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Why think about charities?

Charities change people's lives and make the world a better place. Whether it's curing diseases, caring for the sick, defending the vulnerable, preserving our nature or one of the many other ways in which charities do their good work.

Charities rely on bequests. Gifts left in Wills are the financial backbone of many charities in Australia.

In fact, without these thoughtful gifts, many charities would struggle to do their good work. Government assistance is often inadequate. Many charities are under pressure to provide more and more services, to help more people and to fund new, desperately needed projects.

Your loved ones come first

After you've provided for your family and friends in your Will, the gifts you include for your favourite charities can be for as much or as little as you want.

Many people choose to make sure they've looked after their family and friends and then divide whatever is left over (the residue) among their favourite charities.

Every gift counts

The most modest bequest to a charity can make a big difference – they all add up to leave the world just that little bit better.

Anybody can do it

You don't have to be rich, famous or eccentric to leave a bequest. The reality is that most charitable gifts in Wills are left by thoughtful Australians – people just like you who simply want to make a positive difference to the world after they're gone.

Including gifts to charities in your Will is very easy and, if you're already updating or writing your Will, it shouldn't cost you anything.

Who are we?

Include a Charity is a collaboration of nearly 90 of Australia's most-loved charities. We are also a not-for-profit charity. Working closely with solicitors around the country, our aim is to encourage and inspire more Australians like you to think about including gifts to charities in your Will.

Find out more by visiting our website:
includeacharity.com.au

Making or updating your Will?

Ask your solicitor how your values can

Live on



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“Mum and Dad raised us to think of others with care and respect. Leaving something to our favourite charities in our Wills honours their memory and how they brought us up.”

Catherine and Stephen, NSW



Five simple steps to help

There are five simple steps that you can follow to ensure your Will allows your values to live on long into the future.

1 Choose your favourite charities

Many people choose to remember the good causes they support at the moment. Others select the charities that have helped them or their families in times of need.

Lots of people decide to remember someone special to them and thoughtfully pay tribute to a loved one through their final gifts to charity. Our website contains details of how to get in touch with your favourite charities if you'd like to ask them any questions about including them in your Will. www.includeacharity.com.au

2 Decide on the type of gift

After you've looked after your loved ones, ask your solicitor to explain the different types of gifts you can include, such as:

- Gifting the residue or the remainder of your estate
- Leaving a percentage (%) of your estate
- Specifying a particular amount for your gift
- Leaving your property or stocks and shares.

Don't forget to ask your solicitor about what happens with your superannuation – you could decide to add that into your estate and gift it to your favourite charities.



3 Talk it over with your family

Let them know how you feel about leaving gifts to your favourite charities, and that your charitable gifts will not disadvantage them. Explain why you want to be remembered in this way.

4 Ask your solicitor about it

Let your solicitor know which charities you'd like to support and discuss the type of gifts that best suits you and your circumstances.

Your solicitor may advise you that a simple codicil (an extension to your Will) may be all that is required rather than re-writing your existing Will.

5 Let your chosen charities know

Once you've included your favourite charities in your Will, why not get in touch with them and let them know about your decision? That way they can thank you personally and keep you informed about the work they are doing.