



Your

LEGACY GIVING

GUIDE



Your compassion, *forever*

A gift in your will to City of Sanctuary UK ensures people seeking sanctuary are welcomed—today and for generations to come.

The Future You'll Create

When you include City of Sanctuary UK in your will, you're helping to build a country where:

Children fleeing war can walk into school and feel safe. Through Schools of Sanctuary, your legacy transforms classrooms into places of belonging.

Communities challenge cruelty with courage. Your gift funds the grassroots networks that choose solidarity over silence.

Those who're rebuilding are given a seat at the table. Your generosity will mean people with lived experience of the asylum system are supported to lead, to speak, and to reshape the very system that has failed so many.

Why This Matters Now

People seeking sanctuary face relentless hostility, deliberately harsh policies, media demonisation and a rising tide of populism designed to stoke divisions.

Your legacy gift fights back with persistent, practical welcome:

- Schools that teach children empathy
- Libraries, councils, and faith groups that publicly commit to inclusion through Sanctuary Awards
- Community leaders who challenge hate and model a better way forward

This work often doesn't make headlines. But it changes lives. And it lasts.



"This is what mum would have wanted"

Why Edward chose to honour his mother by giving to City of Sanctuary UK from her estate:

"She always looked out for the underdog - at the end of our road or thousands of miles away. She was 98 when she died. A traveller. A Christian. An internationalist who lived alone in Italy in the 1950s because she wanted to understand the world.

When my sister and I inherited her estate, we knew we didn't need all of it. We chose a deed of variation to support the causes she believed in.

I chose City of Sanctuary because people seeking safety are some of the most maligned in our society. If someone's standing up for their rights and dignity, I want to support that. And I know Mum would have too.

Seeing churches become Churches of Sanctuary, offering real, practical welcome, that's exactly the progress Mum would have loved. This gift feels personal, useful, and right. I think Mum would be really pleased. I know I am."

Why Rebecca is leaving a gift to City of Sanctuary in her will:

"I've decided to leave a gift to City of Sanctuary in my will because their work gives me genuine hope. In a world where fear of the stranger often dominates, they remind me that countless people still choose welcome and compassion instead. I've witnessed firsthand how communities across the UK are transformed by their efforts.

If you're writing your will and wondering where to make a difference, I'd encourage you to consider City of Sanctuary - their reach is remarkable, and even modest donations create extraordinary impact in communities that need it most."

Why legacy gifts are so powerful

Your values live on.

Long into the future, your generosity will still be opening doors, changing minds, and defending dignity.

You will fund hope.

We're living through increasingly divided and hostile times. But your gift ensures the quiet, essential work of welcome continues—no matter who's in power.

You become part of something bigger.

A movement of ordinary people who refused to accept cruelty as normal. Who chose kindness. Who built sanctuary.

Thinking about writing your will? Start Here:

- Talk to your solicitor about a deed of variation or legacy pledge (many offer free consultations during Will Month in November)
- Contact us with questions - we'll provide legal wording, explain our work, and show you exactly how your gift creates change

How to include us in your will

Suggested wording for your solicitor:

"I give [percentage or £ amount] of my estate to City of Sanctuary UK, registered charity number 1184613, to be used for its general charitable purposes. I declare this a specific legacy."

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