

# Leave a Legacy of Faith



Include a gift in your Will to  
support the work of Compassion





*Hope is in reach for children in the Philippines.  
Photography by Daniel Robson.*

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”  
—Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

**Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to Compassion.** This lasting expression of your faith will help carry Jesus’ love to children and communities living in extreme poverty.

“For me, leaving a gift to Compassion in my Will is an expression of my lifelong passion to know Christ and make Him known. I want children to encounter the love of Jesus in a personal and life-changing way.”

– Penny, Western Australia



# Take the next step to leave a legacy

Leaving a gift in your Will is an important decision shaped by your love for God and your family. This lasting expression of your faith will help carry Jesus' love to children living in poverty for generations to come. **We're here to walk alongside you, giving you the support you need.**

## How we move

Compassion partners with churches around the world who know and love their communities and are best placed to release children from poverty in Jesus' name.

Through our proven holistic child development model, we empower local churches, protect children, steward resources faithfully and deliver sustainable impact at scale.

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### **CHRIST-CENTRED**

Jesus is at the heart of everything we do.



### **CHURCH-DRIVEN**

We partner exclusively with local churches who are part of their communities already.



### **CHILD-FOCUSED**

We care for every part of a child's development: spiritually, physically, socio-emotionally and cognitively.



# Types of gifts in Wills

The type of gifts you may choose to leave are:

## Residuary gift

A residuary gift is a gift of all or a percentage of your estate after specific gifts, taxes and debts have been fulfilled. Because it is not a specific amount, a residuary gift maintains its value over time regardless of economic changes and automatically adjusts as the value of your estate fluctuates.

### **SUGGESTED WORDING FOR A RESIDUARY GIFT:**

“I give [insert per cent] per cent of my residuary estate [or the rest of my estate] free of all duties to Compassion Australia (ABN 67 001 692 566) for its general purposes and direct that the receipt of the authorised officer of Compassion Australia will be a sufficient discharge to my trustees.”

## Specific gift

A specific gift is a gift of property or particular item such as a home, shares or the proceeds of a named bank account, which can be used by Compassion to generate funds.

### **SUGGESTED WORDING FOR A SPECIFIC GIFT:**

“I give [insert a description of the item being gifted] free of all duties to Compassion Australia (ABN 67 001 692 566) for its general purposes and direct that the receipt of the authorised officer of Compassion Australia will be a sufficient discharge to my trustees.”

## Pecuniary gift

A pecuniary gift is a gift of a specific dollar amount.

### **SUGGESTED WORDING FOR A PECUNIARY GIFT:**

“I give the sum of \$[insert amount] free of all duties to Compassion Australia (ABN 67 001 692 566) for its general purposes and direct that the receipt of the authorised officer of Compassion Australia will be a sufficient discharge to my trustees.”

*Please note: All information contained in this booklet is intended for general informational purposes only; we encourage you to conduct your own research and consider obtaining professional advice tailored to your individual circumstances.*



*Children in Indonesia are believing in a brighter tomorrow.  
Photography by Jeremy Tan.*

# A helpful checklist

To support you as you finalise your plans, we've added a short checklist to help you feel confident that everything important is in place when making your Will.

- Have I listed my key assets for my executor?
- Have I nominated guardians for any children?
- Am I clear on any people or charities I wish to provide for?
- Have I nominated beneficiaries for superannuation and life insurance that sits outside my Will?
- Do I have preferred funeral and burial or cremation arrangements?
- Have I identified a trusted executor?
- Is my Will correctly prepared, signed and witnessed?
- Have I stored my Will safely and informed my executor?

# Frequently asked questions

## **How will my gift be used?**

Your generous gift will be used to further our mission: releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name. Unless you specify a particular program or child you wish your gift to benefit, your gift will be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors and officers of Compassion Australia. Your contribution will be deposited into a secure interest-generating account and will be allocated to activities, programs and projects which will have a significant impact for children.

## **Should I let Compassion know that I have included them in my Will?**

If you have left a gift to Compassion in your Will, thank you. We would love to hear from you to thank you personally. Letting us know also means we can strategically plan how we will support children for generations to come. Please feel welcome to email [bequests@compassion.com.au](mailto:bequests@compassion.com.au), call 1300 22 44 53 or fill out the Gifts in Wills response form and mail it back to: Compassion Australia, Attn: Gifts in Wills team, PO Box 1, Hunter Region MC NSW 2310.

## Can my gift support my sponsored child?

Yes. You can ensure your sponsored child is supported after you have passed, until they graduate or leave the program. If your sponsored child exits the Compassion Child Sponsorship Program prior to their expected completion date, the balance of the gifted funds will be allocated to support Compassion's programs where there is the most need.

### **THE SUGGESTED WORDING FOR THIS IS:**

"I give a [insert percentage] share of my residual estate to Compassion Australia (ABN 67 001 692 566) to be applied in the first instance to the maintenance of my sponsorship of [insert name/s of child and identification number/s] until they graduate or leave the Compassion Child Sponsorship Program and to apply any balance not used for their sponsorship to Compassion's general purposes. I direct that the receipt of the authorised officer of Compassion Australia will be a sufficient discharge to my trustees."

But seek first his kingdom  
and his righteousness, and all  
these things will be given to  
you as well.

—Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

## Your legacy left in safe hands

We greatly appreciate your faithfulness and generosity. Working in partnership with over 9,000 local churches, your special gift will be sown into the lives of vulnerable children, helping them grow and rise from poverty. **Thank you.**

# Gifts in Wills response form

Thank you for taking a moment to consider your future plans and the difference you may choose to make through Compassion. Whether you have already included a gift or are contemplating doing so, we are truly grateful. **If you're comfortable, please complete the form below and mail it to: Compassion Australia, Attn: Gifts in Wills team, PO Box 1, Hunter Region MC NSW 2310.**

## MY SITUATION

- I have already included Compassion in my Will
- I intend to leave a gift to Compassion in my Will
- I am considering leaving a gift to Compassion in my Will

## THE GIFT TYPE I HAVE CHOSEN IS

- Residuary
- Specific
- Pecuniary

## YOUR DETAILS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporter number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

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Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

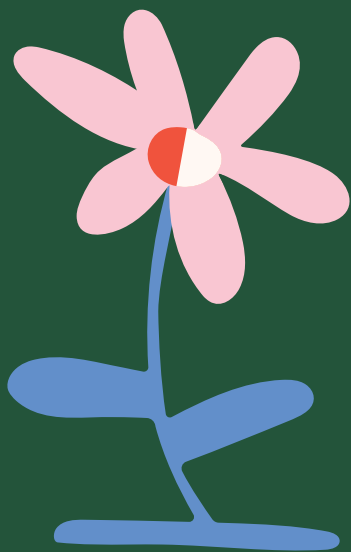
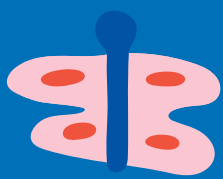
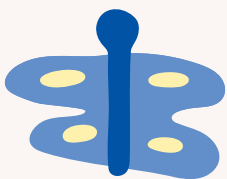
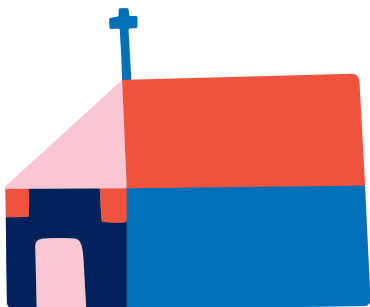
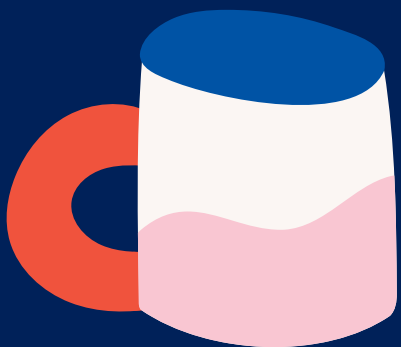
Thank you for providing this information so we can better serve you throughout this process. Please feel welcome to reach out at any time if you have additional questions.

**P:** 1300 22 44 53 **E:** [bequests@compassion.com.au](mailto:bequests@compassion.com.au)



Together, we can carry compassion to the hardest places. We can help release children from poverty in Jesus' name.

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