



A LEGACY FOR WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

We do not own the future
but we can help create it



Good Shepherd

Australia New Zealand

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This booklet provides practical information on issues to be considered when leaving a Gift to charity in your Will. Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand recommends independent legal advice is sought when drawing up your Will.

Message from our CEO, Stella Avramopoulos

Leaving a Gift to Good Shepherd in your Will is one of the single most rewarding Gifts you can give.

A Gift to Good Shepherd will help women and their families to be safe, financially secure and empowered to choose their own future.

By leaving a Gift in your Will to Good Shepherd, you'll help break cycles of disadvantage for generations to come.

I have admired Good Shepherd's work for many years and feel privileged to be leading this organisation. After spending time with our teams and seeing the work we do, I can say with confidence that Good Shepherd people are committed to creating a future for women and families free from entrenched disadvantage.

Your Gift will help us continue to deliver critical programs and services such as domestic and family violence services, financial counselling and skills building programs, and specialised education programs.

Together, we have the greatest chance of creating real, lasting change. Every Gift—no matter how large or small—is of immense value.

Thank you for your consideration. Your support will help us to break cycles of disadvantage. For the next generation. Forever.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stella Avramopoulos". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stella Avramopoulos,
CEO, Good Shepherd
Australia New Zealand



Empowering women and children to live full, safe lives

Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand is part of a 200-year-old network, spanning over 70 countries. We aim to create just and equal communities where women and children can live full, safe lives.

This has been our focus for over 150 years in Australia. Our work first began with women and girls who were abandoned and destitute. We set about providing accommodation and education opportunities so they could change the outcomes in their lives.

Over time we moved our programs and services into the community so we could work more closely with women and their families. While we changed with the times, we have remained committed to women and girls. We know that improving the lives of women and girls has a positive effect on families and communities. We believe it's the best way to create generational change and invite you to continue this journey with us.

Why leave a Gift in your Will to Good Shepherd?

After you've taken care of your loved ones, including a charity in your Will can be a simple and effective way to make a lasting difference.

Each year thousands of ordinary Australians leave a Gift in their Will to causes they care about. Just like you, many of these people want to make a long-term investment in the future of women and children caught in cycles of disadvantage.

A Gift in your Will is one of the most enduring and inspiring Gifts you can give. It offers you the opportunity to keep on supporting the issues that are important to you, well into the future. It also gives the most vulnerable women and children certainty, knowing that Good Shepherd is there. When you leave a Gift in your Will to Good Shepherd you're enabling us to continue our work with those who need it most.

Our innovative research and integrated programs and services include:

- Domestic and family violence refuge and recovery services
- Financial counselling and financial capability programs
- Education programs
- Community houses
- Youth homelessness services

By supporting our work you are creating a legacy that is helping women and children pursue their goals, experience brighter futures and create long-term change in their lives.

Good Shepherd has been working with local communities since the 1800s so you can trust we will use your Gift wisely and effectively.

A Gift in your Will also gives Good Shepherd the flexibility to respond to people's most urgent needs. We'll always direct your Gift to where it can make the biggest difference.

Regaining inner strength



Tania came to Good Shepherd's family violence program trembling and in tears, asking for help to apply for an intervention order. Tania and her daughter Ally had been abused by her ex-partner, Ally's father, for many years.

The team at Good Shepherd referred Tania to a legal service and a mental health support group and arranged for Ally to see the children's counsellor. When counselling began, Ally wept constantly. Over time Good Shepherd counsellors worked with Ally and Tania to develop safety, stress management and communication strategies.

"Knowing I had back-up support to help me get out of the controlling cycle of violence gave me the strength to make things better for Ally," said Tania.

Both Tania and Ally were invited to attend our school holiday camp for children experiencing family violence. Ally is looking forward to making friends with other kids who have had similar experiences.

Ally said, "I'm sleeping better now that I know Mum is getting the support she needs. She is getting stronger."

Tania and Ally are both stronger and more resilient, and looking forward to a much brighter future.

Your Gift in Will has the potential to make an impact on the lives of women and children like Tania and Ally.

Note: The names of our clients have been changed and a generic image has been used to respect privacy.

“Good Shepherd is
a natural choice for
support in my Will”
- John Date



John Date has supported Good Shepherd for close to 50 years and has chosen to include a Gift to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand in his Will. His decision to support us this way was something that came naturally to him.

John’s support began in the 1960s when he was asked to join an advisory board to assist Good Shepherd. As John worked with the Sisters and staff as a volunteer he came to see our work required his financial support too. “At the time, Good Shepherd supported women and children when there was no government assistance, and I developed an affinity for their mission.”

John has continued to support us both as a donor and a volunteer, and when it came time to rewrite his Will he chose to include a Gift to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand. “When I was growing up, the need for philanthropy was instilled in me. If one was fortunate in life there was a corresponding obligation or duty to help others who have not been so fortunate. As a long-time supporter of Good Shepherd, they are the obvious choice for me.”

John says he is familiar with Good Shepherd’s administration systems and knows that all money donated is used to deliver programs that make a real difference to women and their families.

How to leave a Gift in your Will



This section provides details about how to leave a Gift in your Will to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand. You can take this section to your solicitor or Trustee Company for further advice and assistance.

Options for leaving a Gift in your Will

There are three main types of Gifts to choose from:

A residuary bequest

After taking care of your family you can leave all or a percentage of the remainder (residue) of your estate to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand.

A percentage of your estate

You can leave a nominated portion or fixed percentage of your estate to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand. This means you're less likely to need to update your Will later on.

A special bequest

You can leave a sum of money or a specified item to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand, such as artwork, jewellery, property, antiques, furniture or shares.

Suggested wording for leaving a Gift in your Will

Here is the suggested legal wording to use in your Will when including a Gift to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand.

I give, free of all duties and taxes...

[please insert the appropriate statement(s) selected from 1-7 below]

1. the residue of my estate (or *[insert number]* % of the residue of my estate)
2. the whole of my estate (or *[insert number]* % of my estate)
3. the sum of \$ *[insert value of your Gift]*
4. *[insert number]* units/shares in *[insert name of company/companies]*
5. my real property (or *[insert number]* % of my real property) situated at *[insert address of property/properties]* having the title reference *[insert title reference]*
6. the proceeds from the sale of *[insert reference to specific item(s) such as artwork, jewellery, furniture, etc]* as liquidated by the executor of my estate
7. life insurance policy no. *[insert policy number]* held by *[insert name of life insurance company]*

Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand (ABN 61 354 551 576) to be used for its general purposes. The official receipt of the organisation shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor(s)/trustee(s).



Frequently asked questions

Why is having a Will so important?

Everyone should have a Will, but more than 50 per cent of Australians never get around to it. Without a Will, your assets will be distributed according to state law. By having a Will you can ensure that your assets are distributed in accordance with your wishes by providing for your loved ones and issues you care about.

I don't want my family and friends to miss out.
What should I do?

We understand your loved ones come first. Most of our supporters include a Gift to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand after they have taken care of family and friends. Ask your solicitor or Trustee Company about the best way for you to do this.

Do I have enough money to leave a Gift in my Will?

Thousands of ordinary Australians leave a Gift in their Will to a cause they care about. Every Gift—no matter how large or small—can make an enormous and lasting difference to women's and children's lives.

How much will leaving a Gift in my Will cost me and how long will it take?

The cost of putting together or updating your Will depends on how complex your personal affairs are. Ask your solicitor for an estimate.

Once you've made your decision, leaving a Gift in your Will is easy to arrange. A few phone calls and a visit to your solicitor or Trustee Company is all it should take. Alternatively, you can include a Gift in your Will to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand next time you make or update your Will.

Can I add a Gift to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand to an existing Will?

Yes, it is as simple as adding an amendment or Codicil to your existing Will. Please contact your solicitor or Trustee Company and they will assist you with this.

How do I include a Gift in my Will to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand?

You can use the suggested wording for leaving a Gift in your Will on page 8 of this booklet as a guide when speaking to your solicitor or Trustee Company. It is important that bequests are left to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand (ABN 61 354 551 576).

Can I leave conditions about how the Gift is used or request a specific use for the Gift?

We ask that you keep your Gift quite general so it's easier for us to fulfil your wishes in the future. This also means we can respond where the need is greatest when we eventually receive the Gift. Let us know if you want to support an area of our work. We are happy to discuss this and give you as much choice as possible.

Should I tell you that I've included a Gift to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand in my Will?

You can tell us you've included a Gift in your Will if you want to. We'd love to hear from you, if that's what you choose, so we can thank you for your thoughtfulness. All information you share with us is strictly confidential. By letting us know, we can also give you a choice about how you would like us to communicate with you in future. If you do wish to tell us, please fill out the form enclosed with this booklet or contact us directly by phone or email.

Should I tell my loved ones about my Will?

This is a personal decision for you to make, but we do suggest letting your family know of your wishes ahead of time. Discussing your wishes with your loved ones means you can explain your decisions and answer any questions they have.

**If you have more questions,
or just want to talk to us in person,
please contact us on 03 9270 9700
or bequests@goodshp.org.au**





Thank you

We want to thank you for considering leaving a Gift in your Will and your support of Good Shepherd.

If you have any further questions about leaving a Gift in your Will please contact us on 03 9270 9700 or (Freecall) 1800 791 731 or (Email) bequests@goodshep.org.au



Letting Good Shepherd know your wishes

If you wish to let us know your Gift in Will intentions, please fill out both sides of this form, detach and return it to us. Thank you.

CONFIDENTIAL REPLY FORM

YOUR DETAILS:

Title (please circle) Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr

Given Names:

Last Name:

Street Address:

Suburb/Town:

Postcode:

Date of Birth:

Telephone: Home:

Work:

Mobile:

Email:

Your intention to:

- I intend to leave a Gift to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand in my Will.
- I have already included Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand in my Will.
- I am considering leaving a Gift to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand in my Will but require further information to assist my decision.

Please return this form to:

Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand
PO Box 182
Abbotsford Vic 3067

The information you provide will remain strictly confidential and will help us ensure our records are accurate.



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