



LET YOUR LEGACY BE A WORLD WHERE  
IT SHOULD NEVER HURT TO BE A CHILD



# A Message From Our Founder

“The poorest people in our global community live a life of bare subsistence, one of uncertainty, insecurity and quite often, premature death. There are no safety nets, such as social welfare, for the families we work with. Their survival is determined by your generosity and kindness in reaching out and responding in whatever way you can.

Thank you most sincerely for your incredible generosity in wanting to support our work as we thrive to enrich the lives of the children and communities living in poverty across the city of Kolkata.”

**Maureen Forrest - Founder and Honorary Director, The Hope Foundation**





# The Origin of HOPE

What Maureen witnessed on the streets of Kolkata in the late 1990's compelled her into action. The United Nations classifies India as one of the most dangerous places to be born a girl. Witnessing the abject poverty and violation of human rights faced by such girls inspired HOPE's active and voluntary founder to establish the organisation which started out with the objective of providing a protection home for 20 girls.

Since 1999, HOPE's progress, achievements and outreach has impacted the lives of over 2.8 million individuals. HOPE provides permanent and sustainable pathways out of poverty through the delivery of education, healthcare, protection and income generation.

## Our Programme Areas



**Protection** - Saving children's lives and rescuing them from exploitation, abuse, starvation and sickness



**Healthcare** - Providing health services for the most vulnerable in society



**Education** - Enabling and supporting children to learn and develop in a safe environment, providing a pathway out of poverty



**Vocational Training** - Developing young people's skills and vocational qualifications to enable independent living



**Awareness and Capacity Building** - Increasing awareness of difficulties in Kolkata while developing and empowering local organisations to build long-term sustainable solutions.



**Emergency response** - Delivering a 24/7 emergency response unit to vulnerable children and families on Kolkata's streets





# Leave a Legacy

If you are thinking about making a will then chances are you are looking ahead and thinking about the people closest to you - a will is a very personal and sensitive thing but it is a positive and reassuring act and knowing that family and loved ones have been taken care of is very comforting and uplifting.

As you consider your plans, we want to ask you to consider including a gift to The Hope Foundation in your will.

## Why Donate Through Your Will?

Your gift will help to ensure that we can continue the work that we do in the long term and helps us to keep our commitment to the communities where we have implemented our programmes.



## A Big Decision

We know that this is a big decision and the most important part of it is to provide for your loved ones - your family, friends and relatives. It is also a unique chance to support those causes close to your heart and leave a lasting contribution.



# Things To Know

In order for you to leave a gift in your will to us, your solicitor will want to know two things: the type of gift you want to leave and our company details.

## 1 The type of gift you want to leave i.e. residuary, pecuniary or specific

A share of your estate - once you have taken care of your loved ones, you can leave a share of, or the remainder of your estate to HOPE - this is called a **residuary gift**.

A gift of money in your will - you can choose to leave HOPE a specific amount of money in your will - this is called a **pecuniary gift**.

You can choose to leave HOPE a specific item, such as jewellery or even a house when making a will - this is called a **specific gift**.

You can leave your gift to a specific HOPE programme area of your choice if you wish.

## 2 Our company details

The Hope Foundation, Silverdale Grove,  
Ballinlough, Cork, Ireland.

Registered Charity Number CHY13237



**When making or updating your will we recommend that you get professional advice from a solicitor.**



# A Living Legacy

## Sharon's Story

Sharon visited Kolkata as part of HOPE's Himalayan Walk experience in 2016.

Witnessing the simple, basic assistance that The Hope Foundation provides to many in Kolkata's streets and slums really brought home to her how so much can be achieved with even the smallest donation and how lucky we are in Ireland for all that we take for granted.

On her return, Sharon wondered how she could do more and it was while she was in the process of updating her will that she decided to leave a gift of money in her will to HOPE.

"It was very easy and just took 5 minutes discussion with the solicitor. I'd encourage others to do the same - it's a real feel good factor to give yourself and great to know that your values live on."



## Kasba Girls Home - An Enduring Legacy

A generous donation from a legacy benefactor allowed The Hope Foundation to purchase Kasba Home, a protection home for 6-12 year old girls rescued from vulnerable situations on the streets and within the slums of Kolkata. This home has been operational since 2007 and now supports 66 girls (50 residents and 16 supported by the home for continuous education).

This is an example of an amazing enduring legacy that is making a huge difference to children's lives.



“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.”





# Thank you

If you have any questions or would like to find out more,  
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