

# BEQUEST INFORMATION

Including a Gift to Compassion in Your Will

**Thank you for  
considering a gift  
to Compassion  
in your will.**



**We understand that many supporters want to continue to bring hope and holistic development to children living in poverty for years to come.**

Including Compassion in your will has life-changing and eternal impacts. Whether you wish to ensure that your current sponsored children are supported through to their graduation, or you would like to impact the lives of future generations of children, we are here to support your decision and guide you through the process.

Your gift will be so much more than a financial donation—it will leave a legacy of love and make a lasting impact. It will be used with wisdom and integrity to empower the local church in transforming the lives of children and their families, restoring eternal hope and new opportunities to those who are currently trapped in a generational cycle of poverty.

Thank you for considering leaving a gift to Compassion in your will and for partnering with us to see children released from poverty in Jesus' name.



# 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 Start by deciding which type of bequest you would like to include.
- 2 Ensure the correct wording is included in your will. It is advisable to use a lawyer or to seek professional legal advice to ensure your plans are valid and effective.
- 3 Celebrate knowing that your generous donation will be used to help *release children from poverty in Jesus' name* for generations to come.

# Types of Bequests

In general, there are three main types of bequests:  
Residuary, Specific and Pecuniary.

## 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 estate fluctuates.

### **Suggested wording for a Residuary Bequest:**

"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 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, 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."

## 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. That is, it will be used to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. 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 in releasing children from poverty through our holistic child development programs.

## Can my gift support my sponsored child?

Yes! You can ensure your sponsored child is supported after you are deceased, until they graduate or leave the program. Please use the following wording in your will:

"I give the sum of \$[insert amount] /or [insert percentage] of my residual 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/s of child and identification number/s] until [he/she/they] graduate or leave the Compassion Child Sponsorship Program and to apply any balance not used for his/her/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."

*Please note: 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.*

## Can I request which programs my gift will support?

Yes! You can allocate your gift to one of Compassion's programs or initiatives, ensuring that your gift goes to the area closest to your heart. Simply specify the Compassion program you wish to direct your legacy toward when making your will or when speaking with your solicitor. Please contact our office on 1300 22 44 53 or at [compassion@compassion.com.au](mailto:compassion@compassion.com.au) if you require further information about our programs.

# Frequently Asked Questions

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

You don't have to inform Compassion but it helps if you do. By letting us know, you are helping us to strategically plan as we provide hope to generations to come. It will also ensure that Compassion keeps you updated with news about relevant programs.

## Further Information

If 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. You can find out more information on our website at: [compassion.com.au/donate/bequests](https://compassion.com.au/donate/bequests), email [compassion@compassion.com.au](mailto:compassion@compassion.com.au) or call on 1300 22 44 53. Alternatively, you could complete the response form on the following page and return it to Compassion Australia.

# Bequest Response Form

Start the process today by completing and returning this form!

## 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 Program

## 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 record but I wish to remain anonymous

The legacy option I have chosen is\*:

Residuary

Specific

Pecuniary

## Your details

Name:

Support Number (if known):

Address:

Suburb:

State:

Postcode:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

## Return to

**Email:** [Compassion@compassion.com.au](mailto:Compassion@compassion.com.au) **OR**

**Post:** PO Box 1, Hunter Region MC, NSW, 2310

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.

*\*This information is helpful to Compassion but not essential*



**Thank you!**

**We greatly  
appreciate your  
faithfulness  
and generosity  
in caring for  
vulnerable  
children living  
in poverty.**

You gift will have an important role in the restoration of hope through holistic child development, leaving a legacy of releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name. Thank you for your decision to let your compassion live on.



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