



**OXFAM**  
Ireland

**NEVER STOP FIGHTING  
FOR FAIRNESS.**

**LEAVE A GIFT TO SUPPORT  
OXFAM IRELAND'S WORK IN YOUR WILL.**



# YOU NEVER HAVE TO STOP FIGHTING...

EVERY YEAR, YOUR  
SUPPORT FOR OXFAM  
IRELAND MAKES LIFE  
FAIRER FOR MORE THAN  
2 MILLION PEOPLE  
AROUND THE WORLD.

Some people see injustice and think, "That's not right. Someone should do something about it." Other people, people like you, take action.

**You *are* the someone who does something.**

Chances are, you've been doing it – supporting causes that make a difference, fighting for the underdog, campaigning for justice – all your life. And the wonderful truth is, you don't have to stop.

With a gift to Oxfam in your Will, you never have to stop fighting for fairness. You can go on helping generations of people live free from injustice, inequality, and poverty.

You've had a lifetime of amazing experiences, wonderful adventures, and personal accomplishments. After providing for your loved ones, you can leave something to the greater good too... a gift that will go on fighting for fairness for generations to come.



**"LEGACY GIFTS ENABLE OXFAM TO DO MORE. THERE IS AN ENDLESS NEED FOR AID AND COMPASSION IN A WORLD OFTEN GOVERNED BY GREED AND CRUELTY."**

Severin Kennedy, Oxfam supporter.

A photograph of an elderly man, Kevin Oakey, sitting on a rocky beach. He is wearing a blue baseball cap, glasses, a brown corduroy jacket with a white shearling collar, and blue jeans. He is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background consists of large grey rocks and a pebbly shore.

## ...FOR THE PEOPLE WHO NEED US MOST

Though his parents hail from Kilkenny, Kevin was born and raised in London in the 1950s. Both parents knew poverty as children, so Kevin was raised with a deep appreciation for people who struggle.

Kevin still remembers his earliest memories of Oxfam. "I think my first encounter with charities was when I was in school. I was aware of Oxfam more than other charities. Everybody knew Oxfam."

As a young man, Kevin travelled the world before moving to Ireland. On a trip to South America, he developed a heartfelt belief that what you have, you share with those who have less.

Kevin Oakey on Tramore Beach, Co Waterford. Kevin and his wife, Teresa have included a gift to Oxfam in their Will.

"People in rural areas had very little, but they shared whatever they had with you. That plants a bit of a seed. It's humbling."

Throughout his life, that seed grew and Kevin became someone who believed in doing what you can to alleviate the suffering of others.

**"I think there's a touch of philanthropy in most people,** they want to help. Maybe they feel they can't change things. But it isn't hopeless. It's only hopeless when people stop responding at all."

Thankfully, Kevin never stopped caring, he never stopped responding, and he never stopped fighting for fairness.

**" I GET A GLOW FROM IT, BUT REALLY THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS IS THAT IT'S GOING TO HELP PEOPLE."**

Kevin, from Waterford.

He and his wife became Oxfam supporters along the way, and then they reached a point in their lives when they began to think about how their values and beliefs could live on.

"As we got older, we were sitting down thinking, "What's going to happen when we're not here anymore?" We don't have children, so the option of leaving some money to charity came into the equation.

So, we left a gift to Oxfam in our Will. Oxfam know where the need is going to be, so they can decide what to do with it. If people can be enabled to help themselves, if the resources are put into tools and animals and crops, then they can lift themselves up."

**It's people like Kevin, people like you, who make a real difference in the world, by doing what you can, when you can. Like Kevin, you never have to stop fighting for fairness. You can keep fighting for what you believe in, through a gift in your Will to Oxfam.**

# ...FOR A BETTER WORLD

Searing heat has caused an unrelenting drought in East Africa, threatening the lives and livelihoods of millions of people.

But today, more and more compassionate people like you are showing their commitment to fighting climate injustice by leaving gifts in their Wills to Oxfam.

Ngaremara Village in Eastern Kenya, is an example of the kind of project a gift like yours could go on supporting for decades.

As Catherine Bahati, treasurer of Ngaremara's water committee told us, **"We have to walk for long distances to fetch water. Our parents did it, their parents did it and now we are also experiencing the same fate. We don't want our children to go through the same thing."**

Thanks to a gift left by someone like you in their Will, projects like the one in Catherine's community can ensure people no longer go to bed wondering whether they will have clean water tomorrow.

"We depend entirely on keeping and rearing livestock. When we lose our livestock due to lack of water, we are left stranded."

It's amazing to think that the vision of one kind-hearted person like you, can empower someone like Catherine to lift herself, her family, and her community out of poverty and injustice, so generations never have to experience what hers has.

**That's the power of leaving a gift to Oxfam in your Will. The fact that you never have to stop fighting for fairness, means communities like Catherine's never have to fear dying of thirst or hunger again.**



# 95%

**OF ALL SUPPORTER DONATIONS  
LIKE YOURS ARE SPENT ON  
PROGRAMME WORK (79%)  
OR GENERATING  
FUTURE INCOME (16%)**

# ...FOR THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PAST AND FUTURE

A powerful thread connects the roots of your passion for fairness to the fairer future we can build together. As you think about how a gift left in your Will to Oxfam embodies your heartfelt values, you might also like to reflect on the part you've played in Oxfam Ireland's history.

**1972**

Oxfam's first shop in Ireland opens on South King Street in Dublin. The following year, Oxfam Ireland officially comes into being, and an RTÉ radio appeal for Ethiopia raises £10,000.



**1960**

By the 60's, The Beatles were joining the fight, supporting Oxfam's Freedom from Hunger Campaign for the Congo during World Refugee Year. It was also the year that the Bewley family, known for their cafés, became Oxfam supporters, helping to launch a wave of support across Ireland.



**1942**

The Oxford Committee for Famine Relief raises funds for war refugees and lobbies the British government to allow vital food and medical supplies through a blockade and into Greece.



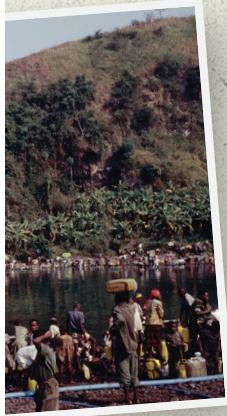
# 1990

We all remember Mary Robinson becoming the first female president of Ireland, a hugely important social and political milestone. But her appointment as Honorary President of Oxfam in 2002, after she finished her term, marked an equally important milestone for us.



# 1994

Supporters help Oxfam mount its largest humanitarian response following the genocide of an estimated 800,000 people in Rwanda, helping millions fleeing the region.



# 2010s

In Timor-Leste – where 70% of the population were struggling without enough to eat for at least one month a year – Oxfam helped farmers introduce a new farming technique to prevent soil erosion. Crops were no longer washed away during the rainy season, bringing communities food security for the first time.



# 2004

Across Ireland we were all still celebrating Christmas when the devastating tsunami struck. Do you remember where you were when you heard the news? In response, wonderful Oxfam Ireland supporters like you raised a staggering €1.6 million to help the survivors.



# 2023

Oxfam Ireland turns 50 – marking five decades of impact, including a major response to the growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Working through local partners, by the end of 2024 we've helped over 73,000 people with their most urgent needs – and the work continues.

# 2025

## FIGHTING FOR A FAIRER FUTURE

You can continue fighting for fairness and the values that you hold dear with a gift in your Will to Oxfam.

# ...FOR FAIRNESS

You and your values can live on, creating a fairer world for those fighting injustice and poverty.

If you're interested in leaving a gift to Oxfam Ireland in your Will, the first thing you should do is get in touch with your solicitor.



## SUGGESTED WORDING

You may like to share the following paragraph with your solicitor, which has been drafted specially for this purpose:

*I GIVE the sum of [€/£] xx (sum in words) to Oxfam Ireland [Republic of Ireland Registered Charity Number (RCN): 20009946 / Northern Ireland Charity Commission Number: NIC100848], for its general purposes. of the said charity and I direct that a receipt by the treasurer or other proper officer of the said charity shall be sufficient discharge for my executors in the payment of this legacy. If, at the date of my death, the said charity has ceased to exist or has amalgamated or become incorporated with another charity or has changed its name, then this legacy shall not fail, but my executors shall pay the legacy to such charity as they consider most nearly fulfils the objects of that which I intended to benefit.*

**“ THE WORK OXFAM DOES ACROSS THE WORLD IS REALLY IMPORTANT. DAD WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE RIGHT THING HAPPENED TO HIS COLLECTION OF BOOKS.”**

Ivan O'Brien, whose father, Michael, founded O'Brien Press in 1974, and left 2,500 books from his personal collection to Oxfam Ireland in 2024.

## WE'D LOVE TO SAY "THANK YOU"

Your Will is your personal affair, and we don't expect you to share your plans with us if you'd rather not. On the other hand, we'd be delighted if you do. Then we can say a proper thank you to you for your amazing vision and generosity.

Madina Mohamed from Isiolo County in Kenya. Oxfam and partner MID-P constructed a water point, borehole and tank in Madina's community.



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**FRONT COVER:**

Abdia Ibrahim from Isiolo in Kenya with her son.

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