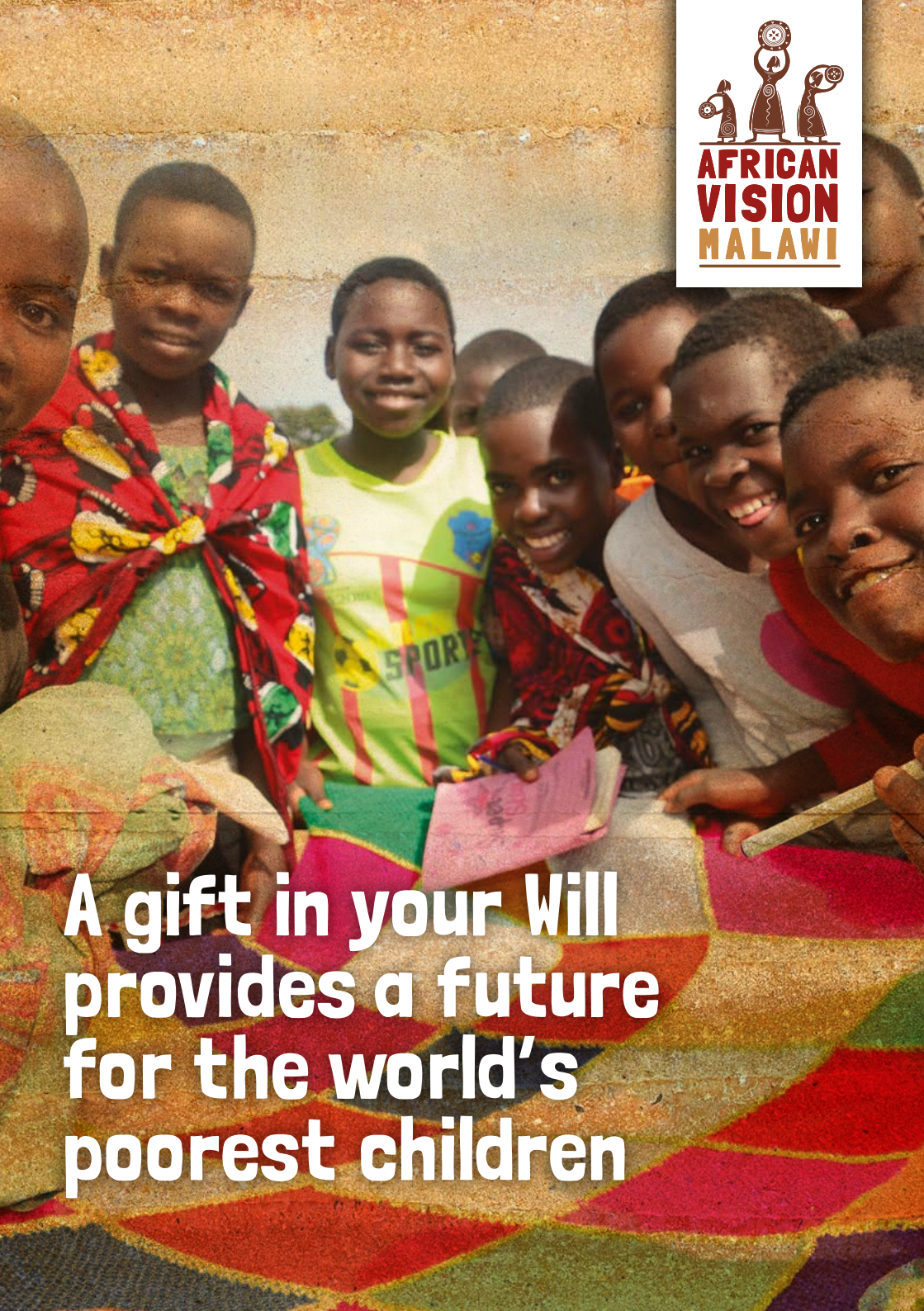

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A gift in your Will
provides a future
for the world's
poorest children

For the first ten years of my life, I called Malawi home. In 2005, after many years living in London, I had the opportunity to return with two friends to search for my brother's grave. Martin had died there in an accident when we were both children.



While in Malawi, my friends and I visited numerous villages and saw thousands of orphans who were living in heartbreaking conditions. We were also taken to five orphan care projects in various regions of the country. There were encouraging signs in some, which gave us hope of what could be achieved. By the end of our trip, we had decided to set up a charity; for me personally it would become a living legacy to Martin.

African Vision Malawi now covers a large area north of the capital Lilongwe. It was an area which we had seen on the first few days of our visit, but which received no help at all.

Our vision is to see a healthy, educated and self-sufficient community in Malawi

A gift in your Will would help us not only to continue our work on developing essential services, but will also deliver a 'hand-up' to young apprentices and adults, empowering them to step out of poverty.



If you do decide to remember African Vision Malawi, every penny of your donation will go to help those most in need. You will be giving an invaluable gift; a future for some of the most vulnerable people on Earth.

Thank you so much,

Heather Palmer

CEO and Founder
African Vision Malawi



Creating lasting change

The people of Malawi want to become independent and self-sufficient. With the basic needs of clean water, food security, access to schools and health facilities secured, they can work and earn an income to support their families and communities.

African Vision Malawi is a registered charity, helping children and vulnerable adults in one of the world's most impoverished countries.

We cover an area of 400km², north of the capital city Lilongwe. It has a population of 45,000 of whom 3,500 are either orphans, disabled or the ultra-poor.

Most of the orphans have lost their parents to the HIV/AIDS pandemic and malaria. They are left with their extended family, often having elderly grandparents as their guardians.

We support the orphans in their communities, enabling them to stay in the village they know, with their friends, their school, their culture and their traditions.

We are committed to supporting the under 5s. We built our first maternity unit in 2013, and have set up 10 Community Based Childcare Centres to date.

Twenty four primary schools are partnered with schools in the UK through the charity. And each year we fund more and more students through secondary school and university. A hand-up, not a handout.



Empowering a generation

Sam's Village shows the power of a legacy in action. The village is a hub, a centre for training, which will teach thousands of people the skills they need to support their families through work.

The village is self-sustaining, powered by solar panels and built by local male and female labourers and artisans, using traditional rammed earth techniques. It is on a 10-acre site near to M'bang'ombe trading centre, an hour's drive north of the capital Lilongwe.

Sam's Village supports a move away from handouts, showing apprentices how to improve their lives by teaching them the skills they need for employment. Our training programme is starting with accredited courses in carpentry, tailoring, and basic electronics

We also equip the apprentices with important day-to-day life skills, and support them in organic farming, reforestation, education and health care - HIV prevention among others.

We believe Sam's Village will become a best-practice example for Malawi - and in time other parts of Africa - on how to encourage and develop sustainable, forward-looking and skilled communities. Further support is needed to continue the work here and create similar villages throughout the country.



A young apprentice learns plasterwork

The building of Sam's Village and plans for its future, have been made possible by a legacy.

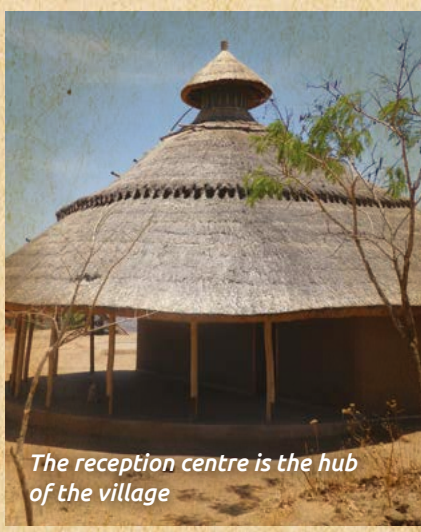
Sam Hayes died tragically on 10th September 2013. He was only 23. Sam didn't have a chance to make his mark on the world in the way he wanted, but his parents are making a positive difference in his name.

Two mulberry trees have been planted at the main entrance to the training village in dedication to his memory.

Our thoughts are always with Sam's family and we thank them so much for all their support.



Local community teams in a training session



The reception centre is the hub of the village



Apprentices learn how to build a rammed earth water harvester



Loness Eliya outside Nkhata Bay district hospital in the northern region of Malawi during her second year at Kamuzu College of Nursing

Making dreams come true

Hello. My name is Loness Eliya. I was born on January 18, 1994 in the rural district of M'bang'ombe, near Lilongwe, in the warm heart of Africa's Malawi.

I have two brothers Salatiel and Devess, and two sisters, Grace and Lunati. I am the fourth born.

Though my parents are poor, they managed to send all of us to primary school, which is free in Malawi. Both my sisters Grace and Lunati finished primary school, but they could not continue their education because my parents had no money to support them.

In 2002, we had to stop going to our school in M'khalapadzuwa altogether because of the lack of food – at home and in the country in general. It meant I had to repeat my schooling the following year. In 2007, I had to move to a school in M'ban'gombe, but unfortunately I couldn't go to secondary school because my parents had no resources to pay for my education. Hope came in 2009, when I heard that African Vision Malawi was helping orphans and vulnerable people in our area. I worked extra hard and passed an entrance exam for the charity's scholarship programme. I was admitted to Lilongwe Girls Secondary School and finished my secondary education in 2013, passing with the best grades.

It is the heart of my parents that gives me hope. They have shown me that even though you can go through a lot of challenges in life, you can still be happy with the little you have.

I was inspired by the number of students who went on to the University of Malawi to train for different careers. I sat the university entrance exams and was fortunate enough to be selected to study nursing and midwifery at Kamuzu College of Nursing.

What I thought to be impossible had become possible – it was a dream come true.

I am now finishing my second year and working hard so that I can graduate with the best grades. My aim is to support others in the same way as the charity has supported me.

Thank you to all those who have supported me and others like me, so we can go to school and university and fulfil our dreams. They have made such a huge difference to our lives.

Loness Eliya

African Vision Malawi has changed me into a person who has a bright future, full of hope. The charity still stands by my side on this journey.



John was a retired teacher from Twickenham who always thought of others before himself.

He passed away in December 2016, but his legacy to support children and young people through education in Malawi will change lives and bring a significant number of people out of poverty.



Children at Chikuyakuti Primary School

The gift of a future


Gift Banda

Gift Banda is an orphan. He used to live on the streets.

When we started African Vision Malawi, Gift got a job with us as a security guard. He was diligent, and showed great aptitude, so we promoted him to driver.

When Gift went out to visit our various projects, we noticed he was proactive and keen to support the community.

He later asked if we could sponsor him to study for a degree in community development.

Gift joined us again after completing his degree. He is now our monitoring and evaluation officer and enjoys working directly with our beneficiaries, reporting on our numerous projects.

Gift is among the many who have benefited from the charity's support, by learning new skills which are desperately needed in Malawi. A donation enabled his training to take place.

Many orphans like Gift are learning trades such as carpentry and tailoring as well as life skills in organic farming, nutrition, permaculture and healthcare thanks to support from African Vision Malawi.

Read more about Gift on the **'About Us'** section of our website at **www.africanvision.org.uk**





Transforming people's lives

When long-term African Vision Malawi supporter Gaynor Cook, pictured, visited the country recently, she saw for herself how the charity is helping to bring about sustainable change.

"The first time I went was in 2005, and the plight of the orphans and vulnerable was just unbearable," said the Warwick-based photographer. "Since then, African Vision Malawi has transformed people's lives. Putting in clean water and building schools was just the start. Now, through legacies like Sam's Village, the local community will be able to stand on its own feet, no longer reliant on charity.

My legacy, and yours, can create more initiatives to bring whole communities out of poverty."

"A little goes such a long way"



Make a Will. Leave a legacy

Respecting your wishes

Writing a Will is the only way you can be sure your wishes will be followed after your death – and that what you leave behind goes to the people and causes you care about. A Will is easy to make, and is also helpful to your family and friends as a record of your wishes.

Decide on your beneficiaries

Naturally, you will want to provide for your loved ones first, but you may want to take the opportunity to do something lasting for African Vision Malawi.
A share of your estate, after you have made provision for your family and friends, is a good way of doing so - and avoids the necessity of having to decide on a fixed sum.

Leaving a gift to African Vision Malawi, no matter how small, will mean we can continue to transform lives for years to come.

What should I leave to African Vision Malawi?

Here are some typical gifts you might like to consider:

- ***A share of your estate.*** After you've provided for your family and friends, you can leave a share, or the remainder, of your estate to us. This is called a 'residuary gift'.
- ***Cash gift.*** This is when you leave an exact sum of money to us. It's known as a 'pecuniary gift'.
- ***A specific gift.*** A valuable item which we can sell.
- ***A gift in trust.*** You can leave a gift for someone to use over a period of time. When the time has ended, the gift can be passed on to us.



Kondwani our permaculture expert



How to make a gift

Leaving a gift in your Will doesn't have to be complicated. We can help you to make it a simple process.

There are two things you need to do:

1. State in your Will that you would like to leave a gift to us. It is best if you use a solicitor or professional Will-writer to make sure your Will is legal and valid.
2. Be careful to get our name right, so that the money goes to the correct place: **African Vision Malawi. Registered Charity No. 1113786 (England and Wales)**

Your Legacy Gift will make a real difference to the lives of orphans and vulnerable adults in Malawi. Every penny will go directly into supporting our work there.

Free service

There are plenty of solicitors who offer a free Will service. Do get in touch with us and we can sort this out for you. Our contact details are on the back page.

If you have already made a Will, you can give a gift by adding a Codicil, and if you have written us into your Will already, we're very grateful; do please let us know.

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Legacy gifts are crucial to the future of our work



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