



*Leave a legacy
for always.*

ChildFund
Australia

Every childhood

**needs love
needs nurturing
needs education
needs health
needs friends
needs play
needs protection
needs to be heard
needs to have a future.**

Your Will can make a difference.

Thank you for considering a gift in your Will to ChildFund Australia. It's a great privilege to share details of our work with you and show the ways in which your legacy can provide meaningful and continued support for children in need. You can help ensure every child has a childhood where they are safe, nurtured and given access to opportunity.

Sadly, the world is not always fair and, as a consequence of poverty and disadvantage, many children around the world experience violence, illness, child labour and hunger. Girls and boys who live with poverty are less likely to attend school and get the education they need to create a more positive future. A child living in poverty is more likely to get sick and suffer from illnesses that result from malnutrition and dirty water. A child who is forced to work will likely suffer physical and emotional harm; scars they will carry for a lifetime.

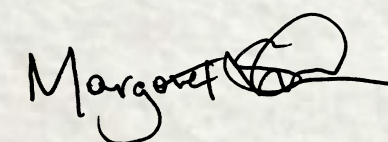
We are achieving change for children now in communities around the world and, with your support, the impact will be felt long into the future. Together, we can provide children with the opportunity to learn, safe and nutritious food and water, and access to healthcare.

When you choose to make a gift in your Will to ChildFund Australia, our promise to you is that your gift will make a difference and will improve a child's life.

We want to see a future where today's children grow into strong, educated, empowered and engaged adults – who grow up to become parents and positive role-models for the next generation of children. This goal will be reached when every child has a childhood.

You can give them that opportunity today.

Kind regards,



Margaret Sheehan
CEO
ChildFund Australia



Always...

**By making a gift in your Will
you are helping children say...**

I am safe

ChildFund strengthens the capacity of communities to keep children safe from harm, assists in developing child protection laws and services, helps communities prepare for disasters, and provides emergency relief in times of humanitarian crisis.

I am educated

ChildFund's education projects ensure children can go to school, learn essential skills, and enjoy child-friendly environments free from violence – while also giving them the opportunity to take part in creative arts, sports and cultural activities.

I am heard

ChildFund's programs give children and youth the confidence to share their opinions, and participate in family and community decision-making on issues that affect them.

I have a future

ChildFund's projects prioritise the health, wellbeing and resilience of children and youth, working in partnership with their communities to ensure that their basic human rights are safeguarded and upheld now and in the future.

**You can leave a gift in your
Will and give children the
support they need.**

**Because every child needs
a childhood.**



The risks vulnerable children face



Poverty and poor living standards

Poverty underpins so many problems children face across the world. Around 400 million children continue to experience extreme poverty and many more face severe inequality.



Violence and fear

Worldwide an estimated 1 billion children experience regular physical punishment. About 120 million girls are subject to sexual assault, 100,000 children annually are victims of homicide.



Forced child labour

Vulnerable children with nowhere to turn can be forced into child labour. People can take advantage of children, denying them an education and the childhood they need.



Malnutrition and hunger

When children go hungry and there isn't enough to eat, they risk malnutrition and other diseases. Children need energy to grow and play during their childhood.



Pain and trauma

Children who suffer traumatic experiences in childhood carry the weight of what they witness, and the physical and emotional abuse they bear, long into adulthood.

Through community support, education and intervention, ChildFund protects vulnerable children from violence, exploitation and danger.

Your legacy can give vulnerable children a childhood for generations to come.

Our programs

Timor-Leste: Overcoming infant mortality

Over 60 per cent of child deaths in Timor-Leste occur in the first 12 months of life, and are commonly due to diarrhoea, pneumonia and malnutrition. These deaths are largely preventable, particularly where parents and children are given ongoing care and support, and the knowledge they need to spot the danger signs.

ChildFund Timor-Leste trains Community Health Volunteers to detect early warning signs of illness and disease among newborns and young children, so they can be referred to hospital where necessary. Parents are given essential knowledge about nutrition, sanitation, hygiene and child development.

The children of today can lead the communities of tomorrow.

You can support ChildFund Australia with a gift in your Will, and create a better future.

ChildFund Australia brings a brighter future to children in the Asia-Pacific region.



Myanmar: Educating for the future

Many children growing up in slums are excluded from public schools because they are not officially registered. ChildFund Myanmar's support for non-formal schools in vulnerable communities is providing these children with a chance to access education and gain literacy and numeracy skills. Schools have been provided with teaching aids, computer rooms, libraries, and classrooms.



Vietnam: Building a safe space to play

In Bac Kan province, ChildFund Vietnam is building new school playgrounds using old plastics and tyres, providing children with safe and inspiring places to learn and play. Children no longer have to play in the mud and can enjoy a vibrant and fun place to socialise between classes.



Cambodia: Creating libraries for change

ChildFund Cambodia is helping to increase literacy rates by improving teaching and helping more children attend school. Libraries have been upgraded and built in many rural villages. The books they house connect children to the world and also bring to life the Khmer legends that are an important part of Cambodia's history.



Laos: Preventing malnutrition

Malnutrition is one of the greatest threats to the health and wellbeing of children in rural areas of Laos. In these areas, more than half of the children are stunted. ChildFund Laos is helping combat poor diets through social education programs and improving access to vital healthcare services for vulnerable children and newborns.



PNG: Battling TB on the frontline

Papua New Guinea has the highest rate of tuberculosis in the world, with approximately 30% of sufferers being children. Lack of access to healthcare and poor hygiene practices contribute to these terrifying statistics. ChildFund PNG is conducting education programs helping young people avoid the habits that lead to, or spread tuberculosis, and is providing treatment services for TB infected children and adults.



*Education is the key
to opportunity.*

A legacy from one of our generous supporters has given children in Indonesia high quality new schools.

In and around Dula Luri, a poor community in Indonesia, children used to struggle with the compounding threats of disease, malnutrition and limited access to education.

But now thanks to a generous gift from a kind person like you, a new school building project is improving education and providing clean water along with nutritious food to students.

With improved health and access to vital education children are thriving.

Thanks to a bequest, ChildFund Indonesia has developed two Early Childhood Development Centres, two Elementary Schools, and two Junior High Schools. The schools have created a safe and nurturing environment for children and the project has brought the

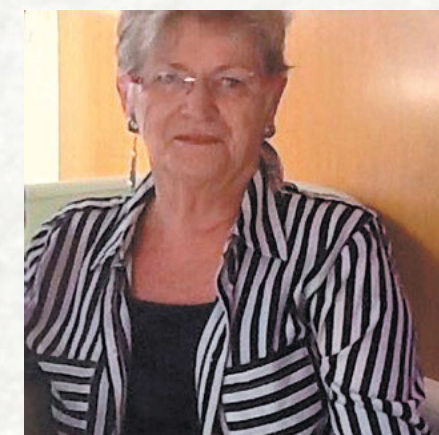
whole community together, lifted families out of poverty and employed 71 teachers.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. Working together with the community, classrooms have been built, wells for clean drinking water have been dug and a volleyball court constructed. Community planning is underway to design and install a new water pipeline and prepare land for school gardens, so students can harvest crops.

When we work together, a future where children can thrive is possible.

*Every gift, no matter
how small or large,
makes a difference.*

Almost 25 years ago Pam Paterson made a decision that not only changed her life, but went on to change the lives of children in developing countries.



The mother-of-two and artist quit smoking and decided to donate the money she spent on cigarettes to helping children through ChildFund Australia. "I thought, I've got to do something worthwhile with this money," Pam says. "Sponsoring a child was something I had always wanted to do, and the money was there then, so I did it."

Since 1994 Pam has been helping to support and educate girls in India. "I always felt, especially for the girls in India, that they needed a better chance to have an education," she says. "I often wrote to the girls I sponsored about how important education was and how important it was to get a good job."

Pam has been supporting her current sponsored child – Shyamala – since 2006.

Shyamala was eight years old at the time and from a poor village in southern India. Many families in the village, including Shyamala's, suffered from poor nutrition and living standards, as well as low literacy rates.

Today, the conditions in the village have improved thanks to sponsors from around the world, including Pam. Shyamala has finished high school and is pursuing further education in commerce. Over the years the pair have formed a special bond through writing letters.

"She seemed to be really interested in art and at one stage she wanted to do art, but she's gone on to do something more practical for her," Pam says. "She's getting good marks and studying well."

The relationships Pam developed with her sponsored children inspired her to leave a gift to ChildFund Australia in her Will. "Leaving a bequest felt like a worthwhile thing to do," Pam says.

"I had an aunt and I have a friend who have left bequests to charities. If you have the means, why wouldn't you? I see my sponsored children as members of my family – they're wonderful girls – it's been a privilege for me to be able to sponsor them. The benefits of sponsorship are like a chain reaction and pass on from one generation to the next. We need more people who are educated so the world can be a better place," she says.

"That's what we're all hoping for in the end."

Join Pam and a group of wonderful ChildFund supporters who have already left a gift in their Will.



*Every child needs
a childhood and
always will.*



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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