# St Mungo's Ending homelessness Rebuilding lives

## Give the gift of hope



### A gift in your will is more than money - it is hope for the future.

More than 50 years ago, a small group of people in London, shocked by the number of individuals sleeping on the streets, began talking to rough sleepers; offering food and assistance.

Today, St Mungo's is one of the UK's leading homelessness charities. While we have come a long way, there is much more to do. But with your help, we can continue to provide the same unwavering support to people in need.

At St Mungo's, we believe that in the moments we feel truly lost and helpless, hope is everything. Because hope is knowing that change is possible. It provides us with the belief that things will get better, gets us back on our feet, and gives us the strength and courage to keep going.

Hope is the foundation from which we can rebuild our lives, yet too often, those experiencing homelessness feel hopeless. This is why a gift in your will is so meaningful: it isn't just a quick fix; it is a lasting legacy of hope. Create your own legacy - leave a gift to St Mungo's today.

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LONDON'S 15,000
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From the start, our people have dedicated their lives and careers to those sleeping on the streets; providing homes, health and hope.

St Mungo's supports people who are sleeping rough or facing homelessness through some of the most challenging times in their lives; helping them transition into more positive futures. We're working to end rough sleeping in England.

**David Fisher**Executive Director of
Client Services, St Mungo's

### Andrew's story

At 28 I was a home owner, I'd been engaged for years, working in sales, company car. I didn't realise at the time but slowly my drinking took off.

In a short space of time I ended up losing my job, my fiancé left me, the company car went back and the flat was sold.

By the time I was 29 I was skint and living in a dingy bedsit. I fell in with the wrong crowd and started using drugs. I ended up homeless in London.

There were lots of great people that I came into contact with from St Mungo's, but Vincent Adams stood out. He was my support worker.



I don't know what it is about people that work for St Mungo's, they've just got something about them – this drive to help others.

I started as an apprentice at St. Mungo's, where lived experienced is highly valued. As a result of completing their Steps-into-Management programme, I became a Deputy Manager.

"A gift in your will means more than a meal and a place to stay tonight. It could inspire hope and provide new opportunities for clients to pursue." Andrew



#### Health

People experiencing homelessness are more likely than most to have an issue with their physical or mental health. We provide health information, create health improvement networks, train staff and offer toolkits for our staff and clients.

#### Skills and employment

Helping people to gain skills and develop their employability is a fundamental part of our aim to support people rebuilding their lives. We start with the basics, offering classes on literacy and numeracy, then provide more vocational training.

#### **Recovery College**

Our Recovery College provides an inclusive learning, training and employment service. We even offer remote classes and activities for clients in any location to join online or over the phone, ensuring all St Mungo's clients have support during the pandemic.

We provide hope to thousands of people experiencing homelessness through our services. A gift in your will could become the turning point in someone's life and give them the courage and strength to move forward.

#### How to leave a

# gift in your will

A gift in your will, no matter how large or small, could help us reach even more people sleeping on the streets, providing them with the shelter, care and support they need to rebuild their lives.

If you have already written your will and would like to update it by adding a gift, simply contact your solicitor or will writing service.

If you do not have a will, you could contact a solicitor or use one of the free will writing services provided by our partner on www.mungos.org/free-wills.

You can write you will online or over the phone. If you have any questions or need help registering for these services, please email legacies@mungos.org.

You can decide which type of gift to leave in your will. For example, you could leave:

A share or part of your estate, known as a residuary gift

A fixed amount of money, known as a **pecuniary** gift

A specific gift, such as stocks or shares

We understand that your loved ones come first when writing or updating your will. Leaving a gift of any size will truly make a difference for people working to rebuild their lives.

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To leave a gift in your will to St Mungo's, you just need the following.

Our official charity name: **St Mungo Community Housing Association** 

Address:

3 Thomas More Square **Tower Hill** London **EIW IYW** 

Registered charity number: 1149085

When I was homeless, I lived in a tent in the park. Luckily, St Mungo's offered me a place in one of their women-only, dog friendly hostels. Whilst I was there, they helped me to get independent accommodation. Enza, St Mungo's Client,



A gift in your will to St Mungo's is so much more than money — it is a lasting legacy of hope.
Will you give the gift of hope today?



Matt manages our horticultural therapy and training project, Putting Down Roots.

"Learning to nurture something helps people to learn to nurture themselves, and there is a parallel between the growth and development of plants and the growth and development of people." We'd love to hear from you, so please get in touch.

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