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for always.*

ChildFund
Australia

The difference you can make...

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 the childhood they deserve.

Sadly, as a consequence of poverty, too many children around the world are at risk of violence, illness, child labour and hunger. A child that faces these threats is less likely to go to school and get the education that could be the key to their future. A child that is faced with 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.

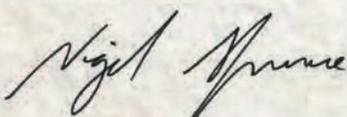
We are achieving change for children now in communities around the world and with your support the impact will be felt long into the future. Together, we can continue to give children the opportunity to learn, to eat nutritious food, to get the health services they need and to be kept safe. We can create strong families and communities resilient to the effects of drought, famine and disaster.

When you choose to make a gift in your Will to ChildFund Australia, our promise to you is to continue to live by our values long into the future.

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 decent childhood.

You can give them that opportunity today.

Kind regards,



Nigel Spence
CEO
ChildFund



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.*



The decision you make will

always count



How to make a gift *in your Will.*

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.

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 or 1800 023 600

Frequently asked questions

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.

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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or 1800 023 600

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And always will.



I am considering making a Gift in Will to ChildFund Australia and would like to discuss this further.

Please call me on:

Preferred day: Mon Tue Wed Thur Fri

Preferred time: 8-11am 2-5pm

Please contact me in six months and keep me informed of ChildFund's work.

I have now included ChildFund Australia in my Will.

Please confirm your contact details. Thank you.

Yes, my details are correct

OR Please, amend your details here

Thank you

Title:	Name:
Surname:	
Address:	
	Date of birth:
State:	Postcode:
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Kindly return this form in the reply paid envelope to receive information and updates on our Gifts in Wills program.

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