

“Don’t let the fear of the time it will take to accomplish something stand in the way of your doing it. The time will pass anyway; we might just as well put that passing time to the best possible use.”

~ Earl Nightingale

I \_\_\_\_\_

ID No: \_\_\_\_\_

Married in  / out  of community of property

**(FULL NAME AND IDENTITY NUMBER and indicate if married in/out of community of property) residing at** \_\_\_\_\_

**(PHYSICAL AND/OR POSTAL ADDRESS)** hereby leave and bequeath the following to Habitat for Humanity South Africa (HFHSA), a non-profit South African Shelter-related organisation, 201 Pine Park, 1 Logan Way, Pinelands, 7405:

**1. IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

I leave HFHSA \_\_\_\_\_

[Full details of the property to be provided]

**2. MOVABLE PROPERTY/ASSETS**

I leave HFHSA \_\_\_\_\_

[Full details of immovable assets]

This agreement is to form part of my last will and testament.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AT \_\_\_\_\_ ON THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE PRESENCE OF THE UNDERSIGNED. ALL BEING PRESENT AT THE SAME TIME.**

BEQUEATHOR/TESTATOR

AS WITNESSES:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Surname

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Surname

**Changing a Will**

You may change your own Will at any time before you die. The correct method of doing this is to state, in a later Will, that all previous Wills are cancelled or revoked. A testator can destroy his/her Will or can change it any time before death. The person changing, destroying or making a new Will must want and know what they are doing at the time when they make the changes. If you do not change your Will, even though your life may have changed since you first wrote your Will, it will remain valid and will be followed after your death.

**Thank you for bringing hope to future generations of families in need.**



Gogo Mayvis Khoza  
Homeowner  
Umgababa, KwaZulu Natal



**leave your legacy**  
built to last

A bequest is a gift of personal property named to a beneficiary under a Will.

Personal property includes any asset, finances or personal belongings. The Will specifies the terms on which the bequest is made, in particular, the purpose of the gift.

### Why should I leave a bequest?

When you make a gift to **Habitat for Humanity SA**, you become an integral partner in the mission of building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. You can make a gift in your will, trust, or other account that becomes your personal legacy of improving livelihoods for generations to come.

Leaving a bequest offers you an opportunity to empower low-income South African families to break their cycle of poverty without immediately affecting your own life in these financially challenging times. The decision to remember **Habitat for Humanity SA** in your Will, estate plan or other long-term financial arrangement is a powerful commitment and will be long remembered, as this contribution to our community development will continue to make a difference. Your gift will effectively provide for families in need with the necessary safety and security of a decent home, even after you have departed.

### How would my bequest serve others?

**Habitat for Humanity SA** will distribute your gift to services and programmes that will serve in the best interest of our community partners' needs. As part of a 40 year old global Habitat for Humanity International brand, with over two decades of experience and expertise in working directly with communities, we are well positioned to partner with Government, donors and the private sector to expedite housing delivery for the majority of poor South Africans.

### Why make a Will?

The concept of death is seldom a popular topic, yet it is a reality. It is important for you to draw up a Will because if you do not, and depart without a Will, the law on intestacy decides what happens to your property. A Will can ensure that proper arrangements are made for your dependants and that your property is distributed in the way you wish after you die, subject to certain rights of spouses/civil partners and children.

## When personal estate planning is put in place, you are able to make decisions

- What you would like to do with your property after you have passed on?
- Who inherits your property?
- Who will take care of your children?
- Who will administer your estate?
- The documentation you will need to have before you die
- Who will pay for the funeral – are you part of a burial society or is there funeral insurance?
- Whether **Habitat for Humanity SA** is named as one of your beneficiaries?
- Is a specific **Habitat for Humanity SA** programme named as one of your beneficiaries?

### The Wills Act

People need a Will that has been properly executed. This means that it must be in writing and follows the formalities that have been set out in the Wills Act 7 of 1953 (amended by the Law of Succession Amendment Act 43 of 1992). A Will can give you peace of mind knowing that your wishes will be followed after you have passed on. Drawing up a Will is an important legal act and that is why certain formalities need to be followed. At the same time, a Will can be relatively easy to make and should not be the exclusive domain of lawyers or notary publics.

A Will should be drawn up before you die. You need to be mentally capable of understanding what you are doing when drawing up this document. This means that you need to be of clear mind about what you own and to whom you wish to leave your property. Anyone over the age of 16 years can prepare a Will, as long as they know and understand what they are doing. You also need to make sure that you have signed your Will and have two witnesses over the age of 14 years who must sign your Will as well.

### Getting reliable legal advice

People who cannot afford a lawyer, or do not know where to go for legal advice, should approach the Legal Aid Board, their financial institution, Justice Centre or look for Pro Bono Legal Aid clinics for guidance and assistance. These offices can be found throughout the country. There are also law clinics based at different universities and legal clinics that will assist people who earn below a certain income bracket per month. These clinics apply a means test to see if you really cannot afford a lawyer.

### A list of advice office phone numbers and contact details of the Legal Aid offices:

#### South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC)

Head Office - Telephone: (011) 484 8300

#### Legal Aid Justice Centres

Telephone 086 105 2425 to locate the nearest centre

#### Masters Office:

Chief Master: Ms Koekie Mbeki (Acting)

Telephone: (012) 315 1627

For more information, please contact our

#### Resource Development Office

Telephone: (021) 657 5640 ext 121

email: [juliev@habitat.org.za](mailto:juliev@habitat.org.za)

website: [www.habitat.org.za](http://www.habitat.org.za)

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