THIS IS A LEGACY
A gift in your will could amount to more than you imagine, and all others ever needed.

As one of WaterAid’s Voices from the Field Officers, I know what a huge difference gifts in wills from people like you can make. I’ve traveled all over Madagascar to document the extraordinary work that your support helps to make possible. Every village I visit has been hugely empowered by the wonderful gift of water. Each time I go back to a community, I’m always amazed at how much it has grown and prospered. I also know how life-changing this can be because, as a child growing up in Madagascar, I had to use dirty water myself. Now that the people of Madagascar have been given the training and tools they need to keep water flowing into their villages, I’m sure that everyone here will continue to thrive – as will their children and the many generations that follow them.

Warm regards,
Ernest Randriarimalala, WaterAid, Madagascar

Read on to see what you will add to the world, when you add water to your will.
Your will is your legacy.

You have worked hard to acquire your wealth and assets; your will ensures your life’s work represents your legacy in the way you want.

With an up to date will, you can rest-assured that what you want to happen, happens.

Where your gift will go

When you include WaterAid in your will you are committing to helping future generations access clean water, decent toilets, and good hygiene. With our increasingly vulnerable climate, water access will continue to be a priority. Your legacy gift will provide us with the resources necessary to respond to future water needs, whatever they may be.

Thank you!

The WaterAid promise

• We promise to honor your legacy in the way in which you intend.
• We will work with you to create a gift that we are able to accept.
• It is your choice to share your legacy intention with us. We ask that you discuss your gift intention with us so we can thank you, and ensure it is a gift we can realize.
• You do not need to disclose the amount of your intended gift with us.
• There is no minimum or maximum amount for a planned gift.
How to include WaterAid in your will

Leaving a gift to WaterAid will bring clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene to future generations. Your legacy will empower individuals to transform their lives and fulfill their potential.

What to do next

Thank you for considering WaterAid as a beneficiary in your will. In just a few easy steps, your will can be the gift of life.

A specific amount

Including a specific amount, or a pecuniary gift, to go to a beneficiary, or beneficiaries, will provide you with peace-of-mind in knowing how much each beneficiary will receive.

A percentage of your estate

This is a convenient way to include multiple beneficiaries in your plan and ensure that specific percentages of your estate goes where you want it.

IRA distribution

Naming WaterAid as a beneficiary of your mandatory IRA distribution will help advance our mission today, and could help keep you in a specific tax bracket.

Meet Dr. Machella, Albert, Mary and Setou.

These inspiring people now have the power to transform their own lives, thanks to the gifts that people like you have left in their wills.

Read on to find out more about the impact your gift could have.

Talk to our WaterAid Planned Giving specialist

Leaving a legacy is a personal matter and we are honored you are considering WaterAid in this decision. We would love to hear about your intention to be certain it is a gift we can accept. Please contact Heidi Charlebois at (774) 266-6551 or via email at hcharlebois@wateraidamerica.org to discuss your legacy intention.

Thank you for considering WaterAid as a beneficiary in consult with your lawyer or financial planner.

We recommend that you work with a lawyer or financial planner to establish your planned gift. There are certain tax benefits to consider when planning your estate that a professional can provide guidance on.

WaterAid details for your will or IRA.

You will need our registered address and charity numbers to add WaterAid to your will:

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233 Broadway, #2705
New York, NY 10279
EIN/ Tax ID 30-018-1674
The power to protect patients

At the health center in Tanzania where Dr. Machella works, the lack of clean water was a matter of life and death. Maintaining medical hygiene standards and delivering adequate health care was difficult. Keeping patients safe was almost impossible. Thanks to generous donations, the center now has a reliable source of clean water. With five new handwashing stations, staff and patients can keep themselves clean and safe.

This is adding water to your will. This is helping doctors and nurses keep their patients safe from disease and infection. Thank you!

A chance for entire families to thrive

In Madagascar, clean water has also changed everything for Albert, proud grandfather to Tantely, 8.

“When I was young, I was always sick because the water was really dirty,” he remembers. “I never thought about having clean water. I could not fathom the idea of it!” Now, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, Albert, his children, and his grandchildren are thriving. With clean water they can focus on their livelihoods, their studies, and enjoying many more years together.

“All I wish for Tantely is for her to live to old age,” says Albert.

Over half of the healthcare facilities in the least developed countries do not have clean water on site. A gift in your will can change this.

This is adding water to your will. This is bringing future generations of people – young and old – the joy, health and dignity they deserve in life. Thank you!

A gift in your will can help make that happen.
Mary is a bright and ambitious student. But her school in Ghana didn’t have toilets. As a result, she and many of her female classmates wouldn’t go to school while they were menstruating. They also feared for their safety if they needed to relieve themselves outside. This caused them to miss significant amounts of school. Everything changed when a borehole was drilled and solar panels were installed to pump water to the entire community, including the school. Once the water pipes were set up, toilets and taps were installed in the school. Now, Mary and her friends can consistently go to school knowing they have a safe and dignified place to use the toilet and wash their hands. Focusing on their education has never been easier.

Collaboration is the way forward
We work with local partners to create climate-resilient solutions to meet each community’s unique water needs. We all want the best for our families. Setou, a farmer in rural Mali, was struggling to earn a good living. Without proper irrigation for her market garden, her family’s future was not secure. Now, new wells, a water tower and a network of pipes keep the water flowing for everyone in Setou’s community. “Every morning I work on my plot. I grow onions, cabbages, tomatoes and chili,” Setou says. “What I earn from what I produce allows me to buy soap, clothes and school supplies for my two daughters.”

Helping communities find their own solutions to their water needs is how WaterAid ensures our projects last. Community involvement is a cornerstone of our sustainable success.

Globally, 37% of schools do not have a decent toilet. A gift in your will can change this forever.

This is adding water to your will. This is giving more children like Mary the freedom to learn and fulfill their potential. Thank you!

This is adding water to your will. This is giving many more people like Setou the resources they need to create a life full of possibilities. Thank you!
Together, we have reached over 27 million people with clean water. A gift in your will can drive the success of future water projects, transforming the lives of people and communities worldwide. Thank you!

1981
WaterAid is officially established on July 21, 1981. Our first projects start in Zambia and Sierra Leone.

1988
Our supporters help us reach 350,000 people with clean water.

1993
Work starts on our 1,000th project. And our single largest water supply scheme reaches 50,000 people in Ethiopia.

1999
We reach six million people with clean water, providing the foundation for them to thrive.

2003
Our expertise in handwashing and providing clean water was crucial in our work to reach millions of vulnerable people during the COVID-19 pandemic – helping to keep families safe.

2015
WaterAid successfully campaigns for the UN to include water and sanitation goals as part of their efforts to end extreme poverty around the world.
At WaterAid, we believe that everyone, everywhere should have clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene. Yet one in ten people around the world still don’t have access to the clean water that can bring them health, happiness and opportunities to flourish. You can create a legacy that helps to end the injustice of dirty water.

A household tap means a new way of life for generations. A borehole brings the promise of prosperity to a whole community. Clean water stops the spread of disease and unlocks a brighter future for all.

This is adding water to the world when you add water to your will.

This is personal. Thank you.

― Sally Timpson, WaterAid supporter

“Avoid the ordinary. Make your life extraordinary.”
— Howard Shaw

A girl washes her hands with clean water in Mozambique.

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Want to leave the world a better place?

Add water to your will.

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About WaterAid

WaterAid is working to make clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene a reality for everyone, everywhere within a generation. WaterAid works in more than 30 countries to change the lives of the poorest and most marginalized people. Since 1981, WaterAid has reached 26.4 million people with clean water and 26.3 million people with decent toilets.

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