

Glen of Imaal Mountain
Rescue Team



Thanks to you, these volunteers are saving lives

Imagine you're having a walk in the Wicklow hills. You might be a few hundred metres up. The view is stunning! Then you fall and break your leg. Suddenly, you feel isolated. And worse, the battery on your phone has died.

Now what?

That's when you can depend on this team of highly trained volunteers. These men and women

are ready at a moment's notice to help. From twisted ankles to waterfall or helicopter rescues, they're prepared. They've even studied how to find you with a compass.

This is a big commitment by each team member. You can't tell when the next emergency call may come through – and out you must go. But they want you to know they serve

for the love of it, even though their work can be arduous and even dangerous.

You can be proud that this remarkable team of volunteers is a branch of the Irish Red Cross. And great thanks to every one of them for their brave and needed work!

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Remembering a woman *who remembered the world*

Mary was a dedicated teacher who left us a kind gift in her Will. We were pleased to chat with her Executor and learn more about her generous friend's life.

Honesty was right down Mary's backbone. She had no time for any kind of dishonesty! She was a great believer in giving people an opportunity.

Mary was a principal teacher in a primary school. It was a country school, where you had to be master of many things.

For Mary, what was most important was that everybody had a chance.

Mary would come to your rescue when you needed her. She was cheerful and hospitable. And she tended to be thrifty – that was how she accumulated her money. But when she saw something in need, she would quietly contribute.

It is fitting that Mary would choose to leave a gift to the Irish Red Cross - Mary would look for where help was needed and where she could make the greatest difference, too.



We're grateful for the extraordinary people – like Mary

– who choose to leave a gift in their Will to the Irish Red Cross to support vulnerable people here and around the world. It's important to remember that you needn't be wealthy to remember the Irish Red Cross in your Will. After you take care of your loved ones, even 1% of your estate will make a tremendous difference to people in Ireland and abroad. And it's easily done!

If you would like more information about leaving a gift in your Will, please ring Donya Anvari at (01) 642 4649 or email her at danvari@redcross.ie. Donya will be happy to walk you through the simple steps!



From your heart to a world in need

The global response to COVID-19 continues – with your help

COVID-19 doesn't care about borders. No one has been spared from its effects.

This pandemic has not affected us all equally. In places where people were already dealing with poverty, hunger and war, COVID-19 has made things all the more difficult. That's why Red Cross staff and volunteers around the world are on the frontline of the pandemic response.

And your generous spirit answered the need. Here are some of the ways you have helped around the world:

In a few moments you can help fund more life-saving work at your Irish Red Cross.

If your gifts to us add up to €250 in one year, your gift could be worth at least an additional €112 from Revenue! Just complete the CHY3 Tax Form when you receive it.

Last year, wonderful supporters who returned their forms generated €173,704 extra income from Revenue for us. That's more money we can put toward saving lives here and abroad.

We're so grateful to you. You're already making a tremendous difference in the lives of vulnerable people. And because you're so caring and concerned, we knew you'd want to know how you can easily extend your generous support.

For further information, please see redcross.ie/charity-tax-back

Thank you!



INDONESIA

Indonesia has become the region's epicentre with more new cases being reported each day, on average, than in India. Red Cross ambulance services have helped more than 2,055 people. And nearly 2 million have accessed health services through the Red Cross with clinics across the country.



INDIA

In India, a high tuberculosis rate creates a greater COVID-19 risk. The symptoms are similar, often affecting the lungs. Many people with TB live in crowded areas, increasing the danger of COVID-19 infection.

Volunteer groups have been active across India. They share hygiene information, disinfection activities, and health surveillance. And in Jalandhar, Punjab, Red Cross volunteers are working around the clock to provide food to the most vulnerable.



NEPAL

In Nepal, an emergency blood transfusion service and an eye-care service have been created. Communities have received tents and tarpaulins to create help desks. Two ambulances are also on standby in the Myagdi District, ready to bring patients to major hospitals.

COVID-19 intervention is now part of our Community Livelihood Programme. We have distributed masks, soap, and hand sanitiser to 415 households in Begkhola village.



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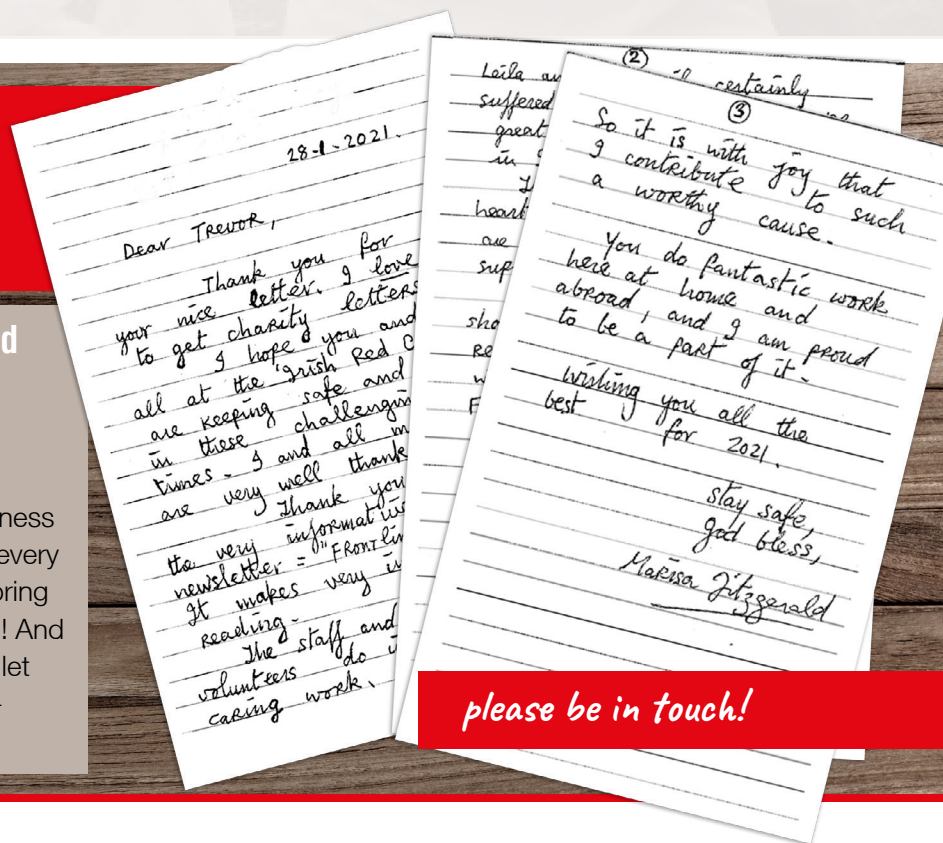
We've scaled up our COVID-19 response through a wide network of branches and volunteers. To support the healthcare system, we are distributing surgical masks and personal protective equipment. We are also setting up medical tents. These tents serve as medical units when hospitals with COVID-19 patients are full.

These activities around the world are possible because kind and generous people like you are part of the Irish Red Cross. For every person helped during this pandemic, thank you!

We love to hear from you!

Earlier this year, we received a kind note from one of our supporters. It lifted all of our spirits here, so we wanted to share it with you.

Nothing we do happens without your kindness and caring. You are there for every training, every rescue, every bit of skill and caring we can bring to vulnerable people everywhere. Thank you! And if you ever have a question – or just want to let us know what news you like to read about –



please be in touch!

Your trust matters to us.

So we promise you we will:

Respect your dignity and that of all people

We support the Dóchas Code of Conduct when sharing images and stories of people around the world. That means we respect the dignity of the people concerned. We share names or protect each person's anonymity as they wish. So you can trust the information we share with you will be truthful.

Guard your right to data privacy

We will not sell your details to other organisations for marketing purposes. If we're emailing, phoning, or texting you during appeals, we'll only do so with your permission. If we write to you, we'll



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always make sure you can opt out. You may update your preferences at any time by ringing us at 1800 50 70 70.

Be honest and open with you about our work

As a registered Irish charity, we depend on your support. In every element of our work, we work to uphold the highest standards of

governance, accountability, and transparency.

As a valued supporter of the Irish Red Cross, you're part of a worldwide humanitarian movement. Your generous gifts are used to help those most in need. We're committed to providing impartial services and support to vulnerable people and communities both in Ireland and abroad.

As part of a global movement, we abide by the seven principles of the Red Cross:

Humanity:

We will respect the life and health of every person



Impartiality:

we will not discriminate as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class, or political opinions.



Neutrality:

We will not take sides in hostilities, because we must have the trust of all sides.



Independence:

We must operate independent of governments and other organizations, while operating within the law.



Voluntary service:

The Red Cross is a voluntary relief movement and not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.



Unity:

There can be only one Red Cross or Red Crescent Society in any one country, and it must be open to all.



Universality:

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is world-wide.



Your support for the Irish Red Cross is deeply appreciated. And you are helping people both here and abroad. Your trust matters to us.

YOU matter to us.

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In Beirut...

How you continue to help, one year on



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Beirut is suffering. The economic crisis has devalued Lebanon's currency. Last year's port explosion demolished lives as well as buildings. Lebanon has the highest per capita share of refugees in the world. And they are fighting a COVID-19 surge since January.

The priority now is sustaining Lebanon's health services. The most pressing demand is for ambulance services and blood transfusions.

COVID-19 operations focus on helping people recover from the virus. The country is in the midst of one of the region's worst outbreaks. And last month, a vaccine marathon had to be postponed due to electricity outages.

Hospitals are bursting with COVID-19 patients. So the Lebanese Red Cross launched an initiative to deliver oxygen machines. Red Cross hotlines still receive more than 4,000 calls each day. Almost all are about COVID-19 patients.

Many families in Lebanon are still struggling. The Red Cross has responded with direct financial aid in US dollars, since the local currency has lost its value.

People around the world, through the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) have come to the aid of the people of Lebanon.


With your generous support, you are part of this movement as well. Because you care about people – whether they are down your street or across the world – you save and sustain lives. Thank you!



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