



Short Guide:

Leaving a Resounding Legacy

About The Shepherd Centre

Founded in 1970 by Dr Bruce Shepherd and his wife, Annette, The Shepherd Centre has helped thousands of children with hearing loss. Their mission was personal – both of their children were born profoundly deaf. At that time, in Australia, there was no suitable program available to teach children who are deaf how to speak.

The organisation started with just one therapist and five families and has grown to assist almost 900 families across Australia each year – and this figure continues to grow. Now, with the help of technology, The Shepherd Centre is able to help many families in regional and remote areas as well as internationally.

The Shepherd Centre's unique approach is considered amongst the world's best. Supporting deaf children from birth through to their teenage and young adult years, we are unique in offering a comprehensive 'one stop shop' of specialist services tailored to their needs at every stage of life. Families are well supported with an integrated approach involving a team of counsellors, audiologists, speech and language therapists and early childhood educators. This approach is tailored to meet the needs of each individual child ensuring the best outcomes.



How to leave a gift in your will

After taking care of your loved ones in your Will, there are options for you to truly change a child's life. All gifts, no matter how big or small, make an incredible difference to the future of a child. Choosing the type of legacy you would like to leave depends entirely on your circumstances and we recommend you seek independent, professional advice.

Gift options:

Percentage - You can make a provision for a proportion of your estate to be gifted to The Shepherd Centre.


Residuary - After making provision for your loved ones, you can then donate a part of the balance of your estate to The Shepherd Centre.

Pecuniary (set amount) - This option allows you to nominate a set amount of money to be donated to The Shepherd Centre.

Back-up - You can nominate a percentage of your estate to be left to The Shepherd Centre in the event that a beneficiary passes away before you.

Assets - You can gift specific items from your Will to The Shepherd Centre. Some suggestions might include shares, property, life insurance funds, artworks and jewellery. These can be itemised and bequeathed to The Shepherd Centre.

You can rest assured knowing the gift you leave will continue to make a difference to children with hearing loss well into the future.



Wording to take to your solicitor

I give, free of all duties and taxes to The Shepherd Centre – for deaf children (ABN 61 000 699 927) of 146 Burren St, Newtown NSW 2042 for its general charitable purposes. An authorised receipt from The Shepherd Centre – for deaf children will be sufficient discharge for the executor or trustee.

- ☐ % of my estate
- ☐ the rest and residue of my estate
- ☐ the sum of \$
- ☐ the following assets (specify item eg. artwork or property)

We thank you for your kindness and generosity. You will leave a resounding legacy, empowering children with hearing loss to have a voice for generations to come.



FAQS

Why leave a gift in my Will to The Shepherd Centre?

We rely on the kindness of people like you as government funding does not cover all of our costs to deliver life-changing support services. Sadly, not all children who are hearing impaired receive support and this is why we are asking you to consider this gift.

How do I make or change my Will?

You can make an appointment with a solicitor to obtain expert advice when drawing up your Will or updating your existing Will. You can also use an online Will-writing platform that works with an affiliate legal firm.

The Shepherd Centre has partnered with Gathered Here, Australia's most trusted online Wills provider to offer you this service for free, with no obligation to leave a gift to us. To start, [click here](#).

Can I make a gift in my Will to more than one charity?

Yes. There is no limit to the number of charities you can remember in your Will.

Do I need to leave my entire estate to The Shepherd Centre?

No, and we strongly encourage you to ensure that you look after your family and/or loved ones first.

What type of gift would The Shepherd Centre prefer?

Whilst any gift is greatly appreciated, a residual legacy or a percentage are the best options because they maintain a relative value and automatically adjust to changes in the value of your estate. These legacy types do not decrease in value over time.

Why should I let you know that I have left you a gift in my Will?

Informing us of your generous decision is important as it allows us to thank you personally and to welcome you into our Hearing Heroes Community - a group of like-minded supporters of The Shepherd Centre's work.

As a Hearing Hero you will receive invitations to attend special events and be kept informed of the great work happening at The Shepherd Centre. We can also discuss other recognition options with you.

What if I want my gift to remain anonymous?

We would still love to thank you privately, however, we respect all our supporters' wishes and your details will be held in strictest confidence. You will control the level of contact that you receive from us.

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I have already made my Will - is it too late for me to leave a gift in my Will to The Shepherd Centre?

No. Changing your Will and adding a gift to The Shepherd Centre is easy – all you have to do is make a 'codicil' (or a document that amends a previously executed Will).

When you next see your solicitor, just take a copy of our wording with you and they can simply update your existing Will for you. If you made your Will with an online Will-writing platform, it is quick and easy to update.

Want more information?

If you'd like to speak to a real person, Sue Attar is our dedicated Key Supporter Manager who specialises in Gifts in Wills. For a confidential conversation, you can call her direct line 0481 718 129.

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below or visit our website [Gifts in Wills - The Shepherd Centre](#).



Thank you from The Shepherd Centre

At The Shepherd Centre, we rely on the kind-heartedness of supporters like you to ensure we can continue to deliver our life-changing services.

By planning a future gift, you will help us to empower future generations of children with hearing loss to listen, speak and have a voice. Thank you once again for considering a gift in your Will to The Shepherd Centre.

We know this is a significant decision which requires careful consideration. Whilst The Shepherd Centre cannot offer legal advice, we are happy to provide more information about how a gift in your Will can make a difference to families in the future. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions about leaving a gift to The Shepherd Centre on 1800 020 030.

