



A guide to leaving a gift in your Will.

**A legacy to  
believe in.**

**Uniting**



**At Uniting, we act  
to have impact.**

Most gifts in Wills are made by people just like you, who want to make a positive difference in their community.

Leaving a gift in your Will is a wonderful way to ensure your compassion and kindness lives on.

# Bronwyn's message

In these challenging and uncertain times, the work we do at Uniting is needed more than ever.

Right now I'm seeing more and more people enter the doors of our services, often for the first time, and often in a state of panic, desperation, and fear for the future.

With rising rents and soaring food and energy prices, we're seeing homelessness numbers double in some areas, with demand for our emergency relief services up as much as 80%.

Despite these huge pressures, our staff, volunteers, and supporters remain passionate and inspired. Driven by a sense of justice, they demonstrate an unwavering commitment to community – standing with people no matter their background or circumstances.

Together we continue to strive to help people across Victoria and Tasmania to access affordable housing, mental health support, emergency relief, family violence services and the ongoing assistance they need to get through these difficult times.

The work we do today is all about giving people the support they need so they can look forward to a meaningful life in future.

I want to thank you personally for your request for a copy of this guide to leaving a gift in your Will. Should you leave a legacy, I believe that our work together, along with our shared faith, will enable us to accomplish great things.



Bronwyn Pike  
**Chief Executive Officer**





You can help those in need by leaving a gift in your Will to support future generations.

**United by**  
**our values.**

# Together we can achieve more.

At Uniting, we strive to make a difference for individuals, families and communities.

Uniting is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.

We have been supporting people and families for over 100 years. We are 5,300 skilled, passionate, and creative staff and volunteers providing more than 600 programs and services. Our history is long, and we want our legacy to endure.

## We walk alongside people:

- Experiencing homelessness and looking for safe and secure housing
- Recovering from the effects of drug and alcohol use, and want to access treatments to get their lives back on track
- Looking for crisis support to get through difficult times
- Who want support to manage their mental health
- Living with a disability, who want meaningful connections in the community
- Needing additional help to keep their family safe, together and thriving
- Growing older, who want to stay active and maintain their independence
- Caring for someone, needing advice and support so they are better able to care for themselves
- Looking for meaningful employment, by providing access to training and job opportunities
- Newly arrived, needing safety and a welcoming community
- Helping their children to access early learning in a creative and nurturing environment
- Seeking to better understand their past, having spent time in childhood care.

# David's legacy carries on.

Living to the impressive age of 96, David enjoyed a rich and full life.



He served in World War II, lived through the Great Depression, experienced incredible developments in technology and moved with the times, and survived more than one pandemic.

David spent most of his working life in his family's jewellery business, enjoyed a good game of golf, and was a gifted oil painter.

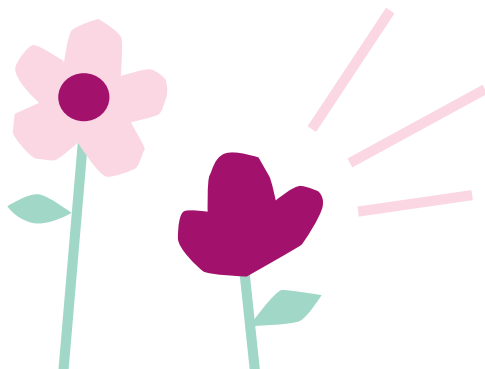
He was a strong presence and father to his two sons, Peter and Gary, Pa to his seven grandchildren, and great grandfather to five great grandchildren.

David had the good fortune to have enjoyed and shared the love of his beloved wife

Betty for over 60 years. They both shared a love of giving and were proud and generous supporters of Uniting.

David lived a wonderful life and contributed greatly to the lives of many, both through his consistent donations and by leaving a bequest to Uniting in his Will.

We're thankful for David, who believed in the values and mission of Uniting. He has left a memorable legacy.



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**Let your legacy live on  
in the lives of others.**

To help people and causes close to your heart, you may wish to make a charitable gift in your Will after you have taken care of your loved ones.

Leaving a legacy goes beyond helping one person, your actions will benefit many people.

# Your wishes for the future.

Every legacy is appreciated, no matter how large or small. Remembering Uniting in your Will is easy. When you write or update your Will, you can either include it as a bequest or add it as an amendment, called a 'codicil' to your existing Will.

## **Decide what legacy is right for you.**

### **Whole estate**

Leave your entire estate to Uniting

### **Residual**

The remainder of your estate is gifted, after your specific gifts have been distributed

### **Percentage (%)**

You may choose to nominate a percentage of your estate, rather than a specific amount

### **A specific gift**

Donate a specific dollar amount, property, or asset

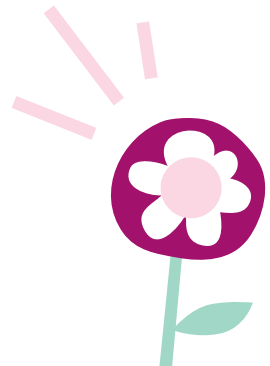
### **Stocks and shares**

Donate your share portfolio, stocks, life insurance or superannuation by nominating Uniting as a beneficiary.

## **We will be most grateful.**

In your Will you can direct your gift as unrestricted or for general purposes. By doing this, you'll enable us to direct your gift to where it's needed most, at the time it's received.

The best type of gift you can nominate to Uniting in your Will is a percentage and/or residual gift because both keep their value over time.



# Will wording.

One of the most important things you can do in your lifetime is update or prepare your Will. By directing how your estate will be managed, your Will protects the people and causes you care about.

## **Suggested wording for a gift in your Will to Uniting:**

I give and bequeath to **Uniting (Victoria and Tasmania) Limited, ABN 81 098 317 125** (or its legal successor), for its General Purposes <or state purpose>

the whole of my estate, or

\_\_\_\_\_ percentage of my estate, or

\_\_\_\_\_ percentage of the residue of my estate, or

the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or

my shares in (insert description of publicly listed company/s), or

(Specific item/s)

and declare that the receipt by the Company's CEO, CFO, Company Secretary, Director, or General Manager (or equivalent role) shall be sufficient discharge to my Trustee/s.

If you choose to leave a gift to a specific program, service, or region, we recommend you express this as a wish, not a condition.

This gives us the flexibility to transfer your gift to a similar area of work if it's no longer possible to fund the specific area you requested.

For more information visit **[unitingvictas.org.au/gift-in-will](https://unitingvictas.org.au/gift-in-will)**

# Your efforts will be recognised.

When you leave a gift to Uniting in your Will, you automatically become a member of Uniting's Bequest Society. In appreciation for your dedication to helping people in need, we want to thank you and express our gratitude.

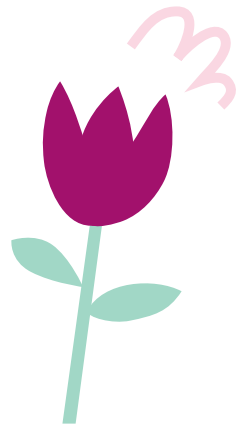
Uniting's Bequest Society entails no obligations other than letting us know that you have included Uniting in your Will. The decision to remain anonymous is up to you, and we respect that choice.

## Uniting's Bequest Society benefits include:

- Invitations to special functions throughout the year.
- Certificate of Appreciation signed by the CEO.
- A uniquely designed lapel pin.

## Our commitment to you.

- We will respect your privacy and ensure information about your Will remains confidential.
- We respect your loved ones come first.
- We will honour your legacy in accordance with your wishes.
- Uniting will use your gift carefully and responsibly to ensure the greatest impact.
- Your final wish will be handled with respect and compassion.





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## About Uniting

Uniting is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church, delivering services and programs across Victoria and Tasmania.

We work in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as Australia's First Peoples and as the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

We celebrate diversity and value the lived experience of people of every faith, ethnicity, age, disability, neurodivergence, culture, language, gender identity, sex, and sexual orientation.

We welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse and non-binary, intersex, and queer (LGBTIQA+) people at our services. We pledge to provide inclusive and non-discriminatory services.

The work we do is all about giving people the support they need to live happy and meaningful lives. We are committed to being people-focused and rights-based.

## Get in touch

If you're considering leaving a gift to Uniting in your Will, it would be a privilege to speak to you and listen to your story. We'd love to learn about the intentions behind your gift, and to thank you personally for your generosity.

Please contact Program Lead, Gift in Wills for a confidential discussion.

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