

The decision you make will

*always count*



# How to make a gift *in*

Every gift in Will, no matter how big or small is a step closer to ChildFund's vision of a global community, free from poverty, where children are protected and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

## Step 1: Speak to your family and loved ones

It is essential that you provide for your loved ones first. This is a personal decision for you to make, but we recommend letting your loved ones know that you are planning to also leave a gift to ChildFund Australia.

## Step 2: Decide what kind of gift to leave

There are three main ways to make a gift in Will to ChildFund Australia.

### 1. A residual bequest

You can make a gift of the residue (or remainder), or a percentage of the residue, of your estate once specific gifts and expenses have been taken care of.

### 2. A specified amount

You can make a specific bequest by simply stating the dollar amount in your Will that you wish to leave to ChildFund Australia.

### 3. An asset

You may wish to make a gift of a specific asset, for example real estate, shares or bonds.

## Step 3: Get the help of a professional

Your Will is an important legal document and a solicitor or public trustee can help you ensure that your paperwork is in order, worded correctly and presented in the right way. In order to make this as easy as possible we have included suggested wording which you can take to your solicitor for guidance.

## Step 4: Making your Will

Your Will must be in writing (handwritten, printed or typed) and include specific wording. It must be signed and dated on every page. Your signature must be witnessed by two people who are not named as beneficiaries of your estate. They both need to sign their own name on every page of your Will. Your solicitor will be able to assist you.



# your Will.

## Step 5: That's it!

Once your paperwork is in order, you can trust that you will be making a lasting difference to the lives of vulnerable children for generations to come.

If you choose to leave a gift in your Will please let ChildFund know so that we can thank you!

## How to amend your Will

If you have already written your Will, the easiest way to make a gift to ChildFund Australia is to add a codicil – a short legal amendment – to your Will. This can be organised with a phone call or email to your solicitor, followed by a visit to their office to finalise the amendment and sign the codicil.

## Suggested wording

*"I . . . . . bequeath to ChildFund Australia (ABN 79 002 885 761) registered office Level 8, 162 Goulburn Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010 [insert the percentage or residue of your estate, the amount of money, or the details of assets you wish to leave].*

*My bequest is to be used for the general purposes of ChildFund Australia.*

*I declare that the receipt of an executive officer at the time shall be a sufficient discharge of my executor's duty."*

## We're here to help

To speak to us about making a gift in your Will, please contact: [giftsinwills@childfund.org.au](mailto:giftsinwills@childfund.org.au) or 1800 023 600

# Frequently asked q

## **What is a gift in Will?**

If you make a gift provision in your Will to ChildFund Australia, you are giving a designated financial amount or percentage of your estate, in cash, property, securities or other assets, to help fund programs that ensure children in need around the world have a childhood. Leaving a gift to a charity in your Will is often called a bequest.

## **How can I make a gift in my Will to ChildFund Australia?**

We have included recommended wording for your Will with this booklet. We advise that you take this as the basis of a discussion with your loved ones, solicitor or public trustee. We appreciate that you may have particular interests you would like to discuss that may influence the wording so please get in touch. Our Philanthropy & Planned Giving Executive welcomes your obligation-free enquiries. All discussions will be confidential.



# Questions

## **Should I notify you if I have made a gift to ChildFund Australia in my Will?**

Leaving a gift in your Will to ChildFund Australia is one of the most thoughtful ways to support vulnerable communities into the future. Your gift shows foresight and commitment, but we understand it can be a private matter. If you do let us know about your gift, we can properly prepare to receive it, and plan ahead. We would also love to express our appreciation, keep you up to date with our work and invite you and your family to relevant special events.

## **I've already made my Will, can I still make a gift?**

If you've already drafted your Will, you can make an amendment by adding a codicil to include a gift to ChildFund Australia. We recommend you seek independent professional advice to ensure that your wishes are expressed correctly.

## **My gift is only modest, does that matter?**

ChildFund Australia is honoured to have the trust and support of people like you. **Every gift, no matter how small or large, makes a difference and is greatly appreciated.**





### **Is my gift tax deductible?**

ChildFund Australia is registered as a Deductible gift Recipient. Provided that your gift brings no material or tangible benefits to you under the rules specified by the Australian Taxation Office, monetary or other gifts to ChildFund Australia are generally allowable for deductions for Australian income tax purposes. Donors should, however, seek independent advice from their legal and/or taxation advisor.

### **Do I have to specify how my gift is used?**

A gift in your Will is generally unassigned as this helps us provide funding for the most pressing needs in the future.

Greater flexibility increases our capacity to respond to children in crisis and changing needs and priorities. It is often beneficial for a benefactor to have a personal discussion with ChildFund Australia's Philanthropy & Planned Giving Executive about a bequest intention to ensure that ChildFund Australia can execute the gift according to the benefactor's wishes.

## **Our promise to you.**

We respect your privacy and decision to make a gift provision in your Will.

We respect that you can always change your mind, that your family and loved ones will always come first.

We will treat your gift with the respect and sensitivity it deserves.

We will keep you and your family updated on our work and how your gift will help achieve a world where children are protected and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

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