



# A Guide To Remembering OzChild In Your Will

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# About OzChild



OzChild is a leading child welfare organisation committed to improving the lives of at-risk children, young people, and families for over 170 years. We work hard every day to provide a better future for those in our care, with the belief that every child and young person deserves the chance to shine.

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Chief Executive Officer  
OzChild

We are focused on providing support for children and young people in foster or kinship care and keeping families together where possible through the delivery of evidence-based programs and services aimed at strengthening and repairing relationships.



## Our vision

It is our goal to see that all children and young people are safe, respected and nurtured, and reach their full potential.



## Our purpose

We support children, young people and families who are experiencing significant challenges, by strengthening families, providing healing, and preventing abuse and neglect.

OzChild's **commitment** is four-fold:

1. We will safeguard children in all we do
2. We will continuously advocate to enable self-determination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
3. We will act on the evidence, rigorously evaluate outcomes, and invest in *what works*
4. We will continue to support those impacted by our care throughout our history

# Your Will is crucial

Your Will is one of the most important documents you'll ever prepare, allowing you to control your affairs and leaving no uncertainty for loved ones during their time of grief.

## Your Will ensures:

- Your wishes are accurately carried out after your passing
- Your assets are distributed to the people and causes you care about
- Your loved ones won't have to make difficult decisions about the distribution of your Estate

If you don't have a Will, decisions about your Estate will be made according to State law. Consequently, some of the people and causes you care about may not be included.

# What is a Bequest?

A bequest is a gift of money, stock, bonds or assets that occurs upon the owner's death, and is transferred through the terms of their Will.

Bequests are critical to OzChild and the children, young people, and families we support. Leaving a gift in your Will to OzChild enhances your commitment to the safety and wellbeing of those at risk, sharing our vision to see that all children and young people are safe, respected, nurtured, and reach their full potential.

There are several types of bequests:

- specified amounts of money
- items of property, stocks and shares
- a percentage of an estate
- or the remainder of an estate once family, friends and taxes are provided for.

## The importance of your legacy

**Dr Lisa J. Griffiths explains the impact leaving a gift in your Will can have.**

“As a non-government organisation, the nature of our work in child welfare means we often witness some of the most heartbreaking circumstances that children and young people can endure. However, the generosity of those who share our commitment to improving the lives of at-risk children and young people and support our work through regular or occasional donations is truly heartwarming.



Sometimes this generosity comes as a donation left in a Will (also known as a bequest). Such gifts can come from past donors, those without the means to donate during their lifetime, long-time supporters, volunteers or those who simply have a quiet resolve to improve the lives of at-risk children, young people and families in our community. Regardless of the circumstance, it is always a privilege for us to be entrusted with such a gift to continue to provide a brighter future for those in our care; we believe, it is no longer good enough for a child to only get what is available, we strive to give a child what is needed and what the evidence says works, but we can't do that without you.

I thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to OzChild. Doing so creates a generous legacy that will make a real difference to the lives of at-risk children and young people, giving them the chance to shine.”

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## Your bequest can make a difference

### Brighter Tomorrows Fund

OzChild's **Brighter Tomorrows Fund** (BTF) is designed to both tackle today's challenges and plan for those of tomorrow in two ways:

- 1. Immediate relief:** offering grants to children and young people in our care with practical support not otherwise funded, while simultaneously enhancing the efficacy of our current programs.
- 2. Innovation, research and development:** providing funds to stimulate thinking, research evidence-based models and develop and refine new and better approaches to Australia's child welfare challenges.

Bequests made to OzChild are used to grow the BTF unless a bequestor wishes to specify a different allocation.

Through the BTF, a gift in your Will can assist OzChild to not only make a difference now, but also help develop approaches that will benefit young lives of those in years to come, creating a legacy of hope and opportunity.

## How the BTF can make a difference

Miss W had been in OzChild's foster care program since she was four and had the benefit of a long-term placement for many years.

She turned 18 and left care while doing year 12 and secured private board. On top of a very anxious year worrying about her future post foster care, and working hard to maintain school attendance, she lost her mother in tragic circumstances.

Miss W has some intellectual and mental health challenges which required substantial support, so even after leaving care, OzChild worked hard to support her transition into private rental and her ongoing engagement with school. Her move into rental was in a new location, and travel to school become more challenging, but remaining at the same school to finish her Year 12 was essential. School refusal was a real risk.

Miss W needed funds for private transport to and from school for her final term of Year 12, and support to continue building her independent living skills, but access to other funding options disappeared once Miss W left care.

Enter the BTF. Thanks to advocacy from her OzChild case manager, the BTF funded Miss W to ease her transition into independent living, giving her the chance, after a really challenging childhood, to make the brightest start possible in her adult life.

The BTF, fueled by bequests from generous supporters of OzChild, provided critical and immediate financial relief for Miss W at a time when she needed it most, and will continue to support other vulnerable children and young people in the future.

## Preparation

OzChild has teamed up with [Safewill](#), Australia's leading online Will-writing platform, to give our supporters the chance to write their Will at a discounted rate (usually \$160), easily and affordably, all in less than 20 minutes.



To commence this process, go to: [https://safewill.com/ozchild?utm\\_source=ozchild&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=ozchild\\_bq-comms](https://safewill.com/ozchild?utm_source=ozchild&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=ozchild_bq-comms)

With Safewill, you can look after the people and causes closest to your heart, with just a few clicks.

If after considering family and loved ones, you choose to leave a gift to OzChild, no matter how big or small, it will be gratefully received. Your gift would help us to plan for the future, ensuring we have the funds to continue our life-changing work.

### I already have a Will, how do I include OzChild?

Speak to your legal advisor about including a codicil, which is a simple amendment to your Will.

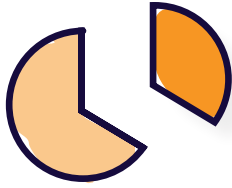
### I have included OzChild in my Will, do I need to tell you?

If you have already made a bequest to OzChild, we would love to know, please reach out by emailing [hello@ozchild.org.au](mailto:hello@ozchild.org.au). Knowing about your intention gives us the opportunity to thank you personally.

# Sample wording for your Will

If you choose not to take advantage of OzChild's partnership with Safewill, you can still seek your own legal advice to assist in the preparation of your Will.

There are several types of gifts you can include as a bequest in your Will. The following sample bequest wordings are provided for the consideration of you and your legal advisor. In all cases, we recommend seeking your own legal advice when preparing a Will.



Proportional Bequest	Specific Bequest	Residual Estate Bequest
<p><b>This is a percentage of the value of your Estate.</b></p> <p>"I give Children Australia Incorporated trading as OzChild ABN 90 680 959 928, who at the date of this Will is located Level 4, 14-16 Mason Street Dandenong Victoria 3175, [specify percentage amount] percent of the whole of my Estate for its general purposes. I direct that:</p> <p>a) If OzChild shall have changed its name or corporate structure or even the nature of the work it has determined is the priority work for the benefit of children needing care and assistance, the successor charity undertaking such work and its work and general purposes shall be the recipient of the benefit arising hereunder; and</p> <p>the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer of OzChild is a sufficient discharge to my Trustees."</p>	<p><b>This includes an exact amount of your Estate, or gifts such as property, shares or artwork.</b></p> <p>"I give Children Australia Incorporated trading as OzChild ABN 90 680 959 928, who at the date of this Will is located Level 4, 14-16 Mason Street Dandenong Victoria 3175, [specify sum or details of gift] for its general purposes. I direct that:</p> <p>a) If OzChild shall have changed its name or corporate structure or even the nature of the work it has determined is the priority work for the benefit of children needing care and assistance, the successor charity undertaking such work and its work and general purposes shall be the recipient of the benefit arising hereunder; and</p> <p>b) the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer of OzChild is a sufficient discharge to my Trustees."</p>	<p><b>After your family and other beneficiaries have been provided for, the remainder of your Estate will be left to us.</b></p> <p>"I give Children Australia Incorporated trading as OzChild ABN 90 680 959 928, who at the date of this Will is located at Level 4, 14-16 Mason Street Dandenong Victoria 3175, the rest and residue of my Estate for its general purposes. I direct that:</p> <p>a) If OzChild shall have changed its name or corporate structure or even the nature of the work it has determined is the priority work for the benefit of children needing care and assistance, the successor charity undertaking such work and its work and general purposes shall be the recipient of the benefit arising hereunder; and</p> <p>b) the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer of OzChild is a sufficient discharge to my Trustees."</p>

A photograph of an older man and woman embracing outdoors. The man, on the left, has grey hair, wears glasses, and a blue sweater with white stripes. The woman, on the right, has grey hair and is wearing a beige cardigan over a blue top. They are both smiling warmly. The background shows green foliage and a building.

# Queries

To arrange a confidential discussion, seek further information, advise us of your intent or to help us to recognise your generous support, please email [hello@ozchild.org.au](mailto:hello@ozchild.org.au) or call 03 9695 2200.

**Your details and wishes will be fully respected and remain confidential.**

OzChild (Children Australia Inc) is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and as a public benevolent institution holds Australian Tax Office (ATO) endorsement as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR item 1) and for charity tax concessions.

*Important: The information in this brochure should NOT be construed as legal advice. We suggest you seek your own legal advice when preparing a Will.*



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