

# Leaving a Legacy of Love.

*Your guide to gifts in Wills*

# A message from Kirsty Robertson.

**When you leave a gift to Caritas Australia, the Catholic international aid and development organisation, you leave a legacy of love which endures for generations.**

For more than 50 years, supporters of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion, have represented so much of the goodness in humanity – a story of love that our world so desperately needs. You make it possible to continue this work and it is one of the reasons why we have been able to reach so many, for so long. This is crucial because you enable long-term programs and ensure we can continue to respond to emergencies and natural disasters.

By crafting solutions to their own development, we empower whole communities to become architects of their own future.

With your support, Caritas Australia has worked to end poverty, promote justice and uphold human dignity by accompanying marginalised communities.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you will enable this life-changing work to continue, leaving a legacy of love.

On behalf of Caritas Australia, thank you.

Kirsty Robertson  
Chief Executive Officer  
Caritas Australia



*Kirsty Robertson*



We respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the country on which we work.

Photo : Zimbabwe, Caritas Internationalis

“Together, we can help people live a life worthy of their dignity”

Kirsty Robertson

**Michelle Fernon is a long-time supporter of Caritas Australia.  
Inspired by her faith and passion for social justice, Michelle speaks about  
why she has decided to place Caritas in her Will.**

I first learned about Caritas when I was a child at school and vividly recall collecting coins for the Project Compassion Box.

Giving to Caritas Australia has made me a much happier person. I feel empowered, knowing that we're doing something for the most marginalised.

The sense of concern that I sometimes feel thinking about the poverty and suffering in the world today, has been taken away by knowing where my money is going and that it's going to a good cause.

The last time I get to speak to people most important in my life will be through my Will. I have great faith in Caritas Australia's ability to end poverty and uphold people's dignity. Caritas doesn't tell its partners what to do but walks alongside them.

There are so many charities out there, but I know that with Caritas, I'm giving in the right way, to a place that has good governance, a good development approach and spends minimally on administration.

I can recommend Caritas wholeheartedly.



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## Our impact.

# Caritas is working to end poverty.

- **1.52 million people reached**
- **65 long-term programs**
- **30 humanitarian and emergency responses**
- **23 countries including Australia**

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- Your legacy is safe in our hands. We form part of one of the largest humanitarian networks in the world.
- Our administration fees are one of the lowest in our sector.
- We stand with communities before, during and after an emergency. Our emergency response network means we can respond immediately because we work with local partners and churches already in country.
- Our culturally-sensitive programs are created by local partners who are best placed to identify the needs of their own communities and live a life worthy of their dignity. Some of these include healthcare, clean water, sanitation, education, housing and sustainable food security and livelihood projects.
- We support people regardless of their religious, political or cultural beliefs.
- We reach some of the most remote communities in Australia, Asia, Africa and the Pacific.
- A non-government, not-for-profit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) accredited organisation and member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

**For everything you need to know about leaving a gift in your Will, turn to pages 10 - 11.**

“Caritas”  
means love and  
compassion  
in Latin.

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to be wealthy  
to leave a gift  
in your Will.

Leaving a gift  
in your Will  
is easy.

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Photo: Sudan, Caritas Internationalis



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“In gratitude, we continue Christ’s work with your legacy.”

Sr Jo Brady RSJ, Head of Mission, Caritas Australia

# Create a future where lack of education no longer traps families in poverty.

## For Martina, a mother of eight living in rural Timor-Leste, escaping domestic violence was the first step in her journey to a new life.

The shelter where Martina sought refuge, is a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program, a holistic community-wide program that offers women like Martina economic empowerment and a life of safety in a supportive environment.

*"After I left the shelter, I felt confident for my future. They really helped me to learn how to be strong; how to change my life to support myself and to have some money to support my children,"* Martina says.

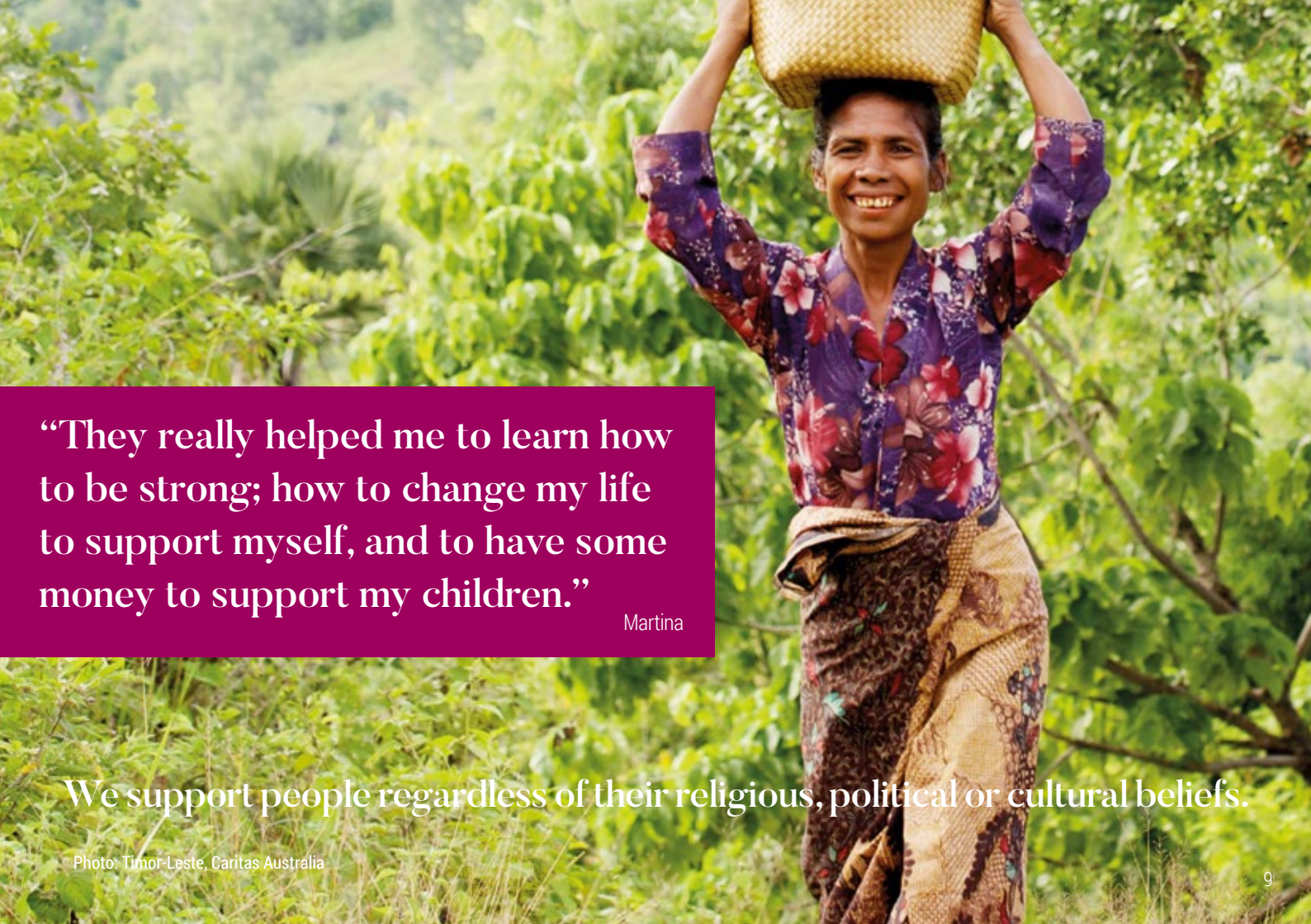
When she joined the Caritas Australia supported Protection Program, she received vital training in microfinance, management and saving money. Now, Martina has her independence and ability to earn an income to support her family and provide an education.

*"Education is the most important thing to change my children's lives."*

Gender-based violence is a critical issue for women in Timor-Leste, and this is the most reported crime to the National Vulnerable Persons Unit.

Your support enables Caritas to continue this important work with vulnerable women like Martina and her family.





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Photo: Timor-Leste, Caritas Australia

# Leaving a Legacy of Love.

Preparing your Will helps to look after your loved ones and gives peace of mind. We understand that your family and friends come first and that leaving a gift in your Will is a personal decision.

**Whether you're writing a new Will or amending an existing one, including Caritas Australia is simple.**

**There are three different types of gifts you can consider:**

- A **specific** gift is a sum of money or property. You can ask your solicitor to draft a cash gift to account for inflation.
- A **residuary** gift is the remainder of your estate after all expenses, debts and taxes have been paid, and after any specific gifts.
- A **percentage** gift is a percentage of your residuary estate. This gift is used if you wish to divide your estate among a number of people or organisations.

Your generous gift will make a real difference. Whatever you decide, we recommend that you work with a solicitor to write your new Will, or amend an existing Will.

Your solicitor should ensure that your Will includes the correct legal name of our organisation and ensure that the gift can still be made if our organisation changes its name during your lifetime.

**Find out more at [www.caritas.org.au/legacyoflove](http://www.caritas.org.au/legacyoflove) .**

# The wording for your Will.

It's easy to include Caritas Australia in your Will. You can use the suggested wording provided below.

I give...

(Please insert the appropriate statement from the following options:)

**A.** The sum of \$ [insert value of your gift]

or

**B.** The residue of my estate

or

**C.** [insert number] % of the residue of my estate

to the Australian Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church for the general purposes of Caritas Australia (ABN 90 970 605 069) absolutely. The receipt of the authorised officer of the organisation shall be sufficient discharge to my executor.

“It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving”

Mother Teresa



Photo: Bangladesh, Caritas NZ



Thank you for  
considering  
a gift in your Will

Photo: Ethiopia, Caritas Internationalis



End poverty  
Promote justice  
Uphold dignity

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