

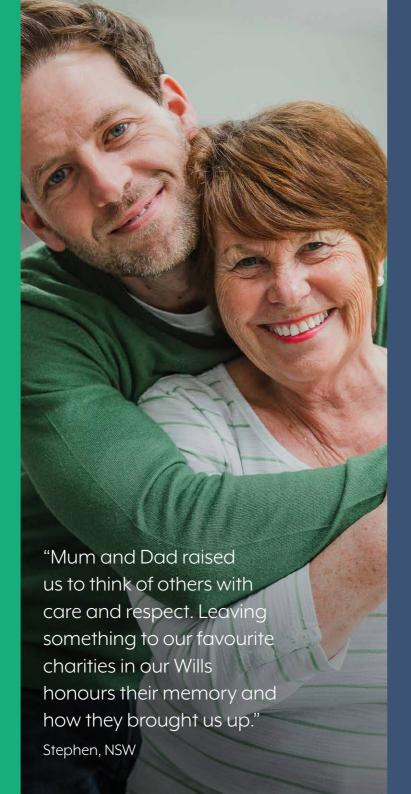
#### **Every gift counts**

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 difference and see their vision for the world live on.

Including a gift to charity in your Will is very easy and, if you are already updating or writing your Will, it won't cost you anything.



# Let your vision live on

#### Who are we?

Include a Charity is a collaboration of over 100 of Australia's most-loved charities. Working closely with solicitors around the country, our aim is to encourage and inspire more Australians like you to think about including gift to charity in your Will.

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

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Learn how your Will can let your vision for the world live on.



# What's your vision?

Your values have defined your life.
The care and compassion you've shown and all the ways you've given back have made the world a better place.
Now, you can ensure that your personal mission lives on by leaving a gift in your Will to a charity. Whether it's curing diseases, caring for the sick, defending the vulnerable or protecting nature, a Gift in Will keeps your vision for the world alive.

Gifts left in Wills are the financial backbone of many charities in Australia. In fact, without these thoughtful gifts, many charities would struggle to carry out their missions.

#### Your loved ones come first

After you have 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 divide whatever is left over (the residue) among their favourite charities.

# 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 lasting 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 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.

# 3 Decide on the type of gift

After you have looked after your loved ones, decide what kind of gift best suits your circumstances.

The different types of gifts you can include are:

- 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 you can also add your superannuation into your estate and gift it to your favourite charities.

### 4 Get the help of a professional

Once you've decided which charities you'd like to support and the type of gift, speak to a solicitor or public trustee who can help ensure your paperwork is in order and presented the right way.

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 have 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.