

Your Guide to Leaving a **Gift in Your
Will or Trust** for Our **Neighbors in Need**

LET YOUR LOVE **FLOURISH**



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Your planned gift to Lutheran World Relief is a bold action of **faith** and proclamation of **love**.



By prayerfully planning your estate, your love can extend for generations to come, creating hope and sustainable change for neighbors like Pabanbati Chaudhary and her family in Nepal.

At Lutheran World Relief, we envision a future where everyone, everywhere can live full, dignified lives.

Since 1945, in the wake of the Great Depression and World War II, our forebearers in faith didn't shy away from their calling. They declared, "LET'S HELP!" — a response that compassionate donors like you have boldly carried forward to this day.

WILL YOU JOIN US?

Your enduring gift meets urgent needs now and equips the most vulnerable to stand strong tomorrow.

Your generosity means neighbors facing malnutrition receive **lifesaving** food — and learn to grow nourishing crops in a changing climate. Families reeling from disasters gain safe shelter and clean water while reducing risk and **building resilience.**

Pabanbati once struggled to provide for her family. Using bulrushes she collects at the river, she weaves traditional Nepali mats that are used for sitting, sleeping and drying seeds. But without the skills or business knowledge to make her mats profitable, she often ended up losing money.

After training funded by gifts like yours, she and her cooperative are making higher quality mats that sell for 300% more each. With her new income, she built a home, educated her children and began saving for the future.

Planned giving makes it possible.

Together, we'll persist **until your love reaches every neighbor.**





Why is planning your estate so important?

Creating a will or trust is a profound act of **Christian stewardship**. It protects you, your loved ones and the causes closest to your heart.

Without a will, the laws of your resident state — not your intentions — determine how your estate is divided, and assets can be lost. A thoughtfully prepared will or trust ensures your values guide every decision.

Including loved ones and your favorite charitable organizations in your will is a meaningful way to live out your faith, care for your loved ones and ensure your compassion endures.

Estate planning can also:

- Protect your assets
- Decrease the tax burden your loved ones may face
- Even increase your current income in some cases, while supporting the lifesaving work of Lutheran World Relief.

If you haven't written your will, it may be **faster and easier than you think**. You don't need great wealth to make a difference — even a small percentage of your estate can invest in a brighter future for your family and neighbors in need.



Including your neighbors in need in your estate plans

Including Lutheran World Relief in your estate plans through a will or trust — and thus extending your compassion to your neighbors in need around the world — is a straightforward process and can be achieved simply by including one of the following phrases in your will:

○ If you wish to leave a share of your estate, use:

I, [name], of [address], give [%] of my real and personal estate to Lutheran World Relief, EIN 13-2574963. 700 Light Street, Baltimore MD 21230-3850, towards its unrestricted charitable purposes.

○ If you wish to leave a share of the residue of your estate, once your family and loved ones are cared for, then use:

I, [name], of [address], give [X%] of the residue of my real and personal estate to Lutheran World Relief, EIN 13-2574963. 700 Light Street, Baltimore MD 21230-3850, towards its unrestricted charitable purposes.

○ If you wish to leave a specific gift or amount in your will to Lutheran World Relief, then use:

I, [name], of [address], give the sum of \$[X] to Lutheran World Relief, EIN 13-2574963. 700 Light Street, Baltimore MD 21230-3850, towards its unrestricted charitable purposes.

The laws of each state can vary, so we encourage you to seek the advice of a qualified legal professional before finalizing your will or trust.





Informing Lutheran World Relief

Since 1945, Lutheran World Relief has relied on **caring people like you** to send love where needs are greatest. **Without gifts in wills, this simply is not possible.** Letting us know of your intentions supports planning and impact investing — ensuring that we can continue to extend your love to the hardest-to-reach, both now and into the future.

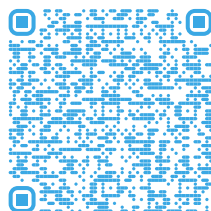
In letting us know that you have pledged a share of your estate, you will join **Partners in Lasting Promise**, the society of donors that have entrusted Lutheran World Relief to responsibly carry out their wishes, reaching our most vulnerable neighbors for generations to come.

In return, you will receive tailored communications and information on how gifts in wills are making a lifesaving and life-changing difference for people around the world.





WATCH THE VIDEO: By leaving a share of your estate to Lutheran World Relief, your love can leave an enduring footprint in the future, creating thriving communities like Pabanbati's in Nepal. **Visit lwr.org/will or scan the QR code** using your phone's camera to watch the video and hear Pabanbati's story of hope in her own words.



Ready for the next step? Write your will online — for free

Writing a will is important — but it doesn't have to be stressful. To simplify the process, LWR has partnered with FreeWill, a free and secure online tool to help you create a legal will that can be used with or without an attorney. **In as little as 20 minutes**, you can ensure that you and your loved ones are protected while supporting the ministries and values you hold dear.



**Visit lwr.org/freewill
online to get started!**

Situations change, so it is prudent to review your will periodically to ensure that it is up to date and that your wishes are carried out as you intend.

Lift up future neighbors — include Lutheran World Relief in your estate plans.

For further information on planned giving
and estate planning, please contact **Lee Grant**
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*Dyed pink from a successful day of mat making, these hands now hold
Pabanbati steady — because planned gifts like yours lifted her up first.*