

## Our commitment to you.

We understand that a donation in your will is a substantial gift and a very personal decision. Here are our promises to you if you are considering it:

- We will ensure your gift is used wisely and cost effectively so that it has the greatest impact.
- You can speak to our staff about the work we do before making a decision.
- If you choose to inform us we are nominated in your will we will use your information sensitively and keep you up to date on our work tackling homelessness.
- You can change your mind at any time, we will of course respect your decision.
- Your gift will be treasured.

*"Thanks to someone leaving a gift in their will to Simon Community NI, they were able to help me when I needed it most.*

*I had the perfect life – a nice house, wife, children. I had been pensioned out of my job after redundancy and had taken on the role of househusband. But things changed forever when in 2014, my wife walked out of our home and our marriage.*

*After two years of being unable to keep up mortgage payments and hiding the truth from my kids, I lost my home. I was homeless.*

*Eventually, one night I found myself looking down on to the motorway ready to jump when my son arrived. Simon Community found me a bed in the Saintfield Road, Belfast hostel. The Team worked closely to support me and after spending 100 days in a hostel, they helped me move in to my own flat.*

*I wasn't me when I was homeless. I now hold my head high and my confidence and happiness are all thanks to the team at Simon Community and people like you who support their work."*

**Phil, Belfast.**



Together we can end homelessness.

# Thank You

Thank you for considering leaving a legacy gift to help us end homelessness for people who need our help.

If you require any more information you can contact our team on **028 90232 882** or email [legacy@simoncommunity.org](mailto:legacy@simoncommunity.org)

[www.simoncommunity.org](http://www.simoncommunity.org)

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Charity Number - NIC 102724



# Our vision is a society where everyone has a home

Our vision can be your legacy.



At Simon Community NI we believe everyone should have a home. Our work is helping to make sure those who find themselves without one have the shelter & support they need to move back to independent living.

Northern Ireland has a homelessness crisis. Each year around 18,000 people here become homeless. Every day we see the devastating impact homelessness has on young people, families and people with poor mental health. These are people from all walks of life who arrive at our doors with little or nothing. Our frontline

teams work hard to address the cause of each person or family's homelessness, provide daily support and emergency accommodation, with the aim of enabling each person to live independently in their own home once again.

Remembering Simon Community NI in your will today won't cost

you anything. But it will enable us to continue to provide shelter and support to someone who most desperately needs it and make a real and lasting difference to the lives of those who are homeless in NI.



## Someone like Chelsea.

*"I became homeless at just 15 years old after a family breakdown. I felt abandoned, unsafe and scared. Going to Simon Community changed my life forever. The team there made me feel safe, taught me how to manage my money and techniques to stop self-harming. Simon Community made my life so much better, they ended my homelessness and helped mend bridges with my family."*

**Chelsea**  
20 years old, Belfast

## We understand your loved ones come first.

A will is one of the most important documents you will write. Providing for your family and loved ones is your priority, it ensures they are taken care of after you are gone. Once you're happy you've made that provision, you have the opportunity to create another gift to help end homelessness for someone here in NI.

You don't have to be wealthy to leave a meaningful gift. Any gift, big or small, will make a real difference to the work and future of Simon Community.

## Your gift will help support our vital work, including:

### Emergency Accommodation

Providing 369 warm, safe beds for those in need of emergency accommodation, across 22 sites in NI, including a dedicated family support centre. Our 250 frontline staff support approximately 3,000 people annually, providing a safe and welcoming environment while facilitating additional support needs as required.

### Specialised Young People Support

35% of the people we support annually are under the age of 25 years old. Our tailored support includes:

- 3 bespoke Young People's Accommodation projects

in Belfast and Coleraine supporting 16-21 year olds.

- A Flexible Outreach Service for 16-18 years old, helping those who are most vulnerable.
- A dedicated Participation Worker delivering individual & group work.

### 24-hour Emergency Helpline

Last year our helpline received almost 27,000 calls from people who were homeless, or worried about losing their home. Our trained staff are on hand to offer immediate advice and signposting to our most appropriate support services.

### Health & Wellbeing Support Services

Over 85% of those we help have complex needs, which can include poor mental health or addictions. To help we provide:

- Dual Diagnosis Practitioners who specialise in addiction and mental health problems.
- A dedicated Drug & Alcohol Support Worker at each of our accommodation projects.

## How to leave a gift to help Simon Community NI.

Although it's not essential to consult a solicitor to make your will, we recommend you do to make sure your final wishes are carried out properly and they can assist with any queries you may have. You can find a qualified solicitor in your area via the Law Society NI, visit [www.lawsoc-ni.org/solicitors](http://www.lawsoc-ni.org/solicitors)

If you would like to leave a gift to help the work of Simon Community, there are three main ways to do this:

**A share of your estate.** This can be a percentage of your estate once your loved ones are provided for, or it can be a specific percentage of your entire estate. As this gift is a proportion of your estate it keeps pace with inflation.

**Fixed sum of money.** You can choose a fixed sum of money, also known as a pecuniary gift. You can choose any amount you like.

**Gift a specific item.** You may also choose to leave a particular item. Some people opt to leave an antique, a piece of jewellery or even their property to charity.

## The details you'll need.

To leave a gift, you'll need to make sure your will states our full name, address and charity number.

**Simon Community NI**  
25-27 Franklin Street,  
Belfast, BT2 8DS

Charity Registration Number –  
NIC 102724

"I leave... (e.g. X% of my estate / £6,000) to Simon Community NI 25-27 Franklin Street, Belfast, BT2 8DS. Charity Number NIC 102724"

*"I am so proud that my father left a gift to Simon Community NI in his will. He said that providing a home to his family was so important to him throughout his life that, after making provisions for his children, he wanted to make sure he could help another family have one too when he was no longer here. To learn that, after losing Dad, was so comforting and filled us all with pride."*

**James' daughter, Anna, Co L/Derry.**

