



Your guide to leaving a legacy

Walk with them forever

Our journey so far

We have come a long way together



5,000

**EX-WAR HORSES
SAVED FROM A LIFE
OF SUFFERING**

1930s

After arriving in Egypt, Dorothy Brooke found and bought 5,000 surviving ex-war horses who had been sold into a life of suffering. She then founded what would become the Brooke Hospital for Animals, so that working horses, donkeys and mules could get free veterinary care.



**We expand
our clinics**

AROUND THE WORLD

1960s – 1990s

Brooke opens up its first two clinics in Egypt to help more vulnerable working animals. As the decades go by we open up more clinics around the world, wherever working horses, donkeys and mules need help.



**WE WORK WITH
1.4 million
animals a year**

2000s – 2020s

Brooke starts to move away from free treatment and clinics, focusing instead on sustainable change, including training, mentoring and improving animal welfare policies. During 2022/2023 we worked with 10,301 communities to create sustainable change, directly reaching 1.4million animals and indirectly reaching 4.2 million animals through our policy work.



**Walk with
them forever**

The road ahead

We believe in a world where every working horse, donkey and mule has a life worth living. By including a gift in your Will you can help us make that a reality, and let your compassion for animals live on.

With a gift in your Will, you can be by their side...

Our guide to leaving a legacy will show you what a huge difference a gift in your Will could make to the lives of working animals the world over, as well as giving you some hints to help you through the Will-writing process.

We are incredibly grateful to receive gifts in Wills as they account for over 50% of our income. They help us focus our efforts and funds where the need is greatest, and plan effective ways to give ongoing support to the world's most vulnerable horses, donkeys and mules.

Your support has never been so vital to these animals, because right now their existence is a gruelling one. Every day they work hard alongside their owners, helping to put food on the table and keep families alive. They're overworked, overburdened and exhausted. They desperately need a supportive friend like you to walk by their side.

No matter the size of your gift, you have the power to transform the lives of working animals and protect them for generations to come.

...today, tomorrow and always.



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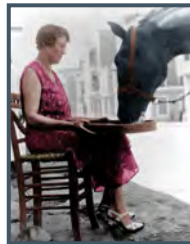
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TODAY

Decades ago, Brooke started with a single act of compassion from Dorothy Brooke – backed by the incredible support of those who responded to her plea for help. Today, our expert knowledge in animal welfare, our incredible community of dedicated supporters and our practice of sustainable change means we can transform the lives of millions of working horses, donkeys and mules.

"If those who truly love horses – who realise what it can mean to be very hungry and thirsty, and very tired, in a country where hard, ceaseless work has to be done in great heat – will send contributions, we shall be extremely grateful."



Dorothy Brooke, founder of the Brooke, from her letter published in *The Morning Post* in 1931 alerting the British public to the plight of ex-war horses.

Our vision

Imagine a world where working horses, donkeys and mules are free from suffering and have a life worth living

In some of the poorest countries around the world, over 100 million working horses, donkeys and mules are a lifeline for 600 million people. They help their owners earn money to put food on the table, to send their children to school, and to build a better future for their families.

Yet for so many of these working animals, life is tough and full of hardship. Extreme poverty and a lack of knowledge and resources means that often owners cannot give these members of the family the care they need.

Your legacy will sow seeds of change to improve the future of working animals.

Brooke's mission is to transform the lives of vulnerable working horses, donkeys and mules around the world. We relieve their immediate suffering and create lasting change by working with people, communities and organisations.

Unless change begins within communities, there will always be a cycle of suffering for their working horses, donkeys and mules. By including a gift in your Will, you will be helping us to create sustainable change and protect the lives of working animals across the world.

So your gift will mean you'll walk with them today, tomorrow, and always.



Diene and his horse Dame, Senegal.

Why gifts in Wills matter

Quite simply, without the dedication of the Brooke community, especially our legacy supporters, we wouldn't be where we are today. Over half of our income comes from gifts in Wills, helping us to keep protecting vulnerable working horses, donkeys and mules all around the world.

It's only thanks to people like you that we have been able to benefit as many animals as possible, for as long as possible.

We share knowledge and support owners so they can ensure their working animals receive the care and dignity they deserve. And because we work side-by-side with communities, we can make sure change happens from within. It could be transforming people's attitudes to the animals they rely on, so that no working animal sufferers needlessly. Or it could be passing down knowledge to the next generation, so horses, donkeys and mules are protected – not just now, but for future generations.

By including a gift in your Will, you could be part of this journey. What started as an act of compassion by Dorothy Brooke all those years ago can live on through your gift. When working animals in poor communities face a long and tough journey, you can be right there with them. Every step of the way.

Why give a gift in your Will?

We are incredibly grateful for any donation received, but the great thing about gifts in Wills is that they help us plan ahead. They ensure we can direct funds to the animals that need them most and focus on areas where we know working animals' needs are greatest.



Coal mines, Pakistan.

How your gift is spent

Thanks to the generous donations from our supporters – including those who chose to remember Brooke with a gift in their Will – we have been able to protect over 1.4 million working horses, donkeys and mules each year across fifteen countries.



1.4 million animals



2,954 Animal Service Providers



10,301 communities

We work to protect animals worldwide



Over 50%
of Brooke's income comes from supporters who have included a gift in their Will

Will including a gift in my Will really make a difference?

Because Brooke works within communities to make a difference at ground level, from Donkey Care Clubs to farrier training, the changes we make are long-term and sustainable. So whatever size gift you make, your legacy will build a brighter future for vulnerable working horses, donkeys and mules and the communities that depend on them.

How legacies transform lives

The road to happy feet: how our work with farriers protects thousands of working animals

The well-known saying "no hoof, no horse" is a painful reality for many of the 100 million working horses, donkeys and mules in the world's poorest communities. Many walk for miles every day, struggling on overgrown hooves. If their lameness isn't treated, they can end up in excruciating pain, completely unable to walk.

Correct hoof care by a well-trained farrier could prevent this. But a lack of training and resources means that farriery is an unregulated industry. Farriers often don't have the knowledge of hoof anatomy to achieve the best outcome for the animal. They may not know how to handle animals or how to keep them calm, which can lead to fear and risk of injury on both sides.

But with the help of our generous supporters, Brooke have started to tackle these setbacks.

We've developed a farrier-training programme in Senegal, Ethiopia and India, so aspiring young farriers learn technical expertise and safe handling.

The programme has been a major success – so far our team of senior farriers have taught hundreds of trainees, which means thousands of working horses, donkeys and mules now receive good hoof care, and have healthier feet.

Now hundreds more trainees want to start a career in farriery, and our aim is to make the profession a respected and regulated one, where farriers are trained to a set standard of quality.

This is just one of the ways a gift in your Will could play a powerful part in changing working animals' lives for the better, benefits which will be felt for years to come.



Working horse, Senegal.



We're working to improve the welfare of almost **130,000** working equines in Senegal and Burkina Faso

Omar Fane, Brooke-trained farrier working at the market, Senegal.

"Brooke's education and hands-on training not only directly benefits the health and well-being of equines, it benefits the owners who depend on them, the communities they live in and humanity as a whole."



Judith has included a gift in her Will to Brooke because she wants to stop animals suffering due to a lack of knowledge.

TOMORROW

Leaving a gift in your Will helps us sow the seeds of change so they can be felt for years to come. Our work within communities today means that millions of working horses, donkeys and mules will feel the benefit in the future.

"I always thought Brooke just scratched the surface in improving the lives of working animals. But by communicating and sharing knowledge with generations of owners, they're able to reach millions of equines across the world. And I want to help continue that."



Julie has left a gift in her Will as she wants to be part of a future where no working animal needlessly suffers.

Steps to change their future

How gifts in Wills help transform animal welfare for the next generation.

Danny owes his life to his young owner Tabitha who rescued him when he was not getting enough food and water. Tabitha attends her school's Donkey Care Club where she learns how crucial she is to Danny and her other donkey Bobby.

Ever since Tabitha rescued him, Danny has been well-fed and has improved in health. Tabitha now knows how to handle her donkeys with kindness, how to feed them, brush them and call a vet when they are sick or injured. She has also taught her parents that Danny and Bobby need good feed, shelter and access to green grass.

There are Donkey Care Clubs right across the world teaching children like Tabitha how best to care for their animals. Good handling is an integral part of this. Children learn that kindness means a contented animal, whereas roughness can lead to fear and mistrust. They also learn how best to feed their animals and take care of their overall well-being.

Tabitha says: "Sometimes there's no money to treat my donkeys. Sometimes I feel bad. There was a time that Bobby was going to die, I was feeling bad. So, I want people to help me to treat my donkeys."

Your support fuels our commitment to handling animals with compassion, so that working animals and their owners feel the benefit. The Donkey Care Club shows how effective this way of thinking can be. As children pass on their skills to family members and throughout their communities, more people are able to foster a trusting relationship with their working horses, donkeys and mules.

By including a gift in your Will, together we'll be helping to build this positive change in people's behaviour for generations to come – through education, clear guidelines and mentoring. So wherever in the world they are, horses, donkeys and mules can experience a trusting human-animal relationship throughout their lifetime.

We advocate handling that promotes:



Kindness & compassion



Positive human-animal relationships



Well-being for life

"When I grow up, I want to go abroad, America, everywhere, to teach them about the importance of donkeys. And they should not slaughter their donkeys because they are important."

Tabitha with her donkeys Danny and Bobby



How gifts in Wills build a better future

Protecting working animals by empowering the women that care for them

To the women in many rural communities, their working horses, donkeys and mules are a lifeline. They help them with physically demanding jobs such as fetching water and food or with agricultural work such as ploughing and harvesting – tasks that enable these women and their families to survive.

As the primary carers for their animals, women are often responsible for feeding them, providing them with shelter, and administering first aid. However, a lot of the time women have no access to the knowledge and training they need to be able to properly care for their working horses, donkeys and mules.

Brooke's supporters – including those who leave gifts in Wills – are helping women to set up their own equine welfare groups, so they can pass on this

learning to their families and reap the benefits for years to come. The welfare groups give them the opportunity to learn more about the welfare of their animals, such as how to mix inexpensive but nutritious food, keep stables clean and pick out hooves.

These groups also help women to work together to support one another, pooling together resources and saving money to give group members help when they need it. The skills they learn and the confidence gained by better support and financial stability is empowering women with the tools they need to live well today, and thrive in the future.

Most importantly, their horses, donkeys and mules benefit immensely from the compassion and good-quality care their owners give them.



An estimated
TWO THIRDS
of livestock keepers in
developing countries are
WOMEN



Members of an equine welfare group with their donkeys, Kenya.

"Brooke came along and they showed her how to look after her donkey, and they really bonded. I found that really empowering, and now she can teach her children how to show compassion for their animals, and that will go on through the generations."



Katherine, who wants to make a positive change to the lives of working animals that will last year after year.

ALWAYS

The road they have to walk is challenging, but by including a gift in your Will you'll be by their side – today, tomorrow and always.

"Getting your Will organised can give you an enormous sense of satisfaction that after you've gone, you'll still be there for those who are most important to you. I know that by supporting Brooke in my Will, I'm going to be helping working horses, donkeys, and mules for many, many years to come."



Angela Rippon, Brooke supporter

The Brooke Legacy Team: here to help you

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will, need help with the process, or simply want to know how your support will help working animals in the future, our team will be on hand to help.

Our friendly team can answer your questions about writing or updating your Will, and give you information about our Free Will Service. Please be aware that we can't offer legal advice. You can also visit thebrooke.org/legacies for tips on a variety of things – from how to get your Will witnessed to what to do after you've written your Will.

You can also find more information on how to write or update your Will at www.gov.uk/make-will

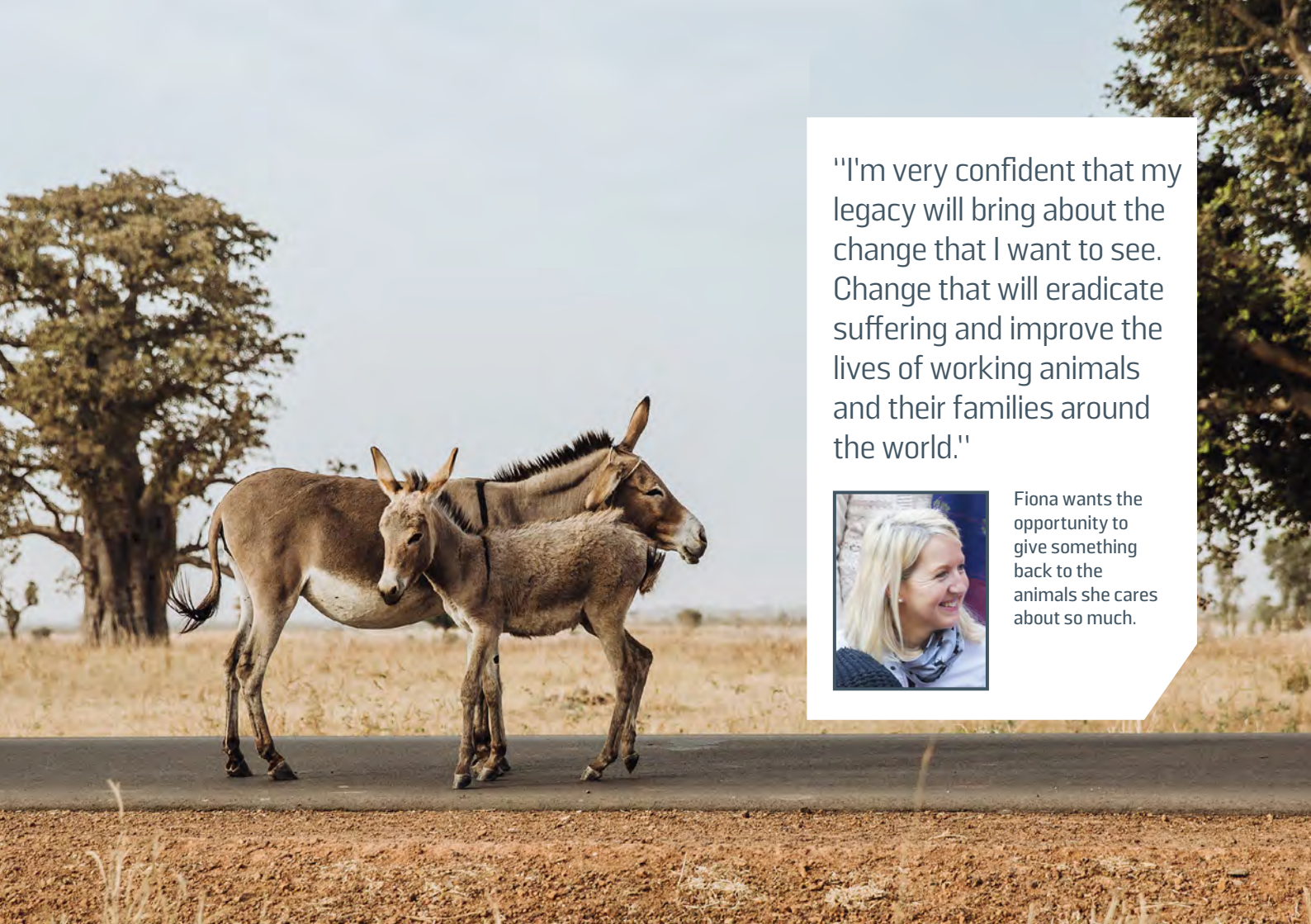
We're only a phone call away, so if you need to ask us about anything, no matter how small, give us a ring on **020 7470 9343** any time between 9am–5pm, Monday to Friday, or email us at legacies@thebrooke.org

EXCLUSIVE EVENTS

We organise events throughout the year specifically for our most loyal supporters, where you can meet with like-minded people in your area and find out more about the impact your legacy could have. If you would like to join us at an event, please get in touch via phone or email us at events@thebrooke.org



Ajmal and his donkey Javina, Pakistan.



"I'm very confident that my legacy will bring about the change that I want to see. Change that will eradicate suffering and improve the lives of working animals and their families around the world."



Fiona wants the opportunity to give something back to the animals she cares about so much.

Before you start writing your Will

If you decide to include a gift in your Will, here are six simple steps to help you feel well prepared before you meet your solicitor or Will-writing service.

How to amend your existing Will

You don't need to rewrite your entire Will to make a small update. You can use a document called a Codicil. This will need to be properly drawn up and signed in the same way as a Will for it to be valid, so you'll need to consult a solicitor. You can also use our Free Will Service via the National Free Wills Network at mynetworkportal.org/brooke

1. List your most valuable possessions

Jot down any property you own, valuables such as jewellery, or savings or investments. This will then become known as your estate.

2. Note down what you think they're worth

Make a rough estimate of the value of each item.

3. Take care of your loved ones

Consider what you want to leave to them before thinking about the rest of your estate.

4. Consider the causes you're closest to

Think about which charities or causes are important to you, and that you would like to remember in your Will.

5. Decide who you want to carry out your wishes

You'll need to consider who you'll want to manage your estate when you're gone. They will be known as your Executor.

6. Get in touch with a solicitor or a Will-writing service

You're now ready to get your Will written by a solicitor or a Will-writing service.

Take advantage of our Free Will Service

It's your chance to get your own affairs in order – and to leave a gift to help the next generation of working animals if you wish. See the next page for more details.

Three ways to write a simple Will for free

By teaming up with Farewill and the National Free Wills Network, we've made it easy for you to write a simple Will – and leave a gift to Brooke that will have a long-term impact.

Online

Farewill can help you write a simple Will online in as little as 30 minutes. It's available if you live in England or Wales, and every Will is checked by a specialist. Don't forget to print your Will and sign it to make it legal!

To get started, visit farewill.com/bro-8

By phone

A Farewill specialist can help you write a simple Will over the phone for free. Your Will is then posted to you within 10 days for you to sign and have witnessed. This service is available to anyone living in the UK.

To book an appointment, call 020 8050 2686 and quote BROOKE or visit farewill.com/brooke-phone

Amends to previous Wills cannot be done online using Farewill, so you will need to use the National Free Wills Network if you wish to change an existing Will.

Please note that you need to be 18 years or over to use our Free Will Service.

With a local solicitor

Through the National Free Wills Network a trusted solicitor in your area can help write or update a simple Will with you.

1. Register online or call us to get registered and receive a 'Will pack' within 10 days.
2. Choose a solicitor near you from the list of 800+ participants.
3. Arrange your Free Will Service appointment.

To register, visit mynetworkportal.org/brooke or call us on 020 7470 9343



Types of gift you can include in your Will

There are three types of gift you can include in your Will. Here's a handy guide to each of them, as well as useful wording you can use when writing your Will or amending an existing one.

Residuary gift a share of your estate

A residuary gift will leave Brooke a share or the whole of the remainder of your estate after your other wishes and expenses have been met. With a residuary legacy, your gift may grow over time as the value of your estate increases. You can decide what share of the remainder (residue) you want to gift to Brooke.

What to say: "I give the whole of my residuary estate (or x% of the residue of my estate) to the Brooke Hospital for Animals of First Floor, 10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE, Charity Registration No. 1085760, Scottish Charity No. SC050582 for its general charitable purposes and the receipt of the proper officer of the Brooke Hospital for Animals shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy."

Pecuniary gift a specified sum of money

A pecuniary gift is the gift of a specified amount of money. By leaving a pecuniary legacy to Brooke you can fix an amount in your Will, but its value may be reduced over the years by inflation.

What to say: "I give the sum of £x to the Brooke Hospital for Animals of First Floor, 10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE, Charity Registration No. 1085760, Scottish Charity No. SC050582 for its general charitable purposes and the receipt of the proper officer of the Brooke Hospital for Animals shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy."

Specific gift a particular item

A specific legacy is the gift of a physical item or items in your Will to Brooke. For example, this could be property, or stocks and shares.

What to say: "I give my (description) to the Brooke Hospital for Animals of First Floor, 10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE, Charity Registration No. 1085760, Scottish Charity No. SC050582 for its general charitable purposes and the receipt of the proper officer of the Brooke Hospital for Animals shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy."

Key legal terms and what they mean

Some legal terms regularly appear in the Will-writing process. We've listed some of the most common ones you may find as you write or update your Will.

Assets

These are things you own that are worth money. They could be your house, your savings or shares. They could also be smaller items, such as jewellery or paintings.

Beneficiary

This is a person or institution (such as a charity) who receives a gift from a Will.

Codicil

This document acts as an amendment to your Will (instead of rewriting it), but which is signed and witnessed in the same way as a Will.

Estate

This is the total value of everything you own.

Executor

The person named in a Will to make sure the person who has written the Will's wishes are carried out. This can be a friend or family member or can be a solicitor.

Intestacy

This is what the estate of a person who dies without having made a Will is called.

Legacy

This is a gift of assets (such as money or property) in a Will.

Probate

This is the process of dealing with the estate of someone who has died, where their debts are cleared and the remaining assets are distributed according to their wishes.

We've included a form in this PDF. If you can, please fill in the form and send it back to us.

This will mean you will be able to keep up to date about Brooke's work and be first to hear about exclusive events in your area.

Will you let your compassion live on?



If we know what legacies we are getting, it means we can plan for the future. If you have included a gift in your Will to Brooke – or if you are considering including a legacy to Brooke – please let us know:

Call Phoebe, from the Legacy Team on 020 7470 9343 any time between 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday

Email us at legacies@thebrooke.org

Use the reply form Simply download this PDF and print out the reply form, complete your details and return it to us by post at:

The Legacy Marketing Team,
Brooke, York House,
Wetherby Road, Long Marston,
York, YO26 7NH



Will you let your compassion live on?

Would you like to include a gift in your Will?

- YES I have included a gift in Will to Brooke
- YES I'm considering including a gift in my Will to Brooke

Please let us know that you have or would like to include a gift in your Will to Brooke. Knowing that we can count on your support years from now, helps us plan for how to protect more working horses, donkeys and mules in the future.

Keeping in touch

Your support is important to us and we would like to keep you updated about Brooke news, events, activities (including fundraising and appeals) and how you can support us.

It's easy and free to send back your form, simply print out, fill in and send it back to this address:
 Legacy Marketing Team
 Brooke, York House,
 Wetherby Road,
 Long Marston, York,
 YO26 7NH

Name _____ Address _____

 _____ Postcode _____

Are you happy for Brooke to contact you by email or phone?

By email Yes No (You must tick the yes box to receive emails) _____

By telephone Yes No (You must tick the yes box to receive calls) _____

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"I have been involved with Brooke for a number of years now and love the impact of the work they do, I only started thinking about my Will after having Sarcoma cancer and wanted to give to charities. Brooke is a charity that is incredibly close to my heart so I wanted to leave something."



Hannah Russell,
Brooke Youth Ambassador,
Author and Entrepreneur.



Hannah Russell, Brooke Youth Ambassador, Kenya.

**For working horses,
donkeys and mules the
road is long and tough.**

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Or to find out more information on including
a legacy, visit thebrooke.org/legacies



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