



**HELP US GIVE HOPE AND
SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO
NEED A HELPING HAND**

Just a few words in your Will can make a world of difference to the work we do at the Sisters of Charity Foundation. Of course your loved ones come first, but then please think of us.

**SISTERS OF CHARITY
FOUNDATION BEQUEST
INFORMATION**





WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE CAN CONTINUE TO BRING HELP AND COMPASSION TO THOSE WHO NEED A HELPING HAND

The Sisters of Charity are inspired to bring to each person the love, tenderness and concern of Christ for the poor.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation was established by the Sisters of Charity to ensure their social justice works are continued in perpetuity. We invite you to be our partner in that mission.

ABOUT THE SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION

Since arriving in Australia in 1838 the Sisters of Charity devoted themselves to helping the poor and marginalised. Impelled by the love of Christ, the Sisters of Charity began their ministry in Australia by assisting the convict women in the Female Factory at Parramatta. From these humble beginnings the Sisters of Charity have continued to answer the call to ministry in hospitals, schools, prisons and social welfare activities in the broader community.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation was established in 2000 to continue in perpetuity the social justice works of the Sisters of Charity Congregation. We strive to honour that mission by financially supporting local community projects that alleviate the effects of poverty and social isolation. We are also committed to giving young people who have had a traumatic start in life a second chance by giving them an education and a means to build a fulfilling life for themselves and their loved ones.

The focus of each program we support is different but the goal remains the same: empower individuals, families and communities to overcome disadvantage and achieve a better quality of life.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL LEADER OF THE SISTERS OF CHARITY OF AUSTRALIA

The impact of your bequests is enormous. The Foundation was initially set up with a gift provided by the Sisters of Charity which continues to cover all its administration costs to this day, meaning that every dollar of your donation or bequest goes straight towards helping the people who you want to help. Our Foundation supports and funds creative endeavours that continue the mission that our Foundress Mary Aikenhead envisaged over 200 years ago. As you know, she founded the Sisters of Charity in 1815 and generously sent five of her small group to Australia in 1838, in response to the enormous needs of the poor of the young penal colony.

Your bequest will enable the vision of those who are committed to the many needs of the poor and under-served of our day to make a real difference. The Sisters of Charity of Australia thank you for considering this way of benefitting the community of Australia.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clare Nolan rsc".

Sr Clare Nolan rsc
Congregational Leader



Indigenous mothers like Tamara & Bernadette are given support to nurture the next generation through programs supported by the Sisters of Charity Foundation. Just one of our many programs supporting Indigenous mothers is 'Here Comes the Chef', run by Gunawirra Limited at Minimbah School & Preschool. The program trains mothers to grow and cook vegetables, providing healthy meals for their families.



MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Sadly, not everyone will have access to the same opportunities in life. All too often we are made aware of the hardships others are forced to endure. Mental illness, disability, poverty and social isolation can often prevent sufferers from caring for themselves and for those who depend on them.

That's why we all share a responsibility to build effective and compassionate support services that can answer the needs of those who require a helping hand.

The Sisters of Charity of Australia have been offering that support for 180 years. Through their ministry in prisons, health care, education and social welfare programs they have offered assistance to all irrespective of race, creed or religion. As a result of their devotion to be of practical service to the poor, they are much admired and respected by the Australian community, especially those whose lives they have touched.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation was established by the Sisters of Charity of Australia to continue in perpetuity their ministry to the poor and underserved. Over the years the Foundation has financially supported hundreds of community groups to deliver services that have changed lives.

To date, we have given over \$8m to community organisations that deliver specialised services to those who are suffering hardship and who would otherwise be without support. We do thorough, but not onerous, checks on the organisations we support, monitor the use of the money we give them and follow the progress of the people we have helped.

The activities of the Foundation have made a difference. However, there is much more to be done and, with your generous contribution, we will be able to make an even greater difference.

Thank you for considering a gift that will continue the social justice works of the Sisters of Charity.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard M. Haddock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Haddock AO
Chairman

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING YOUR WILL

- **Choosing Executors** - These people will be responsible for carrying out your wishes and it is recommended that you ask them if they are willing to accept the responsibility.
- **Keeping Your Will Up to Date** - It is important to review your Will every few years to ensure that the content is still valid. A will that does not reflect current family status, such as marriage, birth of a child, death of a loved one or divorce may not reflect your wishes as a consequence of any of these events occurring.
- **Witnesses** - Your Will requires the signature of two people over 18 who are not beneficiaries or the immediate family of a beneficiary. This is in case your Will should be contested.
- **Seeking Professional Help** - We suggest you consult an expert such as a solicitor to make or adjust your Will. They will be able to guide you through the process, advise you on the tax implications of any decisions you make and help you avoid errors that would render the Will invalid. If you do not have access to such an expert, we can introduce you to a solicitor to assist you free of charge.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING A WILL

Most of us are familiar with the reasons to have a valid Will, but around 1 in 2 Australians just never get around to it.

Sadly, we all know that an accident or an illness can occur at any time to anyone. Death is one of the few certainties of this world and when it occurs a Will can make things easier for those you care about. A Will can protect those close to you from additional worry, expense and unnecessary legal disputes.

REMEMBERING THE SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION IN YOUR WILL

The Sisters of Charity Foundation is grateful to receive a specific bequest or a percentage of the residue of your estate after you have made provisions for those you love. Here are some of the options:

- **Cash Bequest** - where you designate a specific sum of money to be given to the Foundation.
- **Percentage Bequest** - where you leave a percentage of your estate.
- **Residual Bequest** - allows you to provide for those close to you, pay any debts and taxes and then the remainder of your estate can be left to the Sisters of Charity Foundation.
- **Contingent Bequest** - is conditional on a certain event occurring before distribution to the beneficiary. For example, your gift to the Sisters of Charity Foundation can take effect after the death of your spouse. In this way your spouse retains your estate for life.
- **Life Insurance or Superannuation Policies** - subject to the terms of the policies, you can make the Sisters of Charity Foundation the beneficiary of an insurance or superannuation policy.



INCLUDING THE SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION IN YOUR EXISTING WILL

If you have an existing Will and would like to include a bequest to the Foundation, you can do so by the addition of a codicil. Just like a Will, it is a legal document and must be signed and witnessed.

Many children and young people are forced to live in foster care because they cannot live at home safely. As a result of their traumatic start in life their education is disrupted and they don't have the support or the financial means to attempt tertiary education. In fact only 2.8% of young people who have lived in foster care will go to university compared to 40.4% of those aged 20 to 24 years.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation Tertiary Scholarship Program is striving to break the cycle of poverty through education by giving young people who have lived in foster care the chance to go to university.

Congratulations to Amber Boatman who graduated from the University of Notre Dame, Sydney, with a Bachelor of Laws.

SUGGESTED WORDING TO MAKE A BEQUEST TO THE SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION

It is important that the wording in a bequest clearly expresses your wishes. A bequest can either be made for an unrestricted or specific purpose. It is important that you consult your legal advisor to assist you in the preparation of, or amendment of, your Will. A legal advisor can guide you through the process, advise you on any tax implications in relation to making a bequest, and help you avoid errors which could render your Will invalid.

If you do not have a legal advisor, we can introduce you to one to assist you in making or amending your Will, and whose services will be provided free of charge.

YOU MAY FIND THE FOLLOWING WORDING HELPFUL IN PREPARING YOUR WILL

I Give and Bequeath to The Trustee for Sisters of Charity Foundation Fund (ABN 99 342 873 237) of Level 7, 35 Grafton Street Bondi Junction NSW 2022 to be applied for the purposes and objects of the Sisters of Charity Foundation:

- a) The sum of \$ [insert amount here].
- b) [insert percentage here] % of my real estate property known as [insert address] (or shares, debentures or other assets as the case may be).
- c) The remainder of my estate in whatever form, after payment of any debts, liabilities and taxes and after the provisions of my Will (for my family, friends and others) have been fully paid and/or satisfied.

If you wish you can also specify the purpose to which you would like your gift to be put.

For example:

- To be used for (indicate how the gift is to be used).
- To be applied for the purposes of the Sisters of Charity Foundation in such a manner as the Foundation may determine.

IN MEMORIAM TRIBUTES

When a loved one passes away, an In Memoriam donation is a beautiful way to acknowledge their passing and such a lasting tribute can help to bring consolation at a time of grief to surviving friends and relatives.

Many people, for example, arrange an In Memoriam donation in lieu of giving flowers. If you would like donations to be made in your memory, please let those close to you know.



Aunties and Uncles is a mentoring program for vulnerable and socially isolated children under 12. The mentor relationship offers each child time, attention, care, stability, guidance and exposure to new experiences and opportunities that empower them to reach their potential. Support from the Sisters of Charity Foundation has enabled 76 children to benefit from this unique program.

PROVIDENCE HOUSE

The Sisters of Charity Foundation purchased a four two-bedroom unit residential building to provide transitional and emergency accommodation to asylum seekers who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.



Providence House is being managed by the Asylum Seekers Centre who will also provide intensive casework and support services to help individuals and families rebuild their lives. The Sisters of Charity Foundation has dedicated over \$2.5m to the Asylum Seekers Housing Program to ensure some of the most disadvantaged people living among us have access to safe, good quality housing which is essential to those overcoming mental health problems associated with displacement and, in many cases, torture. Every year thousands of asylum seekers seek refuge in Australia. Most arrive with nothing, know no one and are deeply traumatised. Homelessness and hunger are the most immediate issues they face. Most are not able to access any form of government support and around half are not entitled to seek employment. They rely on compassionate, well-organised charities and non-government organisations to assist with their most basic needs. The Sisters of Charity Foundation welcomes the opportunity to partner with the Asylum Seekers Centre to offer genuine asylum seekers a new start to life.

To be told that you have a life-threatening illness is devastating for you and those who love you. Sadly, every day there are children who must come to terms with the news that they are going to lose a parent to cancer. The Sisters of Charity Foundation assisted Griefline to establish their Chrysalis Program so that trained counsellors can help young people work through their grief to prevent long-term emotional damage. \$1,000 will provide grief counselling for 20 children each with a parent dying of cancer.

For more information on leaving a Bequest or making an In Memoriam donation, please contact our Foundation personnel. We would consider it a privilege to assist you.

Telephone: 02 9367 1211

Write to us at:

Sisters of Charity Foundation Limited
Level 7, 35 Grafton Street,
Bondi Junction NSW 2022



HELP US PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

By leaving us a bequest, no matter what size, you allow us to better plan for the future. With guaranteed funds in place, we can look to expand our programs and develop our charitable activities with confidence.

If you intend to leave a bequest please take a few minutes to complete and return the Pledge Form opposite.

Please be assured all pledges will remain confidential.

Thank you for your continued support of the Sisters of Charity Foundation.



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PLEDGE FORM

(Please take a few minutes to complete and return this form)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Title First Name Surname

Street Address Suburb State

Post Code Country

Phone number () E-mail

Please tick one of the following:

- I have already included a gift to the Sisters of Charity Foundation in my Will
- I intend to include the Sisters of Charity Foundation in my Will
- I would like to discuss making a bequest. Please phone me.

The following information is optional but would be helpful to us in planning for the future.

My gift will be: The residue of my estate % share of my estate The sum of \$

An item, or items of value (please state)

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