

FROM YOUR **FAMILY** TO THEIRS



**SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL**



**Safe
Families**



**Home
for Good**

WE ALL WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



To use what we've been given in life to help those whose circumstances mean they need support. To play a part in others finding support, hope and belonging.

At Safe Families and Home for Good we see the difference our supporters make each week. Volunteers meeting families, sharing their lives by supporting a family in a moment of crisis and building long term relationships. Foster Carers, Adopters or Supporting Lodging Hosts who open up their lives and the communities that support them as they do this. Financial supporters make sure this work is sustainable in the long term. Everyone has a role to play.

I'm so pleased you're exploring one of the ways you can make a difference, through leaving a legacy gift. This sort of gift has the potential to transform our work. We're committed to working with you to make sure that any gift you leave can make the biggest difference possible to children and families.

I hope you find the information in this pack helpful and if you have any questions please do get in touch with the team today.

Much love,

Kat x

Kat Osborn
Co-CEO Safe Families and Home for Good



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OUR VISION

Together, we hope for a society where no family feels alone, and every child has a home where they can flourish. We believe the Church is central to this vision.

OUR MISSION

- Empowering and supporting parents, carers and hosts, as together we build positive connections and relationships so children and families can flourish.
- Inspiring and equipping churches as they create communities of care, hospitality, and belonging.
- Influencing systemic change for children and families, which amplifies their voices, offers hope and promotes a loving and just society.



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YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF:



TEENAGERS THROUGH SUPPORTED LODGINGS

Nearly a quarter of young people in care are over the age of 16. However, there are limited high-quality options for accommodating these young people in safe, appropriate places. Supported lodgings is a provision for young people whereby they live in the home of a 'host' family, individual or couple. Home for Good works to raise awareness of this unique opportunity and journey with pioneering individuals, couples and families as they explore becoming hosts.



FAMILIES ON THE EDGE OF CARE

The families that we work with often face multiple challenges and struggle to cope. Families benefit from being seen, heard and understood by Safe Families volunteers. Our hope is that families can reach their potential, feel empowered, and that through support they are able to provide safe and nurturing homes for their children.



CHILDREN IN CARE THROUGH FOSTERING AND ADOPTION

We believe the Church is ideally placed to ensure that every child and young person has the nurturing home they need. We inspire individuals and churches to play their part for children in care through church engagement at local, regional and national levels. Our compelling vision is reaching thousands of Christians who are stepping forward to explore fostering, adoption or supported lodgings, standing with Home for Good in prayer and support, and speaking up on behalf of care-experience children.

ERIC & WENDY

Eric and Wendy are a remarkable couple from Lincolnshire who began volunteering for Safe Families eight years ago.

Since then, Eric and Wendy have always been supporting at least one family and have amazingly brought hope and belonging to over 30 families facing crises.

They have provided 100 bed nights on 56 different occasions to 13 children between the ages of 0 to 14.



Your financial gift can help us train and support volunteers like Eric and Wendy, giving us the opportunity to support more children, young people and families across the UK.



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OUR TIPS TO HELP YOU WRITE YOUR WILL



Writing your will can seem like a daunting process. Below we have shared some simple tips to make this journey easier:

1 List everything you own

Your assets include any real estate or land you possess, as well as accounts with banks or building societies, savings, investments, business interests, pensions, insurance plans, and valuable items like vehicles and jewellery.

2 Work out what you owe

Your liabilities consist of any unpaid mortgage or rent, car financing arrangements, credit card balances, bank loans, or other personal debts you may owe.

3 Work out the value of your estate

To determine the value of your estate, deduct your liabilities from the total worth of your assets. This amount will cover your funeral expenses, taxes, and any bequests specified in your Will.

4 Decide who you'd like to provide for

Clearly identify the individuals and organisations you wish to support, ensuring you include their full names and addresses for easy identification.

5 Who will take care of your dependants?

If you have dependents such as children, relatives, or pets, indicate who you want to care for them and how their care will be financed.

6 See a qualified legal adviser

A knowledgeable Wills and Trusts solicitor, or a specialist team at your bank or building society, can assist you in evaluating your responsibilities and choices. If you don't have a solicitor in mind, consider using our [Free Will-Writing Service](#).

7 Choose someone to carry out your wishes

Your executors can be either legal professionals or trusted friends and relatives. Ensure they are willing to accept this responsibility before you appoint them.

8 Check your draft will carefully

When your adviser provides you with the draft of your Will, review it thoroughly. If you notice any errors, have questions, or wish to make changes, don't hesitate to speak up.

9 Signing and witnessing your will

You must sign and date your Will in the presence of two witnesses. The witnesses must be over 18, independent, and neither they nor their spouses or civil partners can be beneficiaries of the Will.

10 Keep your will somewhere safe

Store your Will securely and inform your executors of its location. Keeping your Will, alongside other important documents, making things easier for your executors when the time comes.

If you don't already have a trusted legal advisor to help you with your will you can access our free writing service through our partners at Farewill. [Find out more here.](#)

INFORMATION ABOUT FAREWILL'S FREE WILL WRITING SERVICE



We have partnered with Farewill, who's focus is on making the processes around death simpler and more affordable, to help you protect the people you love and say goodbye your way.

From writing your will to planning a funeral, the way we deal with death often feels complicated and expensive. Instead of feeling supported, people feel lost.

But it doesn't need to be this way. Farewill was founded to change the way the world deals with death: to make the experience warmer, brighter and friendlier.

Farewill launched their free will writing service in 2016, with the aim of making it simpler and more affordable to write your will. Farewill replaced expensive trips to a high street solicitor with innovative online tools and outstanding customer service.

Farewill have benchmarked themselves against the best since then, winning National Will Writing Firm of the Year for four years running at the national Wills and Probate awards.

Since their launch in 2016, their generous customers have pledged over 1.03 billion to charities, through donations left by their wills.

If you live in England or Wales, you can continue through the entire will writing process online. If you are in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you can call Farewill to begin this process.

You can contact Farewill at any time, for any reason, on: 020 8092 50100

farewill.com/safefamilies-web

People living in Northern Ireland and Scotland are unable to use Farewill's online will writing service but can still arrange a free will by phone. Please visit: **farewill.com/safefamilies-phone**

YOUR SUPPORT CAN HELP PARENTS LIKE SIMON AND SUE

Meet Sue and Simon, devoted foster carers to a boy who has experienced significant trauma and challenge in his young life, which affects his behaviours and the way he sees the world.

They deeply love the boy in their care, but were struggling to cope with the demands of looking after a child who had experienced early trauma.

A friend from church introduced them to Home for Good who wrapped around their family with different types of support, so that their family could continue to flourish.

They were connected with Judith from our enquiry and family care team, who was able to offer expertise as well as a prayerful listening ear.

Sue shared, "With no social worker assigned to us for the first 14 weeks of this placement, and Simon working full time, the support I received from Judith was crucial."

Simon and Sue also connected with a local Home for Good peer support group, where they made connections with others going through the same challenges.

"Chatting to Judith and getting along to the group when possible has been so helpful. Finding people who have been through what



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Mike, part of the church engagement team at Home for Good, visited Simon and Sue's church, and helped them to think through the challenges they face and how the church could support them.

Each of these three types of support have given Simon and Sue a community around them who they can lean on, allowing them to continue to provide a nurturing home for their young boy.

*names changed



OUR PROMISES TO YOU

If you choose to remember Safe Families and Home for Good in your will, we want you to feel confident you're doing the right thing, so here is our promise to you:

- We understand family and friends come first, and we will never put pressure on you to leave a gift or tell us your plans.
- We respect your privacy and will never ask you to share more than you want to. Anything you tell us will be treated in confidence.
- We appreciate your priorities or circumstances might change in the future, and you may choose to take us out of your will.
- We will use your gift wisely and in the best interests of the children and families that we support.
- We will treat the Executors of your will with empathy and respect.



Please check out the Frequently Asked Questions on our website or reach out if you have any further questions.

SCAN FOR FAQs



Or visit: [safefamilies.uk/
from-your-family/#faq](https://safefamilies.uk/from-your-family/#faq)

THANK YOU

If you have any questions or would like to chat further, please contact giving@safefamilies.uk. We would love to chat with you.



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