

Leave a lasting legacy



A guide to leaving a gift in your Will
to help disadvantaged children.



Barnardos
Australia

You can help make sure every child has a safe and stable home.

Barnardos supporters believe every child deserves a caring family and a stable home, where they can grow up safely and reach their full potential.

Because of these generous Australians, Barnardos-trained carers, adoptive parents, volunteers and staff are able to work with children, their families, and the wider community to help create a world where every child feels safe and supported.

Every legacy gift – no matter how big or small – will help to ensure Barnardos has secure funding for vital programs and services for children well into the future.

By writing a few simple lines into your Will, you can help make sure children grow up in a safe and nurturing home, free from violence and suffering.



Child safety

45,000

children are unable to live with their parents due to abuse or neglect.

AIHW 2019

Every child needs someone to believe in them.

Imagine a future...

where no child is neglected.

Imagine a future ...

where no child is assaulted.

Imagine a future...

where every child feels safe.

I want that future, and I am sure you do too.

Barnardos Australia exists because a lot of caring people – just like you – want to give children every chance in life.

Through their donations, Barnardos provides essential services – which I'll tell you more about in this booklet – to make sure every child has a safe and stable place to call home. Thank you for your kind support of this important work.

Until I joined Barnardos, I never realised the meaningful impact Gifts in Wills can have. They are a truly vital form of income that help to ensure Barnardos' work can continue well into the future.



That is why I've added a simple line into my Will to include Barnardos, and why I am asking you to please consider doing the same.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Deirdre Cheers". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Deirdre Cheers
CEO, Barnardos Australia

Meet Michael*

Michael was just three years old when he came to Barnardos. His birth father had abandoned him, and his birth mother – who suffers from drug addiction and mental health problems – verbally and physically abused him.

Michael had been neglected for so long that his teeth were severely decayed and he needed 11 fillings. He'd been left in his cot all day long with baby bottles full of soft drink.

Before coming to Barnardos, Michael had been moved from foster home to foster home. He suffered from anxiety and nightmares. Every time his Barnardos carer left his side he would panic; he was convinced she wasn't coming back to him.

Barnardos caseworkers knew Michael's best chance at a happy childhood would come from finding a permanent home – one he can call his own forever.

Sophie and Paul opened up their home to Michael, and with their unconditional love and the support of the Barnardos team, he has blossomed into an engaging



and intelligent little boy. He is playful and affectionate, and proudly spells out his family name when he meets new people.

Michael can't wait to be adopted by Sophie and Paul.

He's even picked out what everyone will wear to his adoption ceremony.

Open adoption

In 2019-20, **61** children found permanent families through **open adoption** with Barnardos.





**Michael finally
has the family he's
always wanted.**



**"It's so important to
give these kids security
and a solid future."**

- Varoe Legge



Thank you, Varoe Legge

Varoe Legge has made the wonderful decision to leave a gift to Barnardos in her Will – a gift she knows will change lives even after she's gone.

You don't have to be wealthy to leave a lasting and meaningful legacy.

With three adult children who no longer relied on her, Varoe felt she had a responsibility to give something back to the community.

"It's up to people like me, who have been fortunate throughout their lives, to contribute to the future of the next generation," she says.

Before she retired, Varoe was a university lecturer and teacher – so she knows the importance of a good education. She also believes that every child deserves a supportive and loving environment in which to flourish and grow. That's why she made the wonderful decision to leave a gift to Barnardos in her Will.



"Children really need that support when they're younger to build the foundations of learning.

And that's what Barnardos does: they ensure these children go to school and do their homework... so they can come through it all and make something of their lives."

Family support

In 2019-20, **12,241** families kept their children **safe at home** with Barnardos' support.

**Some of our
children drew
what makes
them happy
for you.**





**Your legacy can mean
a better future for
Australia's children.**



**"All I can say is,
thanks Barnardos!"**

- Albert

Meet Albert*

With your help, it's possible for children like Albert to overcome homelessness and violence.

Albert was referred to Barnardos by a school counsellor after his mother kicked him out of home.

He was only 16 years old and had suffered years of abuse. He had scarring across his body from the times he was hit.

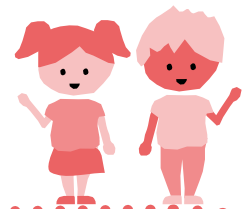
As a young boy, Albert's mother would sometimes make him sleep outside. Albert could never understand why she was always so angry with him – she often beat him and told him not to come back home.

"I couldn't understand why my mum was always angry with me. She would hit me with a big piece of wood, and even a golf club once." Albert says

Albert stayed at Barnardos Kingston House where he was safe and able to finish high school. Barnardos caseworkers taught Albert how to cook and take care of himself in preparation for adulthood.

"The people at Barnardos were good to me. I had a stable place to stay. I always had food. I continued my studies. I even learned to cook and care for myself, to prepare for my independence." Albert says

Albert now works full-time and lives with his devoted partner. He is still in touch with his Barnardos caseworker, whom he credits with helping him to get his life on a positive track.



Youth support

In 2019-20, **1,600**
young people were supported by
Barnardos' **youth programs.**

Thank you, Jenny!

Jenny Burgess knows how important a secure and caring environment is for a child's future.

Through her work in welfare Jenny Burgess has seen first-hand the devastating effect drugs, alcohol, and violence in the home can have on families – particularly children. That's why she chose to include Barnardos in her Will.

"Barnardos offers safety and security to children who desperately need protection, providing opportunities for them to lead successful and productive lives," she says.

Jenny discussed her decision with her two adult children, and says they were happy to know their inheritance would be shared with others in greater need.

"Our family knows the importance of stability for children, and the long-term benefits of Barnardos' work – not just for the children, but for society as a whole."



Foster and kinship care

In 2019-20, **1,413** children lived safely in foster and kinship care with Barnardos'.





**"It's rewarding
to know that my
bequest will help
vulnerable children."**

How to support Barnardos with a gift in your Will.

Every bequest – no matter how big or small – goes a long way to helping create a brighter future for abused and disadvantaged children.

Leaving a gift in your Will is as simple as deciding what type of gift you would like to leave, then speaking with your solicitor. There are plenty of ways to leave a bequest while still making sure your family and loved ones are taken care of.

Of course, writing or updating your Will is a big decision and we encourage you to discuss it with your loved ones first.



Leaving a bequest

There are a number of ways you can leave a gift to Barnardos in your Will. One popular way is to make a 'residual gift'. This is a percentage of your estate left after all other gifts are made.

"Residual bequests seem to me to be the best option for most people. They ensure the bequestor's family and loved ones are looked after first, and then what

is left can go to their favourite charity. Residual gifts change with inflation, protecting loved ones from changes to the value of the estate. Of course, everyone should get specific advice for their personal circumstances."

Scott Graham
Company Secretary, Barnardos Australia

Writing a bequest

Here is our suggested wording if you choose to update your Will to include a gift to Barnardos. You can take this wording with you to your solicitor.

I (first name middle name(s) last name) give and bequeath unto Barnardos Australia, 60-64 Bay Street, Ultimo, NSW 2007,<Insert your details here, for example, 'the residue of my estate'> free of all taxes and duties, for their general purposes. For which the written acknowledgment of the Company Secretary shall be sufficient discharge.

If you require a useful fact sheet for your legal or financial advisor, please contact our Philanthropy Manager know and we will send it to them. Please see back cover for contact details.

If you have any questions or
would like to talk to someone
about leaving a gift in your Will,
we would love to hear from you.

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