Creating a better future through education
Change lives with a gift in your will
The gift of education

In 2017, we received an unexpected gift from the late Robin Ellis - a friend and donor to Masicorp for many years. When he wrote his will, Robin chose to include a charitable gift to Masicorp.

Robin’s thoughtful and generous legacy was allocated to our Maths and English Lab projects at Ukhanyo Primary School in the township. This donation secured much-needed funding for these two key educational projects for 18 months.

Robin’s simple act of kindness has changed the lives of over 500 young children in Masiphumelele and their families for generations to come.

Thank you

Thank you for considering a charitable gift in your will to support Masicorp.

For over 20 years, Masicorp has been delivering education, and providing nutrition and support for the children and families with the greatest need in Masiphumelele Township, located near Cape Town.

We have already achieved so much – crèches, a library, training centres and sports facilities which educate, train and inspire change for thousands of individuals each year. We still have much more work to do.

A simple way you can continue to support our future work is through a gift in your will.

Regardless of size, each and every gift is an investment in the future of Masiphumelele.

After your loved ones have been taken care of, a gift of a few percent, can help us continue our crucial work. Your legacy can build a better world for the next generation.
Why I am leaving a gift to Masicorp in my will

I suppose I’m like many of my generation - OK in assets but anxious not to spend too much of my rainy-day funds. This has always meant I haven’t felt able to give as much money to Masicorp each year as I would wish. That’s why I decided to leave a gift to Masicorp in my will - to make a difference for the children of Masiphumelele long in the future. Andrew Hamilton-Smith

Every time we visit Masiphumelele, we marvel at what Masicorp has achieved on a very limited budget. Our legacy gift is a pledge of support to ensure that the wonderful work of Masicorp continues. Alan McKelvey B.E.M. and Anne Molloy

I have seen first-hand the needs of the community in Masiphumelele Township and how the gift of education can offer a route out of poverty for generations to come. That is why I have chosen to support Masicorp with a gift in my will. Dame Linda Dobbs D.B.E.

Masicorp supported me so generously with a scholarship which enabled me to follow my passion for Engineering. I plan to give something back so others can prosper as I have. Olwethu Mlaza

We founded Masicorp in 1999 because we saw an unusual opportunity to give many people hope and help with the US dollars we brought every year from our home in America. We are proud of helping to build Masicorp and through our legacy gift the people of Masiphumelele can benefit from our support for years after we have gone. John and Carol Thompson
Your legacy can change lives

There are many ways in which your gift can make a real and lasting difference. If you wish, you can choose to support:

**Pre-school and Primary school education projects**

Children, pupils and students in Masiphumelele are faced with the challenges of poverty and a lack of equal access to opportunities, information and resources for their education. Your legacy could help develop programmes which enable access to educational resources and opportunities to ensure all students reach their full potential.

**Life Skills**

Your legacy can help deliver training in English, computer literacy and sewing skills for the local adult community, helping lift families out of poverty and into paid work.

**Sporting facilities**

A pledge in your will can also fund sporting facilities like the MCC MASI 750 Sports Club, offering our schools access to quality coaching, organized school sport and competitive matches/tournaments through full participation. These games are transforming the youth, their families and schools in Masiphumelele through sport and life skills training.
Olwethu’s story

Olwethu Mlaza became the first Masicorp-funded graduate in 2006.

He used the opportunity he was given from Masicorp as a springboard to further qualifications, attaining a double qualification in Mechanical Engineering and Project Management from Cape Peninsula University of Technology in 2015 and graduating with a National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering in 2019.

He is currently works as Operations Director at a global manufacturing company.

This is a heart-warming journey of determination, set in action by funding from Masicorp. It illustrates how gifts from supporters of Masicorp, like you, can be magnified through hard work and determination, and transform lives for generations to come.

Not only did Olwethu build a career and provide security for his family, but he also chose to give back financially to support Masicorp’s work, allowing future generations to follow in his footsteps and carve a new path for themselves.

Your gift can...

• Train a care assistant in a pre-school
• Provide educational materials and teacher training
• Purchase equipment for those completing the Life Skills training
• Pay for coaches, transport and kit for the sports activities
• Pay trainers in the computer centre
The three types of legacy gift you can leave in your will

Residuary gift: a gift of all or a percentage or share of your estate after expenses, pecuniary and specific bequests. The advantage is that it maintains its value, regardless of inflation.

Pecuniary gift: A gift of a fixed sum of money. Inflation may mean the value of the gift may reduce over time.

Specific gift: A gift of specific property, such as land, buildings, stocks and shares, etc.

Six steps to making your will

1. Choose who to include in your will.

Think about family, friends and charities. If you’d like to include Masicorp in your will, please ask your legal advisor to use our registered charity name, address and number, if appropriate, to ensure the gift reaches us.

2. Decide what gifts you want to give.

Anything you can leave would have a huge impact. Even 1% of your estate can help ensure we’re always here for the people who need us.

3. Choose your executors and, if applicable, guardians.

They’ll be responsible for making sure your wishes are fulfilled.

4. Talk to your legal advisor or financial planner.

Discuss your wishes, the value of your assets and how to minimise any tax issues.

5. Let us know.

If you’ve decided to remember us, consider telling us (so that we can thank you) and let your loved ones know your plans.

6. Update your will, if your circumstances or wishes change.
Your questions answered

I want to provide for my family and friends. Can I still give to Masicorp?

Yes, of course. After looking after loved ones, a gift of a few per cent can ensure our crucial work continues.

What are the tax benefits of supporting a charity in my will?

As Masicorp is a registered charity in the UK, a tax exempt public charity in the USA and a registered NGO in South Africa, your gift may reduce the tax due on your estate. Ask your advisor for more details.

Can I update or include Masicorp in my existing will?

Yes, very easily by asking your advisor to amend your will which you then sign and have witnessed.

Can I specify which aspect of Masicorp’s work I would like to benefit from my gift?

Yes. There are many ways in which your gift can make a real and lasting difference. We understand that Masicorp means something special to each donor. Contact us please, for further information on how to do this.

How should I word my gift in my will?

Please contact us for details of how to word a gift in your will to support the future work of Masicorp.

If you have any other questions about your will or your legacy gift, please contact us at legacies@masicorp.org
The Chasmay Circle

Thanking our visionary donors during their lifetimes

If you plan to leave a gift in your will to Masicorp, thank you.

We will invite you to join The Chasmay Circle - a unique group of individuals who have chosen to support Masicorp with a legacy in their wills.

By becoming a member, you will receive regular updates on how legacy giving is making a crucial difference, and an invitation to a special annual donor event in your region.

Contact us:

If you or your advisor have any queries on the wording of your gift or any other aspect of leaving a gift to Masicorp in your will to support the area of your choice, please contact our Legacy Manager at:

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