



MY WILL IS TO
CREATE **A BETTER**
FUTURE FOR
DISADVANTAGED AUSTRALIANS.





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“I’ve been a supporter of Mission Australia since the 70s when I worked in a hospital. It was there I saw the real impact of homelessness on the men who visited the hospital for various illnesses and injuries.

“Before then, the idea of homelessness had only been a vague concept to me, not a stark reality. Suddenly, it dawned on me that anyone, anywhere, anytime could become homeless for any multitude of reasons. It could happen to me – or someone who I really care for. If it weren’t for groups like Mission Australia, they would have nowhere to turn to for help. So I decided then and there to become a regular supporter.

“I remember one day having a discussion with my mother who said she was definitely going to leave something to charity in her Will. I thought it was a terrific idea and I supported her wholeheartedly. She kept mentioning that she must get around to changing her Will, but unfortunately she never did. Sadly she passed away before she could do it.

“Years later when my husband and I were heading off overseas, we realised we didn’t have a Will, so we made one. And I made sure we included Mission Australia right from the start. I was determined not to make mum’s mistake and miss out on doing something I really wanted to do.”

Wendy Wheatley

LEAVE BEHIND A BETTER
FUTURE THROUGH A BEQUEST
TO **MISSION AUSTRALIA**



Every day, Mission Australia is called upon to help thousands of Australians take control of their lives again.

Our network of over 300 centres across metropolitan, rural and regional Australia offer services to disadvantaged and isolated individuals, families and communities, empowering them to get their lives back on track. We offer support to families, children, young people, the homeless and the long-term unemployed. Wherever people are in need, Mission Australia seeks to make a powerful and sustainable difference.

Without the support of our donors, we would simply not be able to carry on the vital work we do. And I am particularly grateful to those who choose to use their Will to leave an enduring gift that will help us continue doing our work well into the future. People like Wendy Wheatley and the others you will read about in this brochure.

I think it takes three things to leave a bequest to Mission Australia – foresight, generosity and commitment.

If you are considering leaving a bequest to Mission Australia or if you have already done so, I thank you for having all three qualities in abundance.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toby Hall". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Toby Hall
CEO, Mission Australia

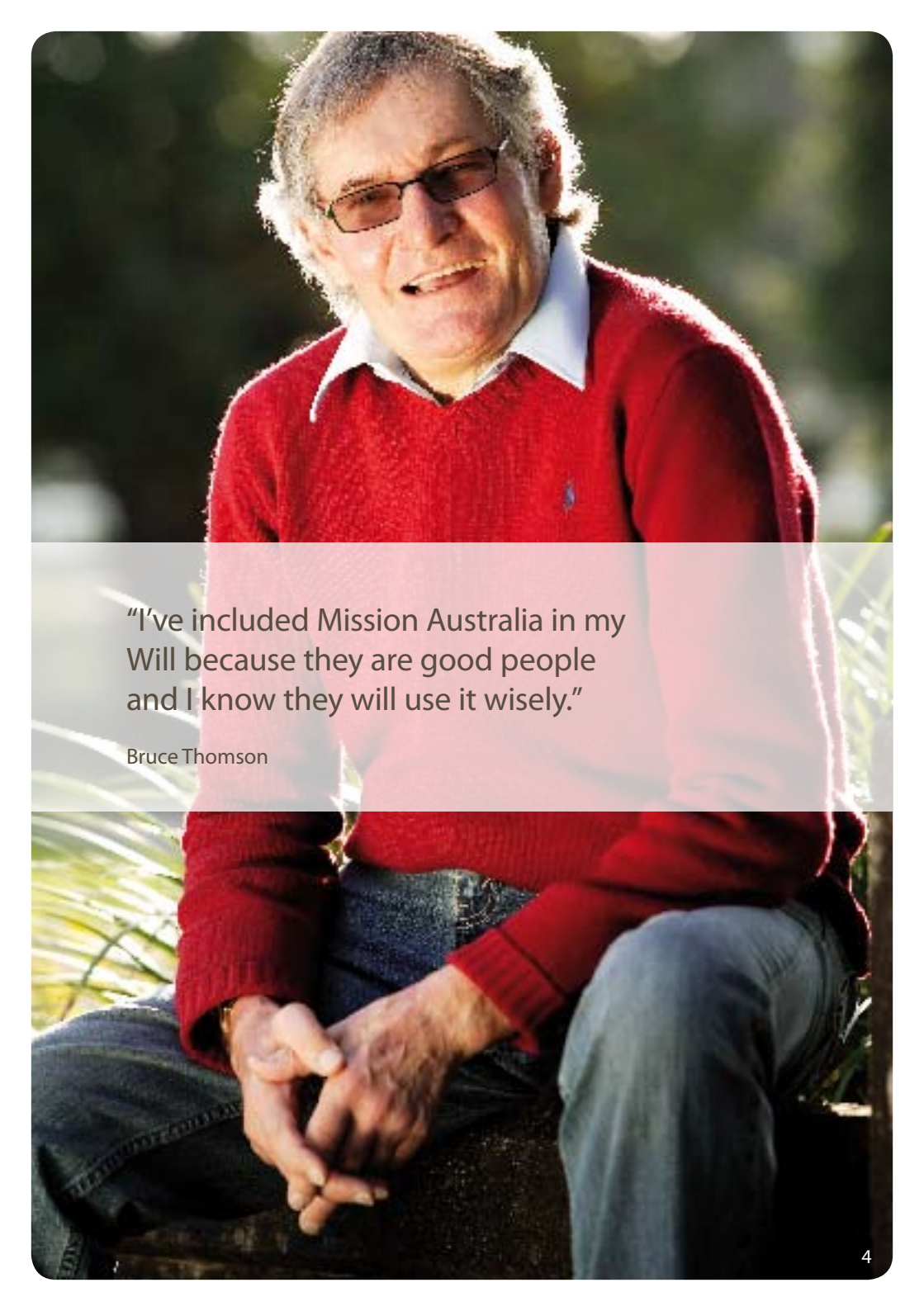
WHAT IS A BEQUEST?



Imagine having the power to transform lives of misery into lives of hope. This is what your bequest to Mission Australia can do, with little or no impact on your lifestyle today.

It takes months, sometimes years, to turn even one person's life around and get them back on track. And that's why our commitment to helping Australia's most disadvantaged is a long-term one – and why long-term support from you is so vital.

There is no better way to provide this support for the thousands of people who rely on us for help every day than by including a bequest to Mission Australia in your Will. It is the ultimate statement of your commitment to a cause you have been most passionate about in life.



"I've included Mission Australia in my Will because they are good people and I know they will use it wisely."

Bruce Thomson

**YOUR BEQUEST WILL
HELP A WHOLE NEW
GENERATION**



Your bequest will mean a brighter future for generations of Australians, helping them to take control of their lives again and start back on the road to a better, more independent future.

A bequest that you make today to help just one child facing learning difficulties or having trouble fitting in to school could benefit a community for years to come.

Whether the problem was caused through family breakdown, unemployment, drug and alcohol problems, homelessness or any other issue, your bequest will enable Mission Australia to provide help that is so desperately needed by so many.

Your special gift will help:

- Children and families
- Teenagers and young adults
- Unemployed people
- Homeless people, or those at risk of homelessness
- Entire communities.



“I can say over and over again how wonderful Mission Australia is. But words simply aren’t enough...”

My partner and I have been blessed with two beautiful children – a boy and a girl. Both suffer from autism, which means they’ve needed very special care in their early years.

I was very, very lucky when Justin was younger to get him into Miller Pre-school, a very special pre-school run by Mission Australia which caters for all sorts of children, including those with special needs.

The care they gave Justin was extraordinary – and he’s been able to go on and begin mainstream school, which is just huge.

Then I sent Natasha, my youngest, there. The difference in her is amazing – even to me! People who haven’t seen her for a few months say, “What have you done to her – she’s transformed!” And it’s all because of Miller Pre-school.

Their programs are fantastic. And they help her with all sorts of skills she’ll need as she grows, even things like her social skills. I never used to be able to get a goodbye out of her, but now I get a kiss and a cuddle and a wave. Words simply can’t express how wonderful the people at Miller Pre-school are...

Being run by Mission Australia is what makes Miller Pre-school so special. They really care about people and about the community.

If I had more money, I’d say, “Here you are, go use it to help other kids like the way you’ve helped mine.” There are so many kids out there who need help – and there’ll be so many more in the years to come...

Leanne Thorne

Making a gift in your Will to Mission Australia

Including a bequest to Mission Australia in your Will is easy. When you make a Will, or update your existing one, simply ask your solicitor to include a bequest to Mission Australia.

There are a number of ways you can do this. Discuss your options with your solicitor to see which one is right for you.

What to do if you don't have a Will

If you haven't yet made a Will or are not sure about how to include a bequest in your Will, you can speak to any solicitor who offers a Will-writing service.

If you need any help finding a suitable solicitor, please contact our Bequest Manager on (02) 9219 2057 who will be happy to help you locate one in your area.

Here are three of the most effective options for including a bequest in your Will. All three offer you the advantage of ensuring that the real dollar value of your bequest is not eroded by inflation over time, maintaining its strength and power to change people's lives.

1. The residue of your estate

After you have looked after your family and friends and any debts, you may choose to leave what remains to Mission Australia. This is called a residuary bequest, because it means the residue (or remainder) of your estate. Many people choose this option because it means you look after your loved ones and other commitments

first. Should you choose this option, the correct wording is:

I give the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal to Mission Australia – (ACN 000 002 522) Registered Office 4-10 Campbell Street, Sydney NSW for its general purposes and declare that the receipt of an executive officer at the time, shall be sufficient discharge of my executor's duty.

2. A percentage of the residue of your estate

An alternative is to give whatever percentage of the residue of your estate you wish to. Should you choose this alternative, the correct wording is:

I give and bequeath _____ per cent of the residue of my estate to Mission Australia – (ACN 000 002 522) Registered Office 4-10 Campbell Street, Sydney NSW for its general purposes and declare that the receipt of an executive officer at the time, shall be sufficient discharge of my executor's duty.

3. A percentage of your total estate

You may choose to give any percentage of your entire estate, up to 100 per cent. Should you choose this alternative, the correct wording is:

I give and bequeath _____ per cent of my estate to Mission Australia – (ACN 000 002 522) Registered Office 4-10 Campbell Street, Sydney NSW for its general purposes and declare that the receipt of an executive officer at the time, shall be sufficient discharge of my executor's duty.

These are not the only ways you can make a bequest to Mission Australia, but they are, by far, the most effective. Should you wish to choose an alternative method, please discuss this with your solicitor.



“I never thought I’d need Mission Australia, let alone end up leaving them a bequest in my Will.”

“In the early 90s, I was having problems with alcohol and gambling, which made having a disability so much worse.

“Where I was living just wasn’t working out and it got to the point where I had to leave. Without any support I was on the streets in no time.

“Luckily I found Mission Australia’s Campbell House (now Mission Australia Centre). My case manager David worked very hard with me, but I couldn’t settle and kept coming and going, seven times I think, in the end it was David who helped me get my life together again.

“Finally, through Mission Australia I was able to get onto the Department of Housing waiting list, something I could never have done on my own.

“Now I’m married to a lovely woman, we have a unit of our own. My problems are over and we have a great future.

“When I thought about who helped me, I thought they should get something back, so now I’ve put something in my Will for Mission Australia.”

John Bushell
Pictured with wife Phyllis



Honorary membership of the Benjamin Short Society

When you make a bequest to Mission Australia you will become a member of the Benjamin Short Society, a very special group of people.

This is an honorary membership in recognition of your foresight, generosity and commitment to leaving a bequest to Mission Australia.

The society honours Benjamin Short, who in 1862, appalled by the scenes of destitution he saw in Sydney's Rocks area, founded the Sydney City Mission, which eventually grew into the organisation we know today as Mission Australia. His original vision "to spread the love of God and to meet human need" is today well expressed in Mission Australia, a national organisation dedicated to strengthening individuals, families and communities across every state and territory in Australia.

As someone who has made a bequest to Mission Australia, your honorary membership to this society recognises that you share the very same vision as our founder, Benjamin Short.

Here are the benefits of membership:

- invitations to attend special functions, tours and events
- presentation of a special Benjamin Short Society membership certificate and membership pin
- safekeeping of your Will at Mission Australia's National office if so desired
- referral to solicitors on Mission Australia's national legal panel.

Where possible, a funeral service or counselling support can be arranged to assist your family and loved ones in their time of grief. You can also have a memorial fund set up in your name as an ongoing testimonial in your memory for your family and friends to contribute to.

Please contact our National Bequest Manager on (02) 9219 2057 if you would like to consider these additional services.



“When I am no longer around, I want to be able to continue to help those in need.”

Dorothy McLean has been a supporter of Mission Australia for over 45 years and several years ago decided to leave a bequest in her Will.

It was back in the 1960s, that Dorothy was first introduced to the people who Mission Australia assist every day.

“When I first came out of teachers’ college and we went to the kindergartens around Woolloomooloo, I just saw so much poverty, I’d never seen it before.

“I saw six people living in a single room, struggling to make ends meet. I knew straight away I had to do something to help.

“I mean I was working and getting a salary so I could help these people who weren’t.

“I’ve continued helping them over the years because I know it’s a worthy cause. And the people at Mission Australia do so much work that is so vitally needed.

“I know their money is always spent frugally and properly on the people who really need it.”

When it came to making a bequest, Dorothy saw it as a natural extension of the support she has been giving over the years.

“The good people at Mission Australia do so many things to help so many people, it’s just a little thing I can do to try and help support their work.”

Dorothy McLean



“There is hope... there are people who care. You’ll find them at Mission Australia.”

Sonya and her son, who has been helped in his battle with drug addiction and mental illness by Mission Australia.

Need more help?

If you would like to discuss any aspect of making a gift to Mission Australia through your Will, our National Bequest Manager is here to help. We can provide information and assistance – whatever we can do to ensure that making your bequest is a simple and rewarding experience.

Please contact our National Bequest Manager during office hours on (02) 9219 2057 or 1800 88 88 68 (for the cost of a local call).

Or write to:
GPO Box 3515
Sydney NSW 2001

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