

AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL



LET PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS
BE YOUR LEGACY TO THE WORLD

“Human rights organizations like Amnesty International are crucial for pushing for meaningful change in the world – now and in the future.”

“Time means very little when you are behind bars. Individuals thrown in jail, particularly those who are not well known, can often feel forgotten and isolated. It means a lot to them to know that they are remembered, that their work is recognized, and that there are so many advocating for them outside of their prison cell.

None of us lives forever. But our human rights activism—whether it’s an individual endeavour or a collective one—will live on, impacting future generations. And human rights organizations like Amnesty International are crucial for ensuring that the rest of the world gets to hear the voices of those who are most marginalised.”

Atena Daemi has a vision for a just world where the death penalty no longer exists.

She is an anti-death penalty activist who took part in gatherings outside prison to show solidarity with families of death row prisoners. She was punished for her activism by being arrested and thrown in an Iranian prison for seven years. Despite her worst years in prison, Atena never anticipated leaving Iran. She was forced to do so due to health reasons. In May 2023, she embarked on a hazardous six-month journey with her sister from Tehran to St John’s, Newfoundland. She continues to speak out against the injustices endured by so many others who remain in prison.



**THE WORLD MIGHT FORGET OUR NAMES
SOME DAY, BUT THE REACH OF THE
WORK WE DO, AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A
COLLECTIVE, WILL CONTINUE.”**

SCAN TO WATCH
ATENA'S STORY



What is a legacy?

A legacy is what we're remembered for. It's what we leave behind for our loved ones. A legacy is also what we leave behind for the world, for humanity. **A legacy is our lasting impact, which continues long after we've gone.**

Our lives are unique. Our journeys and our memories are ours alone. A life is made up of so many different experiences—joy and pain, good fortune and hardship, advantage and disadvantage. At Amnesty International we're united by our common values. Through our shared values, every supporter of Amnesty is helping to build a world where justice and human rights can prevail for everyone, not just the privileged few.



Women's March in Washington DC, January 21, 2017
Credits: Lauren Murphy

WHAT IS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL?

We're a global movement that combines the power of in-depth, trusted research with the power of people joining together to take action against injustice. And we're proud that Amnesty works in solidarity with countless others—we're part of a broad and dynamic movement of people and organizations working for a fairer, more just world.

We'd like to share with you some stories of the human rights legacies that others are creating for their own communities and for communities around the world. We're excited to share how you can contribute to building your own transformative human rights legacy through a gift in your Will to Amnesty International.

We hope the stories of courage will inspire you to join us. And we hope you'll choose to make the protection of human rights part of your legacy to the world.

"I am confident that Amnesty International will be a financially responsible and effective human rights organization long into the future—and because of this, my commitment to human rights can be more than life-long."

—Nancy Kingsbury,
legacy donor



Why leave a gift in your Will to Amnesty International?

BECAUSE...

- You have placed human rights at the heart of your own values.
- You are committed to building a truly free and just world.
- You want to see an end to discrimination and oppression in Canada and in all other countries.
- You aspire to be an ally by adding your voice to the voices of those working for fairness and equality.
- You know that to change laws and achieve justice we must work in solidarity and partnership with others.
- You wish to make an impact for generations to come by giving them hope for a just world.

How does a gift in your Will make a lasting impact for human rights?

YOUR LEGACY GIFT WILL...

- Support Amnesty researchers working on the frontlines to investigate human rights violations and expose the truth.
- Ensure Amnesty's crisis response teams can act quickly to protect human rights during sudden crises and prevent further human rights violations from happening.
- Promote Amnesty's global campaigns and bring pressing human rights issues to the attention of the world.
- Voice pressure on governments by mobilizing the public to take action, to send letters and to sign petitions targeting those in power.
- Support Amnesty's human rights education programs in schools—programs that are building a long-lasting culture of human rights awareness.

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO AMNESTY MEANS SO MUCH

Quite simply, it's the dedication and generosity of legacy donors that has helped to build Amnesty International into a world-leading human rights organization.

15%
of Amnesty's
annual income
comes from
gifts in Wills.

Legacy gifts ensure that Amnesty can fulfil the organization's critical human rights commitments even during the most difficult of economic times. No Legacy gift is too small. Every Legacy gift will be used to defend human rights.



*Women's March in Washington DC, January, 21 2017
Credits: Lauren Murphy*

“Exhaling hope”: shaping a legacy of human rights with boldness and humility

Ketty Nivyabandi, Secretary General of Amnesty International in Canada, has a bold vision for facing future human rights challenges head-on, and she is inviting you to join the fight for justice.

A passionate human rights defender and poet, she always speaks from the heart:

“I’m an artist before anything else: a writer and a poet... Art enables me to keep my ear on the ground, to remain close to the truth of what is happening. I cannot tolerate injustice, and I’ve been this way since I was a little girl. I see doing this work as my duty as a human being—I don’t see any other option.

I believe we all hear a calling inside of us to give our life a broader dimension than our individual journeys, and I want to encourage us to listen to that voice.

I am thrilled to continue to pursue rights for all in Canada and around the globe—particularly for those whose dignity continues to be so brutally violated through state violence, discrimination, patriarchy, and systemic racism.”

**JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY AS WE ALL
FACE THE HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES
OF THE FUTURE TOGETHER.**



SCAN TO WATCH
KETTY'S STORY

we seek freedom
like yellow diamonds
through dust
through stone
our naked hands
bleed on rocks
we breathe in coal
but **exhale hope**

—Ketty Nivyabandi



*Ketty Nivyabandi, Secretary General of
Amnesty International in Canada*

We've travelled so far together

For over 60 years, Amnesty International has been making a difference in the lives of people around the world. Today, Amnesty continues to build on that legacy by evolving to meet new challenges.

1984

Following tireless campaigning from Amnesty supporters, the UN General Assembly finally adopts the Convention against Torture.

1999

Amnesty campaigns for a strong global treaty to control the international arms trade.



1960s – 1970s

1980s – 1990s

1961

A global movement for human rights is born. Lawyer Peter Benenson writes an article—“The Forgotten Prisoners”—for the UK’s Observer newspaper. Many hundreds of people write in to offer their support for an international campaign to protect human rights.

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1977

Amnesty starts working to end the death penalty. In 1977, only 16 countries have totally abolished the practice. Today, that number has risen to 112.

1993

Amnesty campaigns for an International Criminal Court (ICC) to bring those responsible for genocide and war crimes to justice. The ICC is established in 2002.

2002

Amnesty International mobilizes to stop torture in the ‘war on terror’.

2004

Amnesty International launches global campaign to Stop Violence Against Women. Amnesty's groundbreaking Stolen Sisters report documents discrimination and violence against Indigenous women in Canada. It takes another 15 years of campaigning before a National Inquiry eventually releases its findings and recommendations.



Stolen sisters vigil on Parliament Hill

2024

Here in Canada, Amnesty supporters see incredible wins following years of advocacy and campaigning after all ten provinces commit to ending immigration detention in their provincial jails.

Today and always, Amnesty supporters believe in a world where everyone in Canada and around the world gets to experience the fullness of their rights, including equality, justice, and freedom of expression.

2000 – 2020s



2003

Maher Arar is released in Syria and returns home to Canada. Arar had been detained in New York in 2002 and transferred secretly to Syria where he was held for a year and tortured.



Maher Arar (right), with his wife Monia Mazigh, Canada, 2007.

ALWAYS TRYING SOMETHING NEW

Amnesty International South Africa piloted Digital Disruptors in 2023, equipping young activists with the knowledge and tools to develop youth-led campaigns. They also transformed a hot-spot for crime and violence into a place where residents felt safe to learn about and find solutions to gender-based violence in the area.

Continue lighting the path towards true reconciliation and justice

UNDOING CANADA'S LEGACY OF COLONIALISM

At Amnesty International, we acknowledge that we are living, working, and defending human rights on unceded land that Indigenous Peoples have shaped, cared for, and nurtured for millennia.

Centuries of racism and dispossession have denied Indigenous Peoples here and around the world the opportunity to enjoy their basic human rights. In every continent, Indigenous peoples are among the most marginalized. We recognize the responsibility we have as advocates for justice to amplify Indigenous voices, and to work tirelessly to undo the harms of centuries of colonization. We want to end discrimination and uphold the rights guaranteed in national laws, historical and contemporary Treaties, and international standards such as the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

As part of our role in seeking reconciliation, Amnesty continues to call on the Canadian government to act for justice and accountability by implementing the 94 calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and the 213 calls for justice from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

**A GIFT IN YOUR WILL WOULD MAKE A LASTING
IMPACT BY SUPPORTING AMNESTY'S WORK WITH
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WHO ARE DEFENDING THEIR
PEOPLE, THEIR LAND AND THEIR RESOURCES.**



*Elsie Assin from Grassy Narrows was the guest speaker at "Write for Rights, Toronto!"
Credits: Amnesty International*



"I love my spouse and kids deeply. They will always be taken care of. I am also passionate about social change and environmental protection, and I want to see more progress continue in these areas well beyond my lifetime.

My hope is that my future gift will contribute towards protecting refugees and the rights of Indigenous Peoples, and help build a world without torture, the death penalty, or racist justice systems."

—Gideon Forman, legacy donor

In their hour of darkness, your support could light the way for people enduring grave injustices

MOSES AND MAGAI: A FULL CIRCLE HUMAN RIGHTS MOMENT

“Amnesty International members and activists are my heroes,” said Moses Akatugba after he was freed from prison in Nigeria. “I promise to be a human rights activist—to fight for others!”

Moses is a survivor of torture. When he was 16 years old, Moses was falsely accused of armed robbery, and sentenced to death. He spent almost a decade in prison. Following a global campaign by Amnesty supporters, Moses was pardoned in 2014.

Moses was true to his word about fighting for the human rights of others. In 2019, he travelled to Brussels to take part in *Write for Rights*, Amnesty’s global letter-writing event. Moses was there to take action on the case of Magai Matiop Ngong in South Sudan. Just like Moses, Magai had been sentenced to death as a child.

Three quarters of a million Amnesty supporters joined Moses in taking action for Magai, who was freed from prison three years later. In a message of thanks, Magai said, “Thank you so much! You have no idea how my heart is filled with happiness.”

Every human rights victory is the result of a long series of actions taken by people who never tire, never give up.

WILL YOU HELP ENSURE THE CIRCLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS WORK ENDURES?



*Magai Matiop Ngong visits Amnesty's regional office in Kenya
Credits: Amnesty International*



Moses Akatugba holds an Amnesty T-Shirt, “Abolish the death penalty”.



In 112 countries, the death penalty is not allowed by law.



55 countries retain the death penalty.



Amnesty International recorded over 20,000 death sentences in 52 countries in 2022.



Today, two-thirds of countries in the world have either abolished the death penalty outright, or no longer use it in practice.

A legacy of love for the planet and for humanity

PASSED ON FROM A MOTHER TO HER DAUGHTERS, AND FROM A COLLECTIVE OF LAND DEFENDERS TO THEIR COMMUNITIES

In the face of a global environmental emergency, communities around the world are taking action to protect water, land, forests, and air. These activists are leaders in the effort to tackle climate change. Yet throughout the Americas, environmental activists are under increasing attack.

Berta Cáceres campaigned to stop construction of a dam in Honduras that violated Indigenous rights and threatened a sacred river. In March 2016, she was murdered after assassins entered her home at night and gunned her down.

Since then, Berta's daughters have courageously continued the work for which their mother was killed. At the same time, they organized a worldwide campaign for Justice for Berta. Tens of thousands of Amnesty supporters in Canada raised their voices relentlessly in solidarity, increasing pressure on authorities. After blatant initial failures to collect evidence and properly investigate, in 2018, seven men finally were brought to trial and convicted of carrying out the assassination of Berta. Four years later, an executive of the company building the dam that Berta opposed was also convicted for his role in ordering and planning her murder. Other powerful businessmen are now being investigated.

“WE HAVE NO
REPLACEMENT PLANET,
WE HAVE ONLY THIS
ONE—AND WE HAVE TO
TAKE ACTION”

—Berta Cáceres,
land defender



The road towards justice for Berta is long. And the path towards protecting our planet's lands and water seems even longer. However, Berta's legacy lives on through her daughters and through the collective efforts of so many others. As the saying goes in Honduras, "Berta didn't die, she multiplied!"

"Solidarity is very important as we try to find real justice that goes beyond finding those responsible for my mother's murder. All those who try to silence social activists must be investigated."

—Berta Zuniga Cáceres, daughter of Berta Cáceres

The world is an increasingly dangerous place for land defenders. Indigenous women are often attacked because their activism challenges patriarchal, racist systems of power. They sometimes lose their lives—as Berta did.

These women are among the most courageous people on earth.

A gift in your Will can help continue Amnesty International's longstanding support for courageous individuals and communities who protect the resources that are so essential to human survival.

WILL YOU BE THERE FOR FUTURE BRAVE RIGHTS DEFENDERS WHO RISK THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT OUR PLANET?

177



Environmental defenders reportedly lost their lives for protecting our planet in 2022.

That means, on average, a defender was being killed every other day. Since 2012, almost two thousand have been killed.



Berta Zuniga Cáceres,
daughter of Berta Cáceres Flores
Credits: Amnesty International

Help protect those who risk everything for human rights

“I hold out my hand to thank those who have campaigned to get me free and to allow me to reunite with my children and parents. You comforted me and stopped me from feeling alone”

—Tep Vanny, housing rights defender

The power of ordinary people bringing about extraordinary results has always been the essence of Amnesty International. This is especially true of the Urgent Action Network (UAN), which is based on a simple idea: 500,000 volunteers are standing by around the world to help those at risk of imminent human rights violations. The volunteers respond immediately with letters, emails, and social media posts—pressuring governments and letting them know the world is watching.

For years, Tep Vanny was targeted by the Cambodian authorities for her peaceful activism. She was beaten, arrested, and imprisoned. All because she defended her community when the Cambodian government forcibly evicted thousands of families to make way for a luxury tourist construction project.

When the authorities cracked down on Tep Vanny and then put her on trial, Amnesty activists took action in her support. Eventually she was pardoned and released and reunited with her family.

Over the years, many former prisoners have told Amnesty how much letters written by Amnesty supporters have helped. They let us know that pressure from Amnesty activists worked. What’s more, the solidarity shown by Amnesty supporters can help keep hope alive.

Visit [amnesty.ca/urgentaction](https://www.amnesty.ca/urgentaction) for more information.



Tep Vanny after her release from prison.
Credits: Amnesty International

“It is true that the power of letters is incredible. It is thanks to the work of Amnesty International and other organizations that we were released.”

—Khaled Drareni,
Algerian journalist

In March 2020, Khaled was arrested and detained for a year simply for doing his job as a reporter.



Khaled
Drareni

Hope is a precious weapon for prisoners battling to survive, for relatives trying to obtain justice, or for human rights defenders carrying out their work despite danger and isolation.

Human rights change starts with the facts

Each year, Amnesty International carries out hundreds of investigations in dozens of countries. Amnesty's researchers collect evidence and expose human rights abuses. Research is powerful. It is the foundation of Amnesty's reports—reports that are accurate, respected, and trusted.

Most importantly, Amnesty research is also about solidarity and support—making it clear to survivors and their family members, and courageous local human rights activists that there are people all over the world who care.

“Amnesty International plays a critical role in exposing violations and abuses against civilians during these conflicts. We draw international and regional attention to the impacts of these conflicts on civilians. We do so through in-depth and accurate investigations, advocacy with key international, regional and national stakeholders, and by mobilizing our movement to take action on behalf of victims and all those whose rights are violated.

Key actors and perpetrators become emboldened by lack of accountability. Proper documentation of violations and abuses over the years and preserving such evidence is one of the few avenues to ensuring accountability and justice for impacted communities.

The desire to one day witness all those who subject civilians to violence being held accountable is what motivates me to work for Amnesty International as a conflict researcher.”

—Abdullahi Hassan, conflict researcher covering Somalia and Sudan at Amnesty International's East and Southern Africa regional office, Nairobi, Kenya

**WILL YOU HELP TO KEEP AMNESTY RESEARCHERS
ON THE FRONT LINES AROUND THE WORLD?**

“There is no substitute for on-the-ground firsthand investigations. My job specifically is to investigate abuses in situations of armed conflicts, and I have been doing so for two decades and in many conflicts.”

—Donatella Rovera, Amnesty International's Senior Crisis Response Advisor

Donatella Rovera conducts interviews in Borodyanka, Ukraine, May 2022.



Abdullahi Hassan





Ela, Anna and Joanna, 3 LGBTI+ activists, celebrate their successful outcome in court. Credit: Amnesty Poland/ Piotr Rojewski



**SCAN TO WATCH
ELA'S STORY**



Kelly Gonzalez Aguilar



**SCAN TO WATCH
KELLY'S STORY**

Help build a world where the stories and struggles of the most marginalized are amplified

Living as a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex (LGBTI+) person can be life-threatening in many parts of the world. A recent Amnesty report documented how the mere act of being oneself has become a criminal offence in some African countries. In Uganda, the death penalty looms as a brutally unjust punishment for a person simply being who they are.

In parts of the Americas too, LGBTI+ persons experience violence based on their gender identity. Kelly Aguilar is a young transgender woman and asylum seeker in the United States who fled Honduras. When Kelly travelled to the US, immigration authorities detained her for years. Amnesty activists called for Kelly to be freed and in 2021 she was released. Kelly expressed deep appreciation to Amnesty supporters: "I'm completely grateful to all the people who have helped me since day one!"

In Europe, in 2019, three Polish women human rights activists were facing the prospect of prison for distributing posters of the Virgin Mary wearing a halo in the rainbow colours of the LGBTI+ pride flag. Elżbieta Podleśna, Joanna Gzyra-Iskandar and Anna Prus were tried on charges of "offending religious beliefs". More than a quarter of a million Amnesty supporters spoke out to demand that the Polish authorities drop the charges against the women. A court finally acquitted them. The women's case became a symbol of the anti-human rights trends in Poland under the government of that time.

**A GIFT IN YOUR WILL CAN HELP BUILD A MORE
INCLUSIVE AND JUST WORLD FOR THOSE WHO FACE
DISCRIMINATION SIMPLY FOR WHO THEY ARE.**

Continue building on Amnesty's rich legacy of activism and inter-generational exchange

“THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT VOLUNTEERING; IT'S A LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO THE PROTECTION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, RESPECT, AND DIGNITY.”

Amnesty International is made up of amazing volunteers and donors, just like you! One of the most beautiful gifts that our community has enjoyed is the knowledge exchange between long time activists and the next generation of human rights supporters. Like other forms of human rights work, learning about social justice and advocating for a better world are a lifelong learning experience, and we are so lucky to have such passionate individuals keeping the work going.

“When first speaking with my Amnesty mentor about her work on Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei, I was astounded by her wealth of knowledge, commitment, and pure passion for defending human rights. Her mentorship provided invaluable support and encouragement for my own solidarity work.

As a queer Southeast Asian woman, I approach solidarity work with the intention to challenge discrimination and oppression experienced by people as a result of who they are. And as a result, I am constantly questioning attitudes or systems that help to keep racism, colonialism, and discrimination in place.”

—Rachel Lim

**BE THERE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION
OF ACTIVISTS AND KEEP AMNESTY'S HUMAN
RIGHTS EDUCATION PROGRAM GROWING.**



Rachel Lim

“Many years ago we started thinking about what legacy we wanted to leave, and about whom that goes to among our family and friends, and the organizations we strongly believe are making a massive difference in the world, including Amnesty.”

—Claire and Marc Stevens,
legacy donors



You could help shape the future for generations to come

As the next generation of human rights supporters and activists, we'll be facing some incredibly difficult problems in the decades ahead. But we know that you can help us overcome those challenges.

Your commitment to human rights has the power to shape the future for generations to come. In the face of climate change, tyranny, and injustice, the world needs a strong Amnesty. Your dedication to human rights can be the cornerstone of Amnesty's work on the world's most pressing issues.

Together, let's embark on a journey to a brighter tomorrow. A gift in your Will is more than just a donation; it's an enduring commitment to a world where human rights are not just a dream but a reality.

**WILL YOU BE THERE BY OUR SIDE AS
WE FACE THE BIGGEST HUMAN RIGHTS
CHALLENGES OF TOMORROW?**



Shriya Shah (above) and Aidan Sander (right), Co-chairs of Amnesty's National Youth Action and Advisory Committee (NYAAC)

SCAN TO WATCH
YOUTH MEMBERS



"I like charities that are noisy, that strive to be heard. When I was asked if I wanted protecting human rights to be a part of my legacy to the world, it was an easy decision for me. My involvement now would last beyond me."

—Ann Atkinson, legacy donor



Use the power of your Will to build a just world.

Together, we have campaigned against torture, the death penalty and all kinds of discrimination. We have achieved so much, but there is much more to be done.

The challenges will be considerable. We will need to work together to help protect people fleeing conflict and climate change conditions; support environmental defenders as they work to safeguard the precious resources we have left; and continue to take action for individuals fighting for freedom of expression and assembly.

Amnesty can remain a strong voice for justice and dignity through you. A gift in your Will gives you the power to be a part of monumental change beyond your lifetime.



GETTING STARTED

If you are just starting to think about your Will, here are some things you can have ready in advance to save time:

- STEP 1 Prepare personal information** such as your full name, marital status, social insurance number, date of birth, and contact information. Do the same for your spouse or partner, if it applies.
- STEP 2 List all your loved ones** and think about how you would like to provide for them. Include a list of main assets and important possessions like bank accounts, property and stocks.
- STEP 3 Think of whom you would choose** to be your executor. An executor is someone who will manage your estate when the time comes.
- STEP 4 Consider the causes that are most important to you**, and think about which organizations you may wish to support in your Will.
- STEP 5 After signing your Will, keep your Will and all your important documents in a secure location** known to your executor. Leave clear directions to your executor about your funeral arrangements.

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Marie-Anne Ventoura



Two Key Points:

- It is strongly advised to seek the help of a trusted lawyer. A lawyer can help ensure that all is in line with the laws of the province or territory you live in.
- You may want to explore the tax advantages of leaving a charitable bequest with the help of a professional.

GIFT TYPES

Including a gift in your Will is just one more action you can take to ensure that human rights are protected long into the future. Here's how you can ensure that your hope for a just and equitable world will live on.



A **percentage** or the whole of what is left of your estate after your loved ones have been taken care of. This is called a **residual gift**. A **residual gift** keeps its value over time—meaning more impact for future human rights work.



An **exact dollar amount**. This is called a **specific gift**.

Whatever you decide to do, please know that no gift is too small, and any gift you leave can make a huge difference for human rights work in the future.



Pavitri Manjhi works to defend the rights of her indigenous Adivasi community in India to remain in their ancestral home and keep their farms and livelihoods.

SAMPLE WORDING FOR YOUR WILL:

When you prepare or revise your Will, you will need to use the organization's correct legal name and address as shown in the sample wording below.

When leaving a residual gift:

"I give to Amnesty International - Canadian Section (English Speaking) currently of 312 Laurier Ave East, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 1H9, all (or _____%) of the residue of my estate, to be used at the discretion of the organization."

When leaving a specific gift:

"I give to Amnesty International - Canadian Section (English Speaking) currently of 312 Laurier Ave East, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 1H9, the sum of \$_____ to be used at the discretion of the organization."

OTHER WAYS TO LEAVE A LASTING GIFT TO HUMAN RIGHTS

Gifts of life insurance – three options:

- An existing policy with cash value (that is, a permanent policy) can be signed over to Amnesty International; or
- A new policy (whole/universal life) can be taken out by individuals or couples on their lives, or the life of a loved one, and gifted to Amnesty International; or
- You can make Amnesty International the beneficiary of a life policy (including a policy for your workplace).

If you sign over a policy to Amnesty International, you'll receive a tax receipt for the "cash surrender" value. If you make Amnesty International the owner of a policy, you'll receive a tax receipt for the premiums you pay.

Gift of RRSPs and RRIFs

You can make Amnesty International the beneficiary of your Registered Retirement Savings Plans or Registered Retirement Income Funds. Ask the institution holding these investments for a change of beneficiary form, and insert Amnesty International as your new beneficiary.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WHEN MAKING
A LEGACY GIFT, YOU WILL NEED TO INCLUDE
AMNESTY'S CHARITABLE REGISTRATION
NUMBER: 11878 5914 RR0001**

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You have our gratitude and our promise

Thank you, for believing, as we do, that everyone has the right to be treated equally and with dignity. We hope you will make the decision to leave a gift in your will so that the life-changing work you believe in will live on.

In return for your commitment, here is our commitment to you:

1. Your loved ones always come first. We understand that.
2. Your Will is a personal and private document, and we respect that.
3. A legacy gift is a personal decision. We realize that you need to make it in your own way and in your own time.
4. You can let us know that you've left a gift in your Will so that we can recognize your generosity. However, you don't need to tell us, and you have the right to change your mind at any time.
5. We will answer your questions honestly and quickly, and keep you informed in the way you choose.
6. We will use your future gift wisely to deliver the most impactful independent research that exposes human rights violations and helps create effective and innovative campaigns on the urgent human rights challenges of the day.



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WE'RE HERE TO HELP, AND WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!



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"My Will is a love letter to my family and the planet I'm leaving behind. I have included Amnesty International in my Will because I want to continue building a world that protects those enduring injustice of any kind. I am here to help answer any questions you might have when you are considering leaving a gift in your Will."



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"I am fortunate that my work connects me with such amazing supporters, who see human rights work and the values and principles that underpin it as a core piece of who they are. Seeing the impact of this support beyond someone's lifetime is inspiring and leaves a lasting sense of hope for a better tomorrow. Thank you! And I look forward to connecting."

“The struggle continues and continues.”

Bernardo Caal Xol is a respected Indigenous teacher and defender of the rights of the Indigenous Maya Q'eqchi' people in Guatemala. He was wrongfully imprisoned in 2018 after he led a legal challenge against a dam project that diverted the sacred Cahabón River, robbing Indigenous communities of water, fish and their human rights. Bernardo was accused of crimes he did not commit, convicted without evidence, and sentenced to over seven years in prison to silence his powerful voice.

Amnesty members and activists worldwide took more than half a million actions for Bernardo and in March 2022 he was released. In a message to Amnesty supporters, Bernardo said, “You gave me hope of freedom and now I am free. I am now with my family, I am now with my daughters, I am now with my wife. My mother has already cried with happiness to see me free. Thanks to each one of you!”

Bernardo and his people continue to speak up for their rights, forging their own legacy of protecting their land and waters.

**LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL AND
BE AN ENDURING VOICE FOR
FREEDOM AND JUSTICE.**



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BERNARDO'S STORY

**“YOU GAVE
ME HOPE
OF FREEDOM
AND NOW
I AM FREE.”**

*—Bernardo Caal Xol,
respected teacher and defender
of Indigenous rights*

*Bernardo Caal Xol stands in front of the Cahabon River
Credits: James Rodriguez*

