

You Stand Between a Child and the Streets

No child belongs on the streets. Yet, in Rwanda, thousands of children live there day and night.

At just nine years old, Abijuru* survived on Kigali's streets because hunger left her no choice. She cupped her tiny hands, begging from strangers. She searched through restaurant rubbish for scraps.

Her mother never stopped loving her. But love alone couldn't provide enough food for Abijuru and her three siblings. Abijuru's father had sold the family's small store to support his addictions then left.

After two years on the streets, Abijuru found safety at the SOS Children's Villages Rehabilitation Centre, a program designed to care for children living on the street.

Three months later, Abijuru was reunited with her family. The SOS Family Strengthening Program then stepped in and helped Abijuru's mother reopen their family store and paid the children's school fees. For the first time, Abijuru went to school.

Through your gift in your will, you can protect more children like Abijuru.

Abijuru has nutritious meals every day because of generous donors like you.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Can a gift in my will help children around the world?

Yes! Every gift helps. There are an estimated 220 million children who are growing up without adequate parental care. In response, SOS Children's Villages Canada has an ambitious goal, our Strategic Plan 2030, to ensure that many more children have a loving home and a chance to succeed in life. But we can't do it without you.

To help us execute our plan, we have launched our 20 for 30 Legacy Challenge. We are asking for 20 new compassionate donors to let us know that they have left a gift in their will to SOS Children's Villages before 2027. Will you join us?

What about my loved ones?

Many people find that they have enough in their estate to care for family members and allocate a share to causes that are most important to them.

Do I need to change my entire will?

Even if you already have a will, you can include SOS Children's Villages using a special legal clause called a codicil. Many people choose to update their will when a major life event happens, like the birth of a new grandchild. You can simply add your gift as part of your next update!

THANK YOU

Through your steady support, you've ensured children like Sunita, Jamil, and Abijuru have a loving home and bright future ahead. Please consider making a gift in your will to SOS Children's Village as part of your legacy of love.



Your Special Donor Report

A Legacy of Caring



Through a gift in her will, Jurja's values of nurturing children will continue into the future.

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Caring for the Next Generation of Children

As a long-time supporter of SOS Children's Villages Canada, you've already shown you care deeply about children. You believe each child should have a safe, loving home and a chance to dream big.

We all know that every generation of children faces hardships. The next generation will need someone to protect, nurture, and guide them. You have the power to help them even beyond your lifetime, with a gift in your will.

Discover how a gift in your will to SOS Children's Villages Canada can protect and encourage children for years to come!

The Joy of Knowing Your Love Continues

For Jurja Kammeijer, caring for children has been a lifelong calling. A retired teacher, she devoted her career to nurturing young minds in her classroom.

Jurja's connection to SOS Children's Villages began in the 1970s when she and her partner witnessed SOS mothers caring for children in South Africa. The experience touched them profoundly. Her partner, who was adopted, understood that family isn't defined by biology alone – it's built on love and commitment.

After her partner passed away, Jurja honoured their shared values by including a gift to SOS Children's Villages in her will. For her, it's a way to continue both their legacies of caring for children.

It's a decision that brings Jurja a deep sense of fulfillment. ***"I believe that giving and receiving are the same," Jurja reflects. "You ensure what I give is put to good use with children and families who need it. That knowledge is a gift to me too."***

To learn more about making a gift in your will, you can contact Dave Greiner at 343-633-0837 or via email at d.greiner@soschildrensvillages.ca.



How You Keep Children in School

Madhuri* never imagined she'd be raising her granddaughter alone. After Sunita* lost both parents, Madhuri became her anchor – working many cleaning jobs to keep them afloat.

The jobs were hard on Madhuri's aging body and she was exhausted. Sunita knew school fees were mounting and did not want to burden her grandmother. But Madhuri was determined Sunita would not quit school. An education would give her granddaughter a better future.

Through the SOS Family Strengthening Program, everything changed. They received financial support so Sunita could stay in school. Madhuri now needs to clean only one house instead of four. They both also went to counselling to help Sunita deal with her grief after losing her mother and father.

Today, Sunita dreams of becoming a doctor. *"I love science," she says. "I feel happier now."*

Madhuri's commitment to her granddaughter shows us that family isn't just who raises you – it's who refuses to let you give up. It's who protects you no matter the challenge.

A gift in your will helps children like Sunita stay in school and strive toward a bright future.



Your Care Brings Families Back Together



Jamil* lost his mother at birth. His grandmother could not afford to keep caring for him and placed Jamil in an orphanage. Then, when he was four, Jamil found a new home in SOS Children's Village Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Jamil was surrounded by a loving SOS mother and siblings but always wondered about his biological family. Over time, SOS Children's Villages workers were able to find Jamil's family. After meetings and much planning to ensure the family was ready to take care of him, the SOS workers helped Jamil move in with his aunt and uncle.

Today, Jamil plays football with his cousin. He cracks jokes that make everyone laugh. His grandmother Tausi visits often, relieved to see the family whole again. Our team continues checking in with Jamil, ensuring his continued wellbeing.

"I can feel that my family cares about me," Jamil says. "That's why I've become very happy."

A gift in your will ensures more children are reunited with loving families.

*Names have been altered to protect the privacy of children and their families.