

Leave a legacy of compassion



Sisters of Charity
Foundation



Your gift will
change the lives of
future generations

How would you like to be remembered?

Gifts even 1% of
your Estate can
transform the future
for so many in
Australia, ensuring
your beliefs and
values live on.

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 who 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".

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'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 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 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."

Your story doesn't end with you. Through your gift; your values, your compassion, and your belief in a better future will continue to shape lives. You'll become part of every success story that follows – a quiet but powerful force behind lasting change.

You're providing education and inclusivity



"I grew up in care and felt like my voice didn't matter. I think it's important that everyone has a voice... In all honesty if it wasn't for this scholarship I would never have been able to graduate.

I love my life now. It is amazing. And I make such a difference. And the scholarship helped me to achieve my dreams in more ways than one."

Tertiary Scholarship Program participant Ruby graduated with a Bachelor of Communication from Deakin University.

"Some autistic people find it difficult if not impossible to navigate the public transport system... Also, so many in our autistic community have low self-confidence and self-esteem, so being out in the community alone can be a challenge.

We are truly thrilled with our van and cannot thank you enough for helping to make this a reality for us."



Autism MATES received funding through the Community Grants Program to purchase a people mover, so young adults with autism can feel safe, and feel a sense of belonging as they travel with friends to social outings.

Step 1 Decide on your gift

Whole Estate

You can gift your entire Estate to the Sisters of Charity Foundation.

Percentage of your Estate

Choosing to leave a percentage of your Estate will safeguard the future value of your intended bequest.

Residuary Bequest

After taking care of your loved ones, you can leave all, or a percentage, of the remainder of your Estate to the Sisters of Charity Foundation.

Specific Bequest

You may choose to leave a specific amount of money or a gift of real estate, shares, or another asset.

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.

You're providing community and housing



"When my son started school I felt really lonely... When I found out about the sewing class and the teacher speaking Farsi I felt really comfortable to come and join. After that I find a purpose in my life.

Now I have a lot of friends. Before when I walk through the neighbourhood I didn't know anybody but now there are a lot of ladies saying hi to me."

The Social Outfit received funding through the Community Grants Program for its sewing program, which helps refugees and migrants combat loneliness, develop English skills, and take their first steps toward employment in Australia.

"I have control over how things look, what I want to watch on TV, when I do things – doing what I want to do when I want to. I like to host my friends and enjoy having them over. I don't have to live by anyone else's expectations.

I was so happy when I got my first electricity bill because it had my own name on it! I had a proud moment. This time last year I didn't think that I would be here."

Survivor Rose received support through the Modern Slavery Transitional Housing Program to rebuild her life and live independently.



Step 2

How to word your Will

Once you have looked after your loved ones, choosing to leave a gift in your Will to the Sisters of Charity Foundation will shape the future of so many in Australia for the better. Making a general gift to the Foundation is the most powerful way to ensure your generosity benefits those who need it most.

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.

Please provide this wording to your solicitor, who can adapt it to your personal circumstances and ensure it is validly incorporated into 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:

[Select ONE option only – delete all others]

- (a) the whole of my estate; OR
- (b) _____% of my estate; OR
- (c) the residue of my estate; OR
- (d) the sum of \$_____; OR
- (e) [specific asset]

free from all duties, for its general charitable purposes.

I DECLARE that a receipt signed by an authorised officer of the Foundation is a full and sufficient discharge to my executor.

Step 3

Let us know

If you've chosen to leave a gift to the Foundation, we would love to know. That way we can thank you personally and keep you informed about the incredible impact you will make. You'll also be joining a community of like-minded individuals who are willing to do what it takes to shape a better future.



**You can call us on
(02) 9367 1211**

or

email giftsinwills@sistersofcharityfoundation.org.au

Please note that we will keep your decision completely confidential, unless you have specified otherwise.

**Imagine the impact you could
have on someone's life years
from now. Your gift will leave the
world a kinder, fairer and more
compassionate place.**

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.

Practical programs

How we help

We support initiatives that receive little or no funding from other sources, that benefit people in Australia experiencing financial hardship or marginalisation; no matter their religion, ethnicity, gender, age or ability.

Community Grants Program

Provides grant funding to innovative community projects that break down social isolation and alleviate the impact of poverty on individuals and families.

Our grants have been used to support a wide range of people, including those experiencing homelessness, food insecurity or domestic violence, disadvantaged families with babies and children, at-risk youth, people living with disabilities, Indigenous people, older people, and those who have been incarcerated or affected by health issues and their families.

Tertiary Scholarship Program

Many young people who grow up in foster care, group homes or other out-of-home care

arrangements become caught in a cycle of disadvantage and lose access to both education and much-needed learning support.

A university or TAFE scholarship allows them to reach their full potential and transform their lives through tertiary education.

Asylum Seekers Support Program

Provides accommodation, welfare services, and pathways to a happier future to people seeking asylum in Australia.

Modern Slavery Transitional Housing Program

Provides housing assistance and casework support to survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking in Australia.

Community Care

Provides support to schools and families in remote, rural and regional New South Wales who have been badly affected by droughts, bushfires, floods and general economic downturn.



Compassion. Hope.
Practical Assistance.

A history of compassion and care

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.

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

The Foundation's first initiative, the Community Grants Program, was aimed at helping smaller charities 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 relief and programs.

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 Australia 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 initiative 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.



Above: Sr M. Maurus Tierney providing a meal for the unemployed in Tusculum Lane, Potts Point, 1940.

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

Thank you

Your support has already made a real difference in the lives of people who need it most. Your compassion and belief in our mission are part of your legacy, and we are deeply honoured that you are considering leaving a gift in your Will.

Please know how grateful we are, now and always.



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