and healthcare, is only possible thanks to the generosity of individuals like you who choose to leave a gift in their will.

By including Tibet Relief Fund in your will, you become a vital part of securing a bright and hopeful future for Tibetans.

Your gift, regardless of size, can have a transformative effect. It could build a safe home for a family, provide essential support to elderly refugees, or bring life-saving healthcare to remote communities.

We welcome gifts designated to specific projects, allowing you to directly support the areas that resonate most with you.

To discuss leaving a gift in your will and how it can make a difference, please contact us.

Thank you,

C. Butterworth

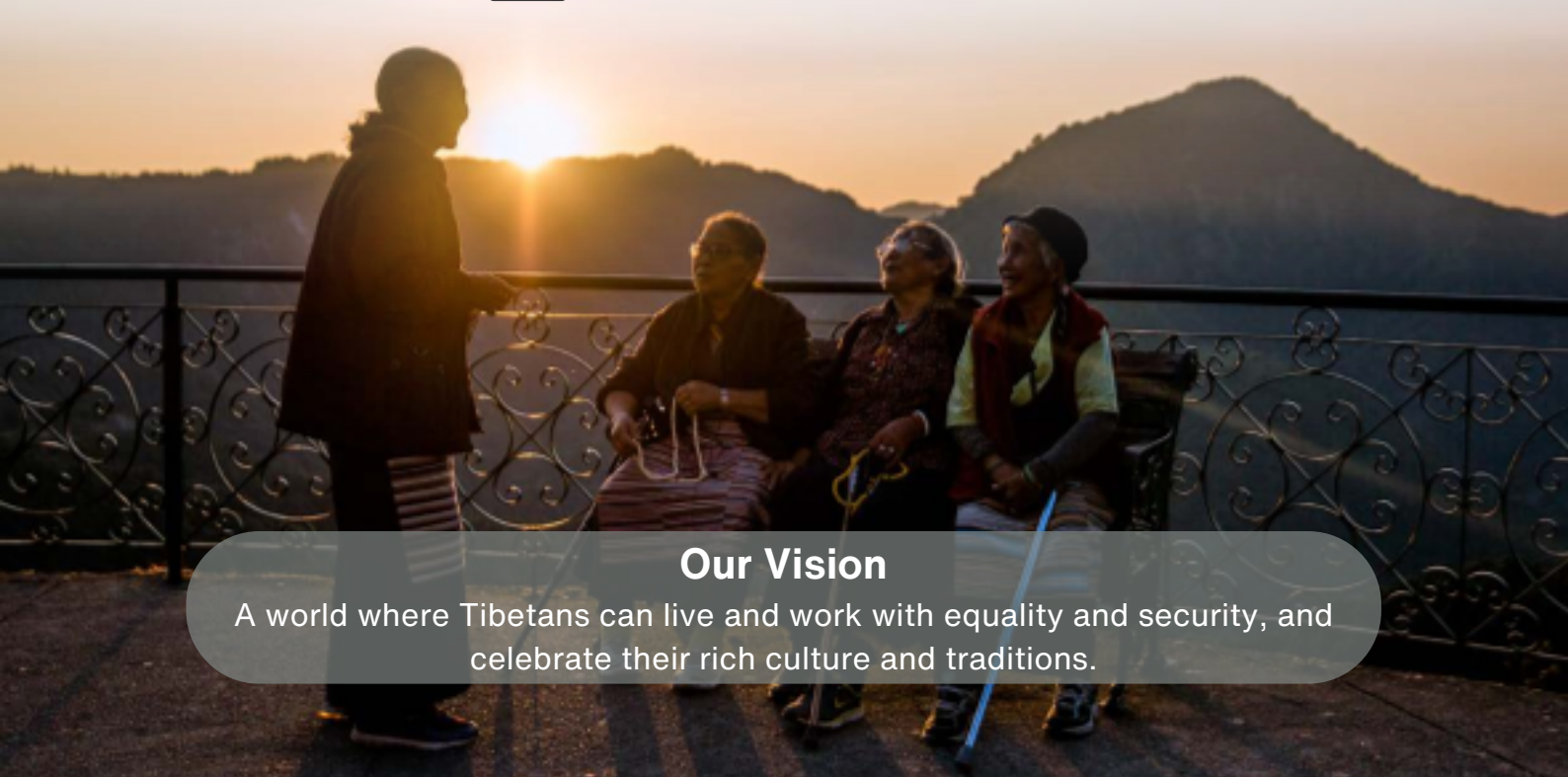
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Our Vision

A world where Tibetans can live and work with equality and security, and celebrate their rich culture and traditions.

"Take some time to think over your life. What causes have you felt passionately about? How would you like to be remembered?"

Why I'm leaving a legacy to Tibet Relief Fund

"Tibet is a cause that has been dear to my heart for decades. When I was 11 years old the news came on the radio about the Dalai Lama fleeing from the Chinese. This made a huge impact on me and I constantly asked if he was safe and alive. It was a great relief to find he was. In the years following I trained teachers to teach literacy in developing countries and wrote educational books. I met Taiwanese students who told me about China's designs on their country and Tibet too. As some of them had visited Tibet they taught me a great deal about the situation there.

It was then I began to read more about it. I started supporting Tibet Relief Fund and their Tibet Matters newsletter began arriving with news about various excellent projects. The sponsorship section particularly caught my attention. I contacted Tibet Relief Fund and seven-year-old Phurpa, from a destitute family, became my sponsored 'daughter'. Receiving letters from her is such a joy. She is now 13, looks healthy and happy and intends to be a teacher of Tibetan language. Her transformation is wonderful and it only happened because of the help of Tibet Relief Fund and the school that they support.



Margaret Iggulden

It was easy, therefore, when making a gift to a charity in my will, I chose Tibet Relief Fund in order that their excellent work can continue for many years to come. So, when it is my turn for the curtains to close I know that wherever I am I will be happy in the knowledge that the cause I have committed to and felt passionately about throughout my life will receive a gift in my will."

Margaret





HOW A GIFT IN YOUR WILL COULD HELP

Your gift, no matter the size, will make a huge difference for Tibetans.

Just 1% of a modest amount of money can have a big impact, ensuring those closest to you receive 99%.

Here are a few examples of how your gift could go a long way in helping the Tibetan people we work with.

- ♥ **£250 could keep an elderly Tibetan refugee safe and warm over winter**
Elderly Tibetans in Nepal need food, warm clothes and winter fuel to survive the cold winters. A gift of £250 can provide everything an elderly Tibetan needs to stay safe and warm over winter.
- ♥ **£1,000 could give Tibetans life-saving healthcare**
Many Tibetans living in exile can't afford or can't access treatment for life-threatening conditions. £1,000 could help someone afford the cost of treatment for cancer or hepatitis, or help prevent stomach cancer through a screening programme for nomadic Tibetans.
- ♥ **£5,000 could fund a clean water supply for a Tibetan settlement in India**
A gift of £5,000 can install a water filtration system for Tibetan settlement in India, providing clean drinking water for years to come. Without clean water, families get sick and can't go to school or work, at huge cost to their families and their futures.
- ♥ **£15,000 could build three houses for vulnerable families in Nepal**
There are many settlements, like the remote village of Bakhang, that are still struggling to rebuild several years on from the devastating earthquakes in Nepal. A gift of £15,000 could rebuild three houses for families who can't afford to do so and have been living in temporary, unsafe conditions.
- ♥ **£70,000 could run Empowering the Vision for a whole year**
Our project to help young Tibetans into meaningful work costs £70,000 to run each year. You can make a huge impact for a young person like Ngawang, who is studying Chinese and English with the hope of becoming an interpreter and contributing back to her community in Uttarakhand.

PREPARING YOUR WILL

You can choose between using a solicitor to write your will, or using our free online wills service. For most people, our online will writing service provides all you need to make a fully legal will.

Visit www.makeawillonline.co.uk/tibetrelieffund to get started.

If you have a large estate (over £1 million), property overseas or a complex family situation, we would always recommend that you use a solicitor. You may also feel more comfortable speaking to a solicitor in person.

If you don't already have a solicitor, you can search for one local to you at solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk.

Alternatively, you can call the **Law Society** on **020 7242 1222**.

Having chosen your solicitor, you can keep costs to a minimum by preparing the following in advance of your first meeting:

Valuing your estate

Make a list of all your assets including: your house and its contents, car, items of special value such as jewellery and antiques, savings, investments & life insurance, business assets; and money owing to you. Estimate their value and then deduct money you owe, such as your mortgage, overdraft, loans, hire purchase agreements and credit cards.

Naming executors

You must choose the persons you would like to administer your estate (usually two). One could be your solicitor or bank manager (who normally requires payment for this service); the other could be a relative or a friend. It's important to get their consent before naming them.



Choosing guardians

If you have children under 18 you should appoint guardians. This provides for their care in the event of your partner dying before you or at the same time. Again, check that those named agree to take on this responsibility.

Witnessing your signature

For the will to be legal it must be signed by you in the presence of two witnesses who must also sign it. They must not be beneficiaries or related to beneficiaries.

The time to amend & the time to change

Keeping your will up-to-date is as important as making it. Your wishes, your circumstances and the composition of your family can change over the years - and the value of pecuniary bequests can be eroded by inflation. Minor additions can be made by codicil. Major changes may call for a new will - but that should be a lot easier the second time around.

Amendment by codicil

Never write on your will - that will invalidate it. A codicil must be a separate document, signed and witnessed as with the will, though the witnesses need not be the same. It must be kept with the will but not attached to it.

Giving to causes by codicil

Giving to a cause you wish to support can readily be done by a codicil to an existing will (see page XX for suggested wording for a codicil).

TYPES OF GIFT

A share of your estate (residuary legacy)

This is a percentage of your estate after all other gifts and expenses have been paid. This option is a really valuable way to help us as it maintains its value and can also increase over time. This also means you're less likely to need to amend your will in the future.

A specific sum (pecuniary legacy)

This is a gift of a set amount of money.

A specific item

This could be something valuable such as an antique, painting, property or shares that we would sell.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here are answers to some commonly asked questions about making a will and leaving a gift to Tibet Relief Fund. If you have any other questions that are not answered here, or would simply like to speak with someone in confidence, please don't hesitate to call us on **020 3119 0041** or email **legacies@tibetrelieffund.co.uk**.



Why is making a will important?

Having an up-to-date will brings you peace of mind. You are ensuring your loved ones are provided for and the causes you care about most will be supported after you are gone. If you die without a will (known in the legal world as intestate), UK law will specify who inherits your possessions and estate, meaning they will not necessarily be distributed in the way you would have wished.

When is a good time to make my will?

The sooner the better as it is the only way to make sure your wishes are carried out after you are gone and your loved ones provided for in the way you want. Making a will helps your loved ones at a difficult time, as they will know how you wanted your estate to be distributed.

What happens if I change my mind?

You are free to change your mind at any time – telling us you plan to leave a gift does not commit you to doing so. However, if you do change your mind, it's really helpful if you can let us know. Do I need a solicitor to write my will? If you have a large estate (over £1 million), complex needs or property overseas, we would always recommend that you use a solicitor. However, for most people, an online will writing service like Make a Will Online provides all you need to make a fully legal will.

How much does a will cost?

The cost of writing a will varies depending on how complicated it is. You can ask several solicitors what they charge before making your decision. However, a simple will normally costs around £200. Tibet Relief Fund can offer you the opportunity to make your will online for free – visit www.makeawillonline.co.uk/tibetrelieffund or contact us on 020 3119 0041 to find out more.



What if I have already made my will?

If you do already have a will and want to leave a gift to us, contact your solicitor and let them know your intentions. You can work with them either to: (a) make a new will or (b) a shorter and less expensive “codicil” (amendment). Please ensure that your solicitor uses our full name: The Tibet Relief Fund of the United Kingdom, and our charity number: 1061834.

What are the tax benefits of leaving a gift to charity?

Did you know that people who leave more than 10% of their estate to charity receive inheritance tax benefits? If your estate is liable for inheritance tax we suggest you speak to your solicitor to discuss making a will and leaving a gift to us.

What kind of gift could I leave in my will?

There are three types of gift you can leave in your will:

- A share of your estate (residuary legacy): This is a percentage of your estate after all other gifts and expenses have been paid. This option is a really valuable way to help us as it usually maintains its value and can also increase over time. This also means you're less likely to need to amend your will in the future.
- A specific sum (pecuniary legacy): This is a gift of a set amount of money
- A specific item: This could be something valuable such as an antique, painting, property or shares that we would sell.

How will my gift help Tibetans?

By leaving Tibet Relief Fund a gift in your will, you will help us to educate the young, support entrepreneurs, care for the elderly, rebuild lives and homes, and provide healthcare for all. If you would like your gift to support a particular project, we're very happy for you to do this. If that project has been completed or no longer being supported by Tibet Relief Fund at your death, we would use any gift for any similar work we are supporting.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

The gifts that people include in their will are so important for the future of our work. We want you to feel completely confident and reassured in choosing to support Tibet Relief Fund in this way. Our promises demonstrate our lasting commitment to you, your family and loved ones, and the Tibetans your gift will help.

We are committed to making a difference to Tibetans and therefore have a duty to promote legacy giving as an option of support. But we also recognise it is your decision and respect your need to consider it in your own time.

We realise that family and friends will (and should) come first but, as a cause you hold dear, we hope you will consider including Tibet Relief Fund after the people closest to you have been provided for.

We understand your will is personal and your privacy is vital. If you do choose to share your decision with us, we will keep it completely confidential.

There is no obligation to tell us of your intention to include us in your will, although we'd love to hear from you about it so we can thank you and keep you up to date with our work, and plan more effectively for the future.

We understand circumstances change. You can change your mind at any time about leaving a gift. If you do decide you no longer want to leave us a gift in your will, it's really helpful if you can let us know.

We will give you opportunities to connect with our work, but will always respect your choice about how we communicate with you.

We will use your gift carefully and cost effectively so it has the greatest impact for Tibetans.

If you have chosen to support a specific project which is no longer running or being supported by Tibet Relief Fund at the time of your death, we will use your gift where it is most needed in a similar area of work.

We are here to help you. If you have any questions about your legacy gift or how you will be helping our work with Tibetans, please get in touch on 020 3119 0041 or by email via legacies@tibetrelieffund.co.uk.



I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND MY EXISTING WILL

PLEASE KEEP THIS SIGNED FORM WITH YOUR CURRENT WILL.

If you would like to make an amendment to your existing will to leave a gift to Tibet Relief Fund, please complete this simple codicil form and sign it in the presence of your two independent witnesses.

It is always best to seek legal advice if possible. Please don't hesitate to call our fundraising team on 020 3119 0041 if you have any questions.

I (full name): _____

Of (address): _____

Postcode: _____

Declare this to be a (please tick) ☐ First ☐ Second ☐ Third Codicil to my will,

which is dated: / / (day/month/year)

(Please provide the day/month/year that your existing will was first made.)

I GIVE:

The sum of: £ _____

The following specific item(s): _____

to Tibet Relief Fund, 99 Kentish Town Road, London, NW1 8PB, registered charity number 1061834 (England and Wales), absolutely for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

SIGNATURE (In all other respects I confirm my will and any other codicils thereto.)

Date: / /

Signed by the aforementioned in our presence and witnessed by us in the presence of him/her and of each other

WITNESS ONE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Occupation: _____

Signature: _____

WITNESS TWO

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Occupation: _____

Signature: _____

The following people cannot witness your codicil:

· A beneficiary of your will · A beneficiary's spouse or civil partner



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