

A legacy of kindness



Sisters of Charity
Foundation



Gifts in Wills

How would you like to
be remembered?



**As someone who left
the world a kinder,
fairer and more
compassionate place?**

A life-changing gift



Your Will reflects who you are, what you value and the contribution you would like to make to the world.

By choosing to support the Sisters of Charity Foundation through a gift in your Will, you will be providing support to people who are struggling and need a helping hand through difficult times.

We are honoured to continue the tradition of compassion and care that the Sisters of Charity brought to our country when they first arrived here in 1838. Through their work in hospitals, schools and the community, the Sisters saw the direct impact of poverty on people's health and wellbeing and they sought innovative solutions and partnerships to bring assistance to people across many areas of need. Today, we continue this legacy through our social justice programs.

Your Will is an opportunity to ensure your beliefs and values live on. By supporting the work of the Foundation, you are bringing compassion and hope to many people in our community that are marginalised and disadvantaged. Be assured we will use your gift to create the greatest impact for the most vulnerable people among us.

We would be grateful if you would consider including the Sisters of Charity Foundation in one of the most important documents of your life. Please contact the Foundation on (02) 9367 1211 if you have any questions.

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Best wishes,

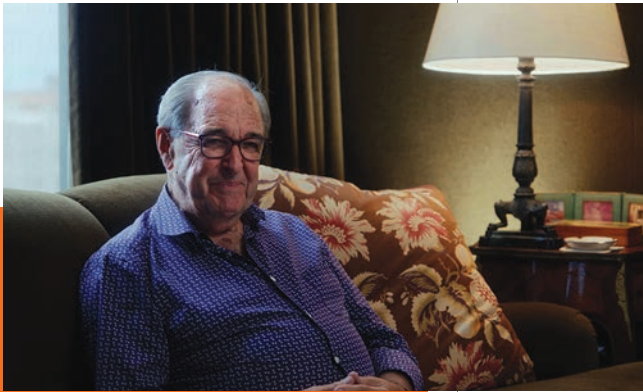
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louise Burton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Louise M. Burton
CEO

Robert's gift to future generations

Long-time supporter Robert has left a gift to the Foundation in his Will and advocates for others to do the same.

When Robert was only six years old his parents became incapacitated and were unable to care for him. Luckily for Robert, his very dear grandmother took him in and raised



him with the help of aunts and uncles.

Robert has always known that, had things been just a little bit different, he could have wound up in foster care. On his own, left to struggle.

That's why he cares so deeply about young people in the foster care system today, and has supported them to get an education through the Tertiary Scholarship Program.

"We know that there are very bright people amongst that cohort," he says. "And I think they deserve the opportunity of tertiary education, a diploma, apprenticeship, whatever it is that gives them qualifications

to go forward, confidently, in life."

"I give to charity because I have a very invested feeling about doing something for people who have had a life less fortunate than my own."

"I'm very conscious of the fact I've had a very lucky life. I need to repay.

"I want to make as big a donation as I can possibly afford to ensure that there is funding for the Foundation to do all the good works that it is doing, all of which I want to support beyond my death," he explains. "It was important to not only make a bequest, but to advocate for others

to make a similar bequest – which I have done, probably to the irritation of my relatives and friends!

“In my case I’ve made my family well aware that I intend to leave a substantial amount of money to the Foundation. And I would advocate for others to do the same thing.

“I trust the Sisters of Charity Foundation implicitly to use my donation and all other donations in the best possible way. I have confidence that is what they’re doing already, and I know they’ll continue to do that.”

Things you should know

We urge you to look after your loved ones first

We understand it’s important to look after your family and friends first. It’s a big decision to choose what you would like to happen in the future and firstly we want to make sure you’ve taken care of your loved ones in your Will. After doing this, if you feel like you might like to help future Australians and their families who are experiencing poverty and disadvantage, we would be so grateful.

Ongoing impact

Many people are happy for us to use their gift for the area of most need. However, if there’s a particular area of our work that speaks more deeply to you, please let us know. We will work together to ensure your gift has the greatest impact for future generations.

Every bequest counts

No matter the size of your gift, remembering the Sisters of Charity Foundation in your Will can ensure that future generations facing financial hardship and disadvantage are supported.

Thanks to gifts of all sizes, the Sisters of Charity Foundation will continue to be responsive to need. We’ll be supporting community projects that uplift and care for communities around the country. We will be giving dedicated, resilient young people who’ve experienced true hardship a chance to go to university or TAFE and imagine a new future for themselves. And we’ll continue to care for the most marginalised, most vulnerable people in the the way that the Sisters of Charity have done since they first arrived in Australia.

Serving the community through nursing

Danny received a scholarship to help him complete a Bachelor of Nursing at the University of South Australia.

"I went to multiple different primary schools throughout my childhood, moving from place to place with mum, and then when I was put into care I was placed with temporary foster parents. During year 6 I was moved between six different foster homes and attended three different schools in the space of a year.

When I learnt I'd won the scholarship I was absolutely ecstatic. A huge financial burden was lifted from my shoulders. I celebrated by calling my nana who is constantly pushing me to better myself. She has been a motherly role model in my life, I often compare her to a best friend and I know I would be lost without her support and guidance.

The scholarship helped with the financial pressures of being on placement, which took up a large chunk of the academic year. The funds helped with travel, accommodation and other uni-related costs like nursing uniforms, textbooks, stationery etc.



"I developed a keen passion for serving the community through nursing. I've always been a caring person and I've so far found this career to be rewarding – challenging at times, but definitely something I am grateful to have pursued."

At the moment I am working mostly on the post-operative ward. I love being able to support patients through their rehabilitation journey with the skills and knowledge I have developed to help them reach positive health outcomes.

Ways to leave a gift in your Will

Here are the types of gifts you can choose from:

I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude for this opportunity. I don't think words can do justice to my appreciation but I will endeavour to the best of my ability to use this scholarship as a tool for success."

Our scholarship program gives young people from out-of-home care backgrounds the support they need to focus on their education, so they can create a better future for themselves.

Supporters like you are not only changing the lives of individual students but strengthening us as a nation – as these inspiring, resilient young people bring their skills and talents into the community.

A residuary bequest

After taking care of friends and family, you can leave all or a percentage of the remainder of your estate to the Sisters of Charity Foundation.

A percentage of your estate

Leave a nominated portion or fixed percentage of your estate to the Sisters of Charity Foundation. This will remain future-proof and you'll be less likely to need to update your Will in the future.

Cash bequest

You designate a specific amount of money to be given to the Foundation.

Assets

You may leave any items that you own to the Foundation, such as property or shares.

Contingency bequest

A contingency 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.

Our promise to you

- 1 We will always respect your privacy and treat your information confidentially.
- 2 We understand your family and loved ones will always come first.
- 3 We recognise it's your decision to leave a gift in your Will and you need to decide in your own time.
- 4 We would love to know if you have left a gift in your Will to the Sisters of Charity Foundation, but we understand if you would prefer not to tell us.
- 5 If you do tell us, you can decide how you would like your gift acknowledged and how we talk to you about our work in the future.
- 6 We will use your gift carefully and thoughtfully, so it has the greatest impact.
- 7 We understand that at any time you have the right to change your mind about a gift in your Will to the Sisters of Charity Foundation.
- 8 We will honour your gift with sensitivity, care and respect.

How to word your Will



If you already have a Will and would like a gift added to the Sisters of Charity Foundation, you can speak to your solicitor about adding a codicil – a short legal amendment.

We encourage you to seek legal advice when preparing or amending your Will to help ensure your wishes are fulfilled and to avoid confusion after your lifetime.

We would appreciate it if you could let us know of your decision so we can thank you in advance and keep you up to date about areas of particular interest to you.

You may find the following wording helpful in preparing your Will.

I give and bequeath to the Sisters of Charity Foundation Ltd

(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:

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**

OR [insert percentage here] % of my real estate property known as [insert address]..... (or shares, debentures or other assets as the case may be)

OR the sum of \$ [insert amount here]

A history of compassion and care

A brave mission

Moved by the plight of the needy in Ireland, in 1815 Mary Aikenhead founded the Sisters of Charity to serve those living in poverty.

The order was unenclosed, to allow the Sisters to walk with the poor and marginalised, offering practical relief and spiritual nourishment.

When Bishop Polding sent a request to Mary Aikenhead asking her to send Sisters to the most neglected portion of the Catholic world, she responded by appointing five volunteer Sisters to Australia.

In 1838 these courageous women began their ministry in Australia by assisting the convict women in the female factory at Parramatta. From these humble beginnings the Sisters of Charity continued to answer the call to ministry in hospitals, schools, prisons and social welfare activities.

In search of social justice

To continue the mission and traditions of the Sisters of Charity of Australia, the Congregational Leader and Council established the Sisters of Charity Foundation in 2000.

The Sisters knew that while there were plenty of government-funded initiatives and established charity organisations that helped many

in our society, countless others were overlooked. The Foundation's first initiative, the Community Grants Program, was aimed at helping smaller groups who already make a big difference to those in need, so they can have an even greater impact.

The Foundation continues to take the history and values of the Sisters forward through our social justice programs.



Sr Germanus McQuillan talking with a prisoner, Long Bay Gaol, NSW ca 1980. Photo courtesy of the Congregational Archives.



Sr M. Maurus Tierney providing a meal for the unemployed in Tusculum Lane, Potts Point, 1940. Photo courtesy of the Congregational Archives.

As well as delivering funding to small community organisations offering targeted solutions to local problems, the Foundation supports some of the most vulnerable groups in our community through its programs. With your support and inspired by the work of the Sisters, we continue to step up where the need is great – whether it’s housing for a family escaping trauma and tragedy or giving young people the opportunity to achieve their potential through education.

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

What to do next

We'd love to hear from you and we're happy to answer any questions you may have. If you would like to have a confidential discussion with our CEO Louise M Burton, please **call (02) 9367 1211** or email **info@sistersofcharityfoundation.org.au**



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