

YOUR LEGACY IS THEIR LIFELINE

A legacy is so much more than a gift in a Will.

It's the **Swim Safe** session that teaches a child how to stay safe in and around open water, equipping them with survival skills that may one day save their life.

It's the **lifeguarded beach** visited by thousands of families who stay safe thanks to the preventative actions of dedicated lifeguards.

And it's the expansion of the **SeaSafe programme** in Bangladesh, which aims to reduce the staggering number of children who drown there every single day.

Legacies are not only vital to saving lives at sea; they are crucial to preventing tragedies before they happen.

Around 360,000 people drown needlessly around the world each year, many of them children. **Your legacy can help change that. Together, we can defeat drowning.**



It costs **£22** to fund one Swim Safe place. This includes tuition, supervision and equipment.



It costs an average of **£80,300** per year to run a lifeguarded beach in the UK.



It costs **£21** to teach one child in Bangladesh how to swim.



HOW TO INCLUDE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

After providing for your loved ones, please consider leaving a gift in your Will to The Lifeboat Fund. Whether you have a Will already, or are planning to write your first Will, it's easy to do and can be changed at any time.

It's best to visit a solicitor to make sure your wishes for your family and any charities can't be misunderstood later on.

For more information about leaving a gift in your Will to The Lifeboat Fund, please contact secretary@thelifeboatfund.org.uk.



LOUENE'S LIFESAVING LEGACY

On 7 September 2018, a plaque honouring Civil Servant Miss Louene Smith was unveiled at RNLI Wells Lifeboat Station in tribute to her kindness and generosity.

Miss Smith, who was also a member of The Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance, left a legacy of £445,000 to The Lifeboat Fund.

Her incredibly generous donation enabled The Lifeboat Fund's 150th anniversary appeal to reach its target and fund a new Shannon class all-weather lifeboat for RNLI Wells Lifeboat Station. *Civil Service 53* will be the 53rd RNLI lifeboat funded by The Lifeboat Fund.

Miss Smith's legacy has also contributed toward the cost of the new boathouse at Wells-next-the-Sea which will house the Shannon lifeboat. And it doesn't stop there.

It has also gone towards The Lifeboat Fund's new appeal, **Defeat Drowning Together**, which is supporting three key aspects of the RNLI's drowning prevention work: Swim Safe, lifeguards and international.



HISTORY OF THE LIFEBOAT FUND

The Lifeboat Fund solely exists to support the vital work of the RNLI. It does this thanks to generous donations from serving and retired employees of the Civil Service.

The Lifeboat Fund was founded over 150 years ago by a group of Civil Servants wishing to donate a single lifeboat to the RNLI. The aptly named lifeboat *Civil Service* was put on service and a new charity, The Lifeboat Fund, was born.

Since then, The Lifeboat Fund has provided the RNLI with 53 new lifeboats including crew training and kit, and aspects of Tower Lifeboat Station. The lifeboats have helped volunteer RNLI crews save over 4,700 lives and assisted thousands more.

Help defeat drowning together.

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