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For those who need us most

Leave a **legacy of hope**

"You have been such a wonderful support to me; giving me hope for the future."

How it all began

In the 1980s, a group of Christians, led by local vicar Derek Groves, were so moved by the plight of people sleeping rough in Bristol that they started going out onto the city streets to hand out food, clothes, and talk with people they met. One night, an inspirational conversation happened in which one homeless person asked, “What’s the church doing for someone like me?”

Churches answer the call

Derek and his fellow workers opened the ‘The Missing Peace’ café on City Road (which became ‘The Wild Goose’) to provide food, shelter, hope, and support to homeless and vulnerable people. Bristol churches and thousands of individuals answered the call by generously supporting the work financially, prayerfully, and through their volunteer service.

Carrying on the baton

Since the 1980s, thousands of people have picked up the baton of sharing God’s love with people in need in Bristol. There have been many changes over the decades, but the heart of inHope’s ministry remains the same: to create communities where everybody can reach their God-given potential, free from injustice and insecurity.

You can join this vision

Thank you for considering leaving a gift to inHope. By leaving a gift in your will you will be helping people overcome insecurities such as homelessness, hunger, addiction or abuse for many years to come.

March 1986
‘The Missing Peace’ coffee shop opened at 12 City Road, St Pauls

17th February 1988
Crisis Centre Ministries becomes a registered charity

*Your legacy will be to help people like Nick, Jayne, and Anna**

Nick was a disabled and isolated client who was struggling to pay his bills. The Foodbank support worker applied for a water bill reduction. Nick was awarded a reduction to £1 per month, down from £35 per month. The water company also arranged for Nick's arrears to be written off if he kept to the £1 repayment arrangement for 2 years.
"You've been such a great help supporting me to get through forms. You've been friendly, understanding and most of all, patient. I cannot thank you enough."

Jayne had a long history of alcohol and drug abuse, and was unable to care for her children. To pay for her addiction she started to sell herself and ended up sleeping on the streets in Bristol. Jayne heard about Spring of Hope women's night shelter and started to stay there. The staff helped Jayne get a referral into a Prep House, where she was able to safely come off alcohol and drugs, and start to re-build her life.
"I kept coming back and coming back. I found it safe to stay; welcome, clean, and a warm place to be. They were really supportive to me."

Anna arrived at the Wild Goose looking very scared. The engagement worker found out that she had medical conditions and had lost her accommodation when her live-in carer job ended. The engagement worker explained to Anna to go the council and report herself as homeless with health issues, because the council had a duty to provide accommodation (Anna did not know this). A couple of days later Anna came back with a big smile because she was given an emergency room immediately and was on a list for supported accommodation.

1991
the L.I.T.E Course (Life skills Initial Training for Employment) was written

Early 2010
The Wild Goose featured on Channel 4's 'Secret Millionaire'

*names have been changed

What your support has made possible so far

Over 1 million meals served at The Wild Goose to people without a home or secure incomes.

'The Wild Goose has provided me with food which has kept me alive. I am very, very grateful.'

28,500 emergency food parcels given to thousands of vulnerable adults and children, along with help to reduce household bills.

"The many meals and essential items which foodbank have provided for me, when I had no one else to turn to, is only part of how they helped me."

12 years of offering warm, safe beds to vulnerable women at Spring of Hope.

'They are angels. Without Spring of Hope I don't know what I would do – I can't thank them enough.'

1000s of Life Course sessions attended by people wanting to sustain their recovery from addiction and live a full life.

"I learned new things about myself and was given the tools I needed to continue my recovery journey. I finished the course with new friends and confidence. Amazingly, I'm now a peer volunteer and I'm enjoying every moment."

27th November 2010
The Wild Goose re-opens in new premises on Stapleton Road, which was a derelict pub called 'The Queen Vic'

July 2011
East Bristol Foodbank opened

Your legacy of hope could...

Support people to live well in recovery from addiction and poor mental health.

Provide advocacy for vulnerable women trying to get services to help them.

Provide nutritious, filling, and healthy meals and food parcels for people facing the injustices of insufficient housing, limited access to food, and poor employment.

Provide women who are fleeing homelessness, addiction, and domestic abuse, with a safe, loving and non-judgmental place to sleep and get further support.

Enable people to have a safe, welcoming, and loving community in move-on accommodation, where they can belong and rebuild their lives.

Ensure there is a place where people can get help with housing, healthcare, and other issues related to homelessness.

Empower people to realise their God-given potential and value.

Ensure people can access support workers to help with benefit forms and reduction of household bills.

23rd October 2011
Spring of Hope begins in the upstairs room of Carpenter House

18 Sept 2013
Spring of Hope hosts 100th woman

A big decision that can make an everlasting difference

Writing a will is one of the biggest decisions people make in their lives, but it removes any future complications for your family and friends and puts you in control. It ensures that the people and causes that are important to you are taken care of.

Many people find that once they've taken care of the people closest to them, they are still able to leave a legacy of help for people in need. By remembering inHope in your will, you will be helping people to break free from insecurity and to reach their God-given potential.

FAQs

Do I need use a solicitor?

Our advice is to speak to a professional and regulated solicitor. This will give you peace of mind, especially if your estate is complex.

Is there a certain amount I need to give?

There is no minimum (or maximum) amount to give. After you have taken care of your loved ones, please give to inHope an amount that is appropriate to you. Your gift will be used carefully and wisely by us, and only as outlined in your will.

What type of gift can I leave?

A residuary gift – a percentage of your estate, which protects against inflation.

A cash gift – a fixed sum of money.

A specific gift – a specific possession e.g. a house.

Do I need to tell you that inHope is in my will?

No. Whilst you may want to talk with us to discuss how your gift will be used, there is no obligation to tell us, if you don't want to.

2015
Property developer loans a 3-storey house in Old Market for Spring of Hope to use indefinitely

2019
Charity changes name to inHope, to reflect the hope available to people, even in their darkest crisis

How to write your will

Get in touch with a registered and accredited solicitor, who specialises in Will Writing.

You may already have a solicitor, but below are a few law firms in Bristol, some of whom support our work through volunteering and fundraising.

- Veale Wasbrough Vizards
- Gregg Latchams LLP
- Fussell Wright
- Clarke Willmott LLP

Find out more about how to remember a charity in your will here: rememberacharity.org.uk

Our contact details

If you would like to discuss anything in this brochure, or you would like to inform us of your intention to leave a legacy of hope, please do get in touch with us.

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inHope shares its new vision statement which reflects what has gone before and what we hope to see in the future - 'communities where everybody can reach their God-given potential, free from injustice and insecurity'

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