



SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES

A safe, loving home for every child

*Discover how you can join SOS Children's Villages Legacy Society
and create a world where no child grows up alone.*

What's inside

- 1 A home for every child: What we accomplish, together
- 2 "A true friend": Kat Corbett's story
- 3 Creating your legacy of love: Types of estate plan gifts
- 5 Ready to leave a lasting impact?

**Children's names changed to protect privacy.*



A home for every child: What we accomplish, together



Founded in the devastating aftermath of World War II, SOS Children's Villages is the world's largest organization providing safe, loving homes to children without parental care.

And, because of compassionate friends like you, SOS has been raising children with For more than 75 years and in more than 130 countries and territories, SOS has been raising children with everything they need—loving families, healthy food, quality education, professional health care and more.

You've given a child who was abandoned, neglected or otherwise forced to grow up alone the priceless gift of a family and a loving home.

You've strengthened a family and helped provide the resources and knowledge a parent needs to provide for their child.

You've delivered life-saving aid to those living through violent conflicts, natural disasters and other unimaginable emergencies.

Together, we've changed lives, broken cycles of poverty and abuse, and built a brighter future for children. And yet, children need you now more than ever.

With many changes to humanitarian aid and the rise global inflation costs, children need your help to continue receiving the high-quality care, nutritious food, professional healthcare and education they deserve.

When you include SOS Children's Village in your estate plans, you deliver the safe, loving home and the support a child needs to thrive in the future—creating

a ripple effect of life-changing compassion that doesn't just affect one child's life.

It transforms generations.

Your compassion in action: SOS around the world

More than 70,000 children without parental care are growing up with their siblings in safe, loving homes at SOS Children's Villages. At an SOS Children's Village, children grow up with individualized, trauma-informed care and a dedicated SOS Caregiver, who provides all the resources they need to thrive—like healthy food, quality medical care, education and the deep emotional attachments is crucial to children's long-term health and success.

More than 2.5 million children, young people and adults are enrolled in our family and community strengthening programs, which address the root causes of unnecessary family separation and delivers the economic empowerment training, parenting resources, professional health care and more that parents need to ensure biological families stay together.

More than 3.8 million people received life-saving aid in times of crisis, ensuring children are protected, their immediate needs are met with care, and parents have the resources to help their children heal and rebuild after emergencies.

"[SOS] changed my childhood," Theresa*, a girl growing up in an SOS Children's Village, shared. "They provided everything I needed. I was overwhelmed by hugs and affection from my new family. For the first time, I felt the love of a parent."

"A true friend": Kat Corbett's story



Kat Corbett dedicated her life and career to shaping young minds with the academic and practical knowledge children need to succeed—first founding an elementary school in Toronto, Canada, and then opening the first racially-integrated private school in Florida in 1971.

A staunch believer in the power of compassion, Kat supported many causes, donating her time and resources regularly to many nonprofits, including SOS Children's Villages.

"She was a true philanthropist in her generosity," Hillary Corbett, Kat's daughter, said. "She would sometimes mention to me one organization or another, but I was touched to find that her contacts at these organizations considered her a true friend, not just a donor."

Kat passed away in May 2023 at the age of 83, but she continues to change children's lives today. Her legacy of love, compassion and selflessness lives on in those she educated and inspired—and the lives she's changing worldwide through her compassionate gift to SOS.

Because planning for the future and changing a child's life today are not mutually exclusive.

Together, we can create a ripple effect of compassion that echoes in the lives of children and families for generations to come—and create a world where no child grows up alone!



*"She was a true
philanthropist in
her generosity."*

Creating your legacy of love: Types of estate plan gifts



Retirement plan gift:

You can designate all or a percentage of the funds remaining in your IRA, 401(k) or other retirement plans to SOS and deliver safe, loving homes for children in need. Plus, designating your IRA to a charitable entity has significant tax benefits: avoiding income taxes for heirs, reducing taxable estate, potentially lowering estate taxes and even bypassing the 10-year rule that requires heirs to pay income taxes on inherited IRAs.

Leave a bequest:

Specific gifts

A specific gift enables you to leave a specific sum or percentage of your assets to SOS and provide for children's most urgent needs!

Fast facts:

- The average specific gift amount is around **\$9,000**.
- **One-third of children in Laos suffer from chronic malnutrition.**
- **One \$9,000 specific gift can provide 635 families in Laos with a full day of meals—** helping end child hunger and provide children with the nutrition they need to fuel their bodies, nourish their minds and build a brighter future!

Designating a restricted gift to SOS

Did you know that you can designate a restricted gift in your will? If a specific country or cause is close to your

heart—like the Children in Crisis Fund—you can leave a gift in your will to ensure your goals for helping children in need are fulfilled.

Please note: If you're an SOS sponsor, it's not possible to leave a planned gift specifically to your sponsored child. However, you can leave a gift to the Loving Homes Fund, which provides safe, loving homes to children without parents.

Residual gifts

After all of your bills and taxes have been paid and outlined gifts have been distributed, you can designate a percentage or the sum of your remaining assets as a residual gift to support the children who need you most.

Donor advised fund:

Donor advised funds (DAFs) are an incredibly popular giving method—celebrated for their flexibility and strategic long-term impact—but the average annual payout rate is only 25%. Meaning: Generous individuals' charitable dollars aren't making the transformative difference they intended them to.

Make your will online—for free!

With SOS Children's Villages' partnership with FreeWill, you can create your will or trust in as little as 20 minutes—at no cost to you. With this free estate planning resource, you can protect the people you love and provide safe, loving homes for generations of children to come. Start your will today at sos-usa.org/legacy.

If you have a DAF, you can choose to designate all or a portion of your account's value to SOS and unleash the power of your generosity.

Fast facts:

- More than **\$261 billion** sits unused in donor-advised funds.
- The average size of a DAF account is **\$91,000**.
- More than **1.5 million children live on the streets in Pakistan**—alone, vulnerable to physical or sexual abuse, unable to go to school, forced to scavenge for food in trash bins.
- If a single DAF were directed for use today, those dollars could **move approximately 309 children in Pakistan into a safe, loving home**—providing professional health care, clean clothes, nutritious food, trauma-informed mental health support, a quality education and more to children who were growing up alone.

Charitable gift annuities:

Charitable gift annuities (CGAs) can offer increased financial security, lowered taxes and a powerful way to fuel the causes you care about. Donors age 65 and older may set up an immediate annuity with SOS, and donors as young as 60 may set up a deferred annuity. SOS accepts CGAs in 28 states, including Florida and Texas!

With a CGA, you can donate stocks, securities or cash to SOS Children's Villages USA—and receive a fixed, annual payment for life. By setting up your CGA today, you can direct assets to a charity you care about—providing children with safe, loving homes and often reducing estate taxes for your loved ones.

Stock and securities:

Making a stock or securities gift in your estate plan is one of the most rewarding ways to ensure no child grows up alone.

Stock gifts provide streamlined tax benefits—like avoiding capital gains taxes and receiving a deduction on the full market value of your asset—while also



delivering transformative impact for children who need you most. Meaning: You can give more to help children thrive and maximize your tax deductions when you directly donate stock rather than selling your assets and donating cash. A true win-win!

Fast facts:

- 80% of donors own stocks or bonds, **but less than one-fifth (19%) use these assets for charitable giving.**
- If an SOS supporter were to donate stock that has appreciated for more than a year, **their donation would amount to 20% more** than if they sold the stock and made a cash donation, since stock giving avoids capital gains taxes.

If you'd like to learn more about any of these gifts, their benefits or share that you've chosen to make one of these gifts, please reach out to Jennie Ellwanger at info@sos-usa.org or call us at 888-767-4543. We would love to hear from you—and celebrate your philanthropic goals!

Ready to leave your lasting impact?

On behalf of the children who need you most, thank you.

Thank you for your commitment to give every child a safe, loving home through including SOS through your estate plan. An incredibly powerful act of compassion, your legacy gift will transform children's lives for generations to come!

How to officially include SOS in your estate plan:

- 1 Contact your lawyer and share your wishes for your estate plan. (Already have an estate plan? Simply communicate that you wish to add an amendment or codicil!)
- 2 To ensure your estate plan matches your wishes, share this information with your attorney:
 - a. Legal name: **SOS Children's Villages USA**
 - b. Federal tax ID number: **13-618843**
 - c. Mailing address: **1620 I Street NW, Suite 220, Washington, D.C. 20006**
- 3 Know that—because you chose to include SOS in your estate plan—children's, families' and communities' futures are transformed!
- 4 If you'd like, let us know that you've chosen to make this special gift. Please reach out to Jennie Ellwanger by email at info@sos-usa.org or call us at **888-767-4543**. We would love to hear from you—and celebrate your philanthropic goals!

Thank you

As part of our SOS Legacy Society, you're helping provide safe homes, loving families, education and more for the children who need you most. And—as a valued member of our SOS family—we want to honor your life-changing legacy of love!

Together, we're creating a world where no child grows up alone!