

LET YOUR COMPASSION LIVE ON...

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By including a gift to Compassion in your Will





THANK YOU



FOR
CONSIDERING
A GIFT TO
COMPASSION
IN YOUR WILL,
TO TRANSFORM
THE LIVES OF
CHILDREN
LIVING IN
POVERTY LONG
AFTER YOU LEAVE
THIS WORLD.

Please note that the most up-to-date information about Compassion and its programs can be found on Compassion Australia's website.
www.compassion.com.au



YOU CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Many supporters want to support precious children for generations to come and ensure the fight against poverty continues. Others want to ensure the children, students or initiatives they currently support are fully-funded until graduation or completion, even if that occurs after they pass away.

Whatever your motivations, including Compassion in your Will is a powerful gift with life-changing and eternal impacts. It will assist and empower children in desperate need, providing them with the spiritual, emotional, economical, social and physical support they need to be released from poverty.

Your gift, no matter how big or small, will be so much more than a financial donation; it will leave a legacy of kindness and generosity to echo across generations. It will be used with wisdom and integrity to transform lives and create new futures for children and their families currently trapped in poverty.

“THROUGH CAREFUL THOUGHT AND CONSIDERATION NOW, YOUR SUPPORT OF COMPASSION'S CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME. YOUR LEGACY WILL BE SEEN IN THE LIVES OF THE CHILDREN AS THEY GROW AND ARE RELEASED FROM THE GRIP OF POVERTY.”

Compassion Australia CEO Tim Hanna.





LIVES TRANSFORMED

SINCE ITS START IN 1952, COMPASSION HAS IMPACTED THE LIVES OF MORE THAN TWO MILLION CHILDREN.

Kini, from Dhaka, Bangladesh, was born with a severe congenital heart problem. The 16-year-old would have died without Compassion's intervention. Since her sponsorship began in 2006, she has had three operations to correct her condition and is currently undergoing vocational training in tailoring and screen printing.

Photo: Kini now looks forward to her future.



Rafonzel



Gatoya



Josue



Margaret



Vasantha



Kini

Rafonzel grew up in a Filipino slum, and her family regularly went without food. An education was something children in her neighbourhood only dreamed of, but thanks to her Leadership Development sponsor, Rafonzel studied Mass Communications at university.

Josue's family received a new home thanks to his sponsor. Before Compassion's intervention, his family of five was living under a tree in a make-shift home of tarpolines and old sheets of iron.

Margaret became a Compassion sponsored child at the age of 12. Twenty-one years later—and after being supported by Compassion all the way through to university graduation—she became a senator in her country of Uganda in 2011. She says that when Compassion arrived in her community, “hope came”.

Vasantha's husband would squander away the little money they had, making it impossible for her to provide for their two young boys. After training in self-employment opportunities through the Child Survival Program, Vasantha now runs a successful hospitality business in Chilaw, Sri Lanka. She says her family's financial situation, as well as her relationship with her husband, has been transformed since her involvement with Compassion.

Gatoya says he was often called ‘dirty’ by other children in his community in Rwanda, but with little water available to wash himself, let alone drink, there was nothing he could do. Then in 2010, Compassion installed water tanks at 20 child development centres, providing Gatoya and over 9500 other children with access to clean water for drinking and personal hygiene.

THE BEQUEST PROCESS

THE PROCESS OF INCLUDING COMPASSION IN YOUR WILL IS STRAIGHTFORWARD. IF DESIRED, YOU CAN EVEN NOMINATE HOW YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR GIFT TO BE USED.

1. The first step is to decide which type of bequest you want to include.
2. The second step is to include the correct wording in your Will.

It is advisable to use a lawyer or to seek legal advice when preparing your Will, to ensure your plans are valid and effective. We are here to help you with this process and can suggest a number of helpful solicitors.



TYPES OF BEQUESTS

A Residuary Bequest

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

Suggested wording for a Residuary

Bequest: “I give the rest of my estate [or ... per cent of my residuary 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.”



A Specific Bequest

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

Suggested wording for a Specific

Bequest: “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.”

A Pecuniary Bequest

A Pecuniary Bequest is the gift of a set dollar amount determined by you at the time of making your Will.

Suggested wording for a Pecuniary

Bequest: “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.”

*To request that funds be directed to a specific program, replace the words “general purposes” with the name of a specific Compassion program.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will my gift be used?

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 to achieve the long-term vision and mission of the organisation. Your contribution will be deposited into a secure interest-generating account and will be allocated to the most vital activities, programs and projects as needed.

Can my gift support my sponsored child?

Yes. You can ensure your sponsored child is supported after you pass away until they graduate or leave the program. Please use the following wording in your Will:

“I give the sum of \$ [insert amount]/or [insert percent] of my residuary estate/ or [describe item being gifted] item of property to Compassion Australia (ABN 67 001 692 566) to be applied in the first instance to the maintenance of my sponsorship of [insert name of child and identification number] until he/ she reaches 18 years of age or ceases to be in the Compassion Child Sponsorship Program (whichever is earlier) and to apply any balance not used for his/her

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.” Please note: If your sponsored child departs the Compassion Child Sponsorship Program prior to their expected departure, the balance of the gifted funds will be allocated to support Compassion’s programs most in need.

Can I request which programs my gift will support?

Yes. You can allocate your gift to one of Compassion’s programs, ensuring that your gift goes to the area closest to your heart. Simply specify the Compassion program you wish to direct your legacy towards when making your Will or when speaking with your solicitor.

Please contact our office if you require further information on our programs.

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

You don’t have to, but it is helpful.

By letting Compassion know, you are helping Compassion to strategically plan as they provide hope to generations to come. It will also ensure that Compassion keeps you updated with news about relevant programs.

THE LIFE-CHANGING IMPACT OF BEQUESTS

YOUR GIFT WILL IMPACT NATIONS AND TRANSFORM GENERATIONS—ONE CHILD AT A TIME.

\$5000 can train fathers and mothers in income-generating activities like carpentry or dress-making, to give them the opportunity to earn a long-term, stable income for their families.

\$7500 can provide three communities in Bangladesh with access to clean, safe drinking water.

\$10,000 can provide more than 670 children and their families in Burkina Faso with treated malaria nets and education about how to use them.



\$20,000 can feed 300 families in Ghana and supply them with the tools and supplies they need to create sustainable, long-term food options for their families, such as home vegetable gardens or small-to-medium sized crop farms.

\$36,000 can support an entire Child Survival Program in Bolivia for 12 months, providing 100 mothers/caregivers and their infants with critical interventions such as medical assistance, pre-natal and post-natal care, and nutritious food.

\$100,000 can provide 580 students in Uganda with the opportunity to attend secondary education, covering all related fees to attend day or boarding schools, including their accommodation.

BECAUSE THE WORLD DESPERATELY NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU...

- Right now, almost one billion children are living in poverty.
- In sub-Saharan Africa one in every eight children will die before their fifth birthday.
- There are an estimated 158 million children between the ages of five and 14 engaged in child labour.
- An estimated 2.5 billion people do not have access to proper sanitation facilities.
- More than 75 million children of primary school age are not in school —55 per cent of whom are girls.
- Every 30 seconds an African child dies from malaria.
- Every day more than 21,000 children under the age of five die from preventable causes.

IT'S A DEVASTATING
SITUATION, BUT ONE WE
CAN CHANGE TOGETHER.



KAITLIN'S LEGACY LIVES ON

While other kids her age were busy texting and thinking about graduating, Kaitlin Boyda was going through two surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation. She was diagnosed with an incurable brain tumour in 2009.

While Kaitlin has now passed away, the legacy of her precious life lives on, for the courageous teenager asked that a Children's Wish Foundation gift available to her in her final months of life was instead used after her passing for a Compassion Critical Intervention in Uganda—to build a well and give children there something for life: fresh, clean, safe water.

When others heard of Kaitlin's decision, they rallied support from her local community to build far more than a single well, and thanks to the powers of social networking sites like Facebook, soon more than \$200,000 was raised to build wells in Uganda, giving fresh water to more than 40,000 people.

Regardless of how much was finally raised, it was all made possible because one person decided to let their compassion live on.

And children and their families from all over Uganda are grateful. After all, half of the world's hospital beds are filled with people suffering from water-related diseases.

“WE ARE ONLY ON EARTH FOR SO LONG, AND WE NEED TO MAKE AN EFFORT FOR OTHER PEOPLE” KAITLIN SAID. “IT’S LIKE WE TAKE A PICTURE WHILE WE ARE HERE ON EARTH—AT THE END OF THE DAY, WHAT DO YOU WANT THE PICTURE TO LOOK LIKE?”



Kaitlin Boyda





ONE WOMAN'S HERITAGE

Perhaps to Ranu, it was a simple gift to the children of the world. We will never know, but what we do know is that Dr Ranu Basu, a sweet and humble lady originally from India who worked and settled in Australia as an anaesthetist, has left a powerful mark on the world.

When she passed away, Dr Basu left Compassion Australia a donation of \$1 million—enough to distribute more than 66,000 malaria nets to African villages, to provide fresh water to hundreds of Indian villages or perhaps to fully fund the tertiary education and Christian training of 50 Leadership Development students.

DR BASU LEFT AN
UNDENIABLE MARK ON
THE CHILDREN OF THE
WORLD AND ON THE
WORK OF COMPASSION.
WITH ONE GIFT,
SHE ALLOWED US
TO HELP SO MANY.

To this beautiful woman who sponsored children with Compassion before she died, who overcame great personal adversity including serious illness, and who was described as “the most kind, compassionate and caring person”, we say, “Thank you”.



Dr Ranu Basu

COMPASSION AUSTRALIA

Founded in 1952, Compassion began by providing Korean War orphans with food, shelter, education and health care. Today, Compassion International supports more than 1.3 million children in over 26 developing nations, partnering with more than 70 Christian denominations to deliver our programs—programs that cater to children in all stages of childhood, from pregnant mothers and babies through to university students.

Compassion is distinctly Christ-centred, church-based and child-focused.



Child Survival Program

With 17 locations across 15 developing countries, the Child Survival Program aims to prevent premature death, secure good health and enable positive development in the youngest, most vulnerable children. Its activities range from crucial interventions, such as medical assistance, pre-natal and post-natal care, and nutritional support to literacy and vocational training for caregivers.



Child Sponsorship Program

Core to Compassion's ministry, the Child Sponsorship Program connects one sponsor with one child living in poverty. In partnership with Compassion, local churches in developing countries deliver the Child Sponsorship Program with the

aim that a child is physically healthy, socially confident, economically self-supporting and has the opportunity to hear the gospel message.



Leadership Development Program

Through Christian leadership training and a university education, the Leadership Development Program equips and empowers select students with a university education to change the world around them. With a university-level education, these students are empowered to be godly leaders who exercise faith and integrity in their communities and nations—places often affected by corruption and injustice.



Critical Interventions

In some circumstances, the needs of children living in poverty exceed the capacity of Compassion's Child Sponsorship, Child Survival and Leadership Development programs. When such obstacles arise, Critical Interventions provides the support necessary to help break the cycle of poverty for many children around the world. It removes obstacles or addresses unforeseen crises that could hinder the healthy development of a child.

For more information on the work of Compassion, visit www.compassion.com.au

THANK YOU
FOR CARING
FOR THE
POOR. WE ARE
HONOURED
BY YOUR
GENEROSITY
AND PRAY THAT
YOU WILL BE
BLESSED AS YOU
HAVE BLESSED
OTHERS.



**Do you have any questions about including
Compassion in your Will?**

Please don't hesitate to contact us. We would love
to help you through this important decision.

PLEASE CONTACT
Compassion Australia
Phone: 1300 22 44 53
Email: bequests@compassion.com.au

Please note: The booklet was prepared by Compassion
Australia as a brief guide and should not replace legal advice.



RESPONSE SLIP

I want to know more about including Compassion in my Will

- ☐ Please contact me about including Compassion in my Will
- ☐ Please send me an electronic version of suggested wording for including Compassion in my Will
- ☐ Please send me more information about Compassion's child development programs

I have already included Compassion in my Will

- ☐ I have left a gift to Compassion in my Will and am providing my details for Compassion's record
- ☐ I have left a gift to Compassion in my Will and am providing my details for Compassion's records, but I wish to remain anonymous

The legacy option I have chosen is:

(this information is helpful to Compassion but not essential)

- ☐ Residuary ☐ Specific ☐ Pecuniary

Name _____

Supporter number (if known) _____

Address _____

Suburb _____

State _____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Mobile _____

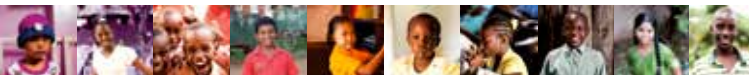
Email _____

Thank you for assisting us with this information. It allows us to better serve you through this process, to keep you up-to-date with any appropriate news or changes to bequests, and to strategically plan for the future as we release children from poverty in Jesus' name.

COMPASSION AUSTRALIA

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