

Change the future
of **children's health**
with a gift in your Will



The Royal
Children's
Hospital
Foundation

Image: Robyn and Stewart Anderson with their grandchildren at the RCH

A brighter future for sick children

Generosity is the cornerstone of this world leading hospital and it has been that way since the very beginning. In 1870, Doctors Smith and Singleton had a vision “to help sick and injured children.” They, with the help of a ladies committee worked to establish the Melbourne Free Hospital for Children. Its aim - to give the best care to sick and injured children free of all charge. That vision of providing children with the very best healthcare still exists today, as does the philanthropy needed to support it.

Through a gift in your Will, you have the opportunity to create a legacy and be a part of The Royal Children’s Hospital’s (RCH) lifesaving work. As Australia’s biggest and busiest paediatric hospital, the RCH provides world leading care to sick infants, children and young people across Australia and overseas.

Through your generosity, our children can continue to receive this exceptional care. Your support means:

- Research will be able to break new ground, discovering new ways to diagnose, treat and cure childhood illnesses
- Our children can benefit from the newest equipment and technological advancements
- Inpatient support services like play and music therapy will continue to ease the anxiety and discomfort felt by patients
- The world’s best clinicians will come to the RCH to care for our children.

By naming the RCH Foundation as a beneficiary in your Will, you can ensure generations to come have the best chance at a happy and healthy life.

You can give sick children and their families the most precious gift of all - hope.

Thank you,



Sue Hunt
Chief Executive Officer | The Royal Children’s Hospital Foundation



The RCH has made such a difference to our lives. We have met such amazing people and Seb will have incredible opportunities thanks to their help.

RCH patient Seb’s mum

1870

THE MELBOURNE FREE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN IS OPENED BY DR SMITH AND DR SINGLETON

1903

NEW WARDS OPEN AND BABIES ARE ADMITTED FOR THE FIRST TIME

Together we can change the future

After providing for your loved ones in your Will, you have the opportunity to consider the causes and organisations that have special meaning to you and ask yourself: **what would I like my legacy to be?**

Together we can change the future of children's health by solving today's medical challenges and being better prepared for tomorrow's.

On the following pages you will find information about ways of giving to the RCH Foundation in your Will. If you have already written your Will, you can simply add a short statement to it, called a Codicil, to include your gift to the RCH Foundation.

To update your existing Will, or complete a new Will, consult with your legal advisor. A properly drafted Will means your wishes will not be misunderstood or disputed after death. This can minimise stress for those left behind and avoid legal bills which eat into your estate.

Where you can help

Philanthropy enables the RCH to advance children's healthcare across four crucial areas:

- **Research:** discovering new treatments and cures for childhood illnesses and diseases
- **Equipment:** acquiring the most advanced equipment and technology specially designed for children
- **Patient and family-centred care:** providing exceptional care for patients and their families
- **Leadership and training:** attracting the world's brightest medical minds and providing ongoing education and training.

Each of these areas is critical to ensuring that every child receives the best possible care. With your support, the hospital can continue to deliver the great care it's known for while working to improve the future of children's health.

My mother had a very special, generous spirit. I'm so proud of her contribution to the hospital and the groundbreaking research initiatives her generosity is helping to foster.

Rosemary Mangiamele, speaking of her mother Grace Cuming OAM. After a lifetime of service, Grace left a gift in her Will that has enabled three research scholarships.



Image: Rosemary Mangiamele with an image of her mother Grace Cuming OAM

Ways of giving

You can leave a gift in your Will to the hospital in the following ways:

Residuary bequests: You donate the remainder of your estate to the RCH Foundation after your dependants, taxes and expenses have been taken care of. With a residuary bequest, your gift will always reflect the proportion of your estate that you intended. As there is no fixed dollar amount stated, a residuary bequest prevents inflation from reducing the 'real value' of your gift.

Dollar amount: You may nominate an exact dollar amount to gift to the RCH Foundation. The value of this type of gift can decrease over time, as the cost of living increases. It is possible to have the amount adjusted for inflation within your Will, and your solicitor can advise you on this.

Specific property: You can nominate a specific gift such as property, possessions, insurance policies or shares that are clearly distinguishable and separate from the remainder of the property that forms your estate.

Life interest or contingency bequest: A life interest or contingency gift in your Will allows you to specify that a particular person may have use of an asset for the duration of his or her life. When they die, the asset — usually property or invested capital — can be passed on to a final beneficiary, like the RCH Foundation.

Endowment: An endowment is a fund bequeathed to the RCH Foundation in perpetuity. Your gift is invested, and only a portion of the average annual income is distributed, the remainder being returned to the principal investment to maintain its value over time. An endowment fund may be named in your memory or of a loved one.

You are welcome to discuss your ideas with us confidentially to ensure your peace of mind.

Suggested wording

This wording can be modified to reflect your wishes; it is important to include the RCH Foundation's full legal name.

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I direct that if any of the nominated beneficiaries predecease me, the bequest shall not fail but I give the share of my deceased beneficiary to the said The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation Limited as trustee for The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation No. 2 Trust.

I declare that the receipt of the proper officer of the organisation shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors.'

* Instead of general purpose, a particular area of interest, equipment or research may be specified.

This wording is included as a separate page with this brochure that you can take out and leave with your solicitor. It is also provided on the RCH Foundation website www.rchfoundation.org.au/bequests



We want to hear from you

Deciding to make a gift in your Will to the RCH Foundation is an important decision. We are here to help and can:

- Confidentially discuss your ideas on planning a gift in your Will
- Arrange a visit to find out more about the hospital's work
- Honour your legacy now and in the future

Please contact us at giftinwill.foundation@rch.org.au, on 03 9345 6389 or write to the Bequest Office, The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation, Level 2, 48 Flemington Road Parkville VIC 3052.

To share why the RCH has a special place in your heart and help the Bequest Office recognise your support, we warmly invite you to contact us as above, or simply complete and return the enclosed advice form.

All information you provide will be treated in confidence.

"I am committed to being part of the team that makes children's lives better. This team includes donors, staff, researchers and volunteers all working together. It feels very natural to me to include a gift to the RCH in my Will."

Maria Seaman, committed bequestor

Opposite: Maria has always been a giver, she started donating when she got her first pay check at 16. "After I started a family of my own, we joined a group of volunteers and came along to decorate the hospital at Christmas. I saw first-hand the care and compassion that every member of the hospital shares with the multicultural mix of patients, parents and staff who make the RCH a well known name all around the world".



"In 1870, our great hospital for sick children became a reality. So much has changed since then, but our purpose remains in front of us, to help this hospital change the future of children's health. What we do now will make all the difference in the world."

Sue Hunt, Chief Executive Officer, The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation

Image: Professor Julie Bines with RCH patient Asha

The 1870 Society

Since the RCH was founded in 1870, bequests have been central to enabling the hospital to provide the best care to our children.

The 1870 Society celebrates supporters who have included the RCH Foundation in their Will.

We value the opportunity to personally thank our supporters in their lifetime and we hope you will inform us when you have included a gift to the RCH Foundation in your Will. Being informed of your gift means we can thank you, ensure you are updated on hospital happenings and acknowledge your support in the way that you wish.

Our 1870 Society members are caring, generous people with a vision, who choose to leave a gift beyond their lifetime. In gratitude, we acknowledge this support in honour rolls within the hospital and in our annual Impact of Giving publication. Members are also presented with a special 1870 Society lapel pin and invited to 1870 Society functions to hear more about the work of the hospital. Anonymity and privacy are always respected.

In this way, the RCH community can know and recognise your support in your lifetime. Your actions may also encourage generosity in others.

Thank you for taking time to consider this deeply personal gift. It is your support that inspires us all.

1995

A 10 MONTH OLD BABY AT THE RCH RECEIVES THE FIRST LIVER TRANSPLANT

2012

MOHAMED (P 13) UNDERGOES AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PAEDIATRIC INTESTINAL TRANSPLANT, SAVING HIS LIFE AND SHOWING THE WORLD WHAT'S POSSIBLE THROUGH GREAT RCH CARE

Frequently Asked Questions

WHY MAKE A WILL?

Your Will is a legal document that ensures your wishes are carried out after you're gone. Whatever your age or personal circumstances, making a Will and keeping it current is the only way to be certain your wishes will be followed, and that the people and causes you care about will be looked after. If your situation changes, you can revise your Will at any time.

Just a short time spent with your solicitor now, setting down your wishes, means peace of mind and could save your loved ones from distress and uncertainty in the future.

HOW WILL MY GIFT BE USED?

Your gift will make a positive impact on sick children and their families in years to come by helping the RCH continue to provide the best paediatric healthcare. Bequests are essential to fund the hospital's long term needs.

Gifts that are not designated for specific use are invested to generate interest and capital growth to support programs and initiatives now and into the future. This approach makes the most of every gift and makes your gift available to best meet the hospital's growing needs.

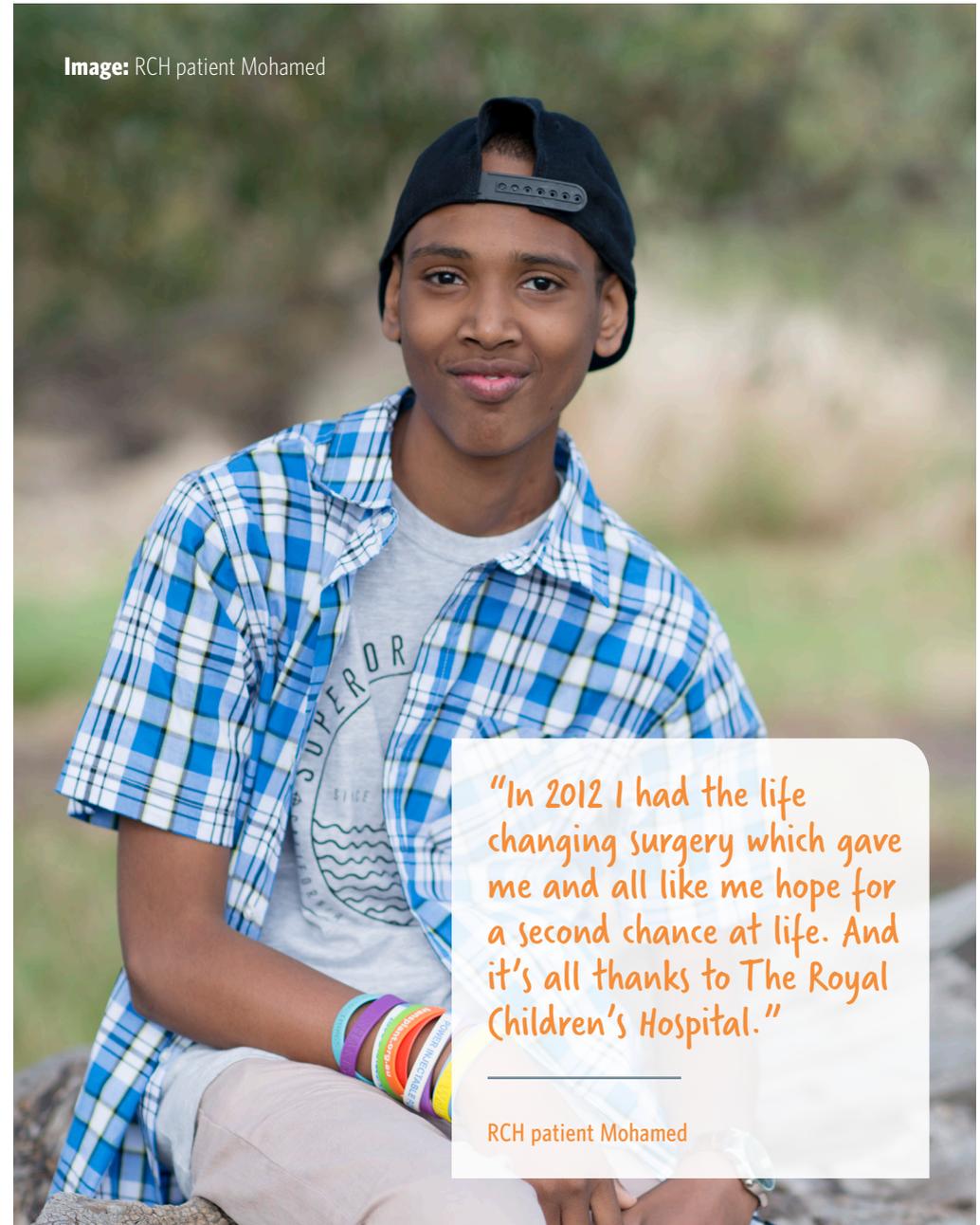
CAN I SPECIFY WHERE MY MONEY WILL GO?

Yes, you can decide which area of the hospital your gift will support. We can help ensure that your personal wishes and connection to the RCH are honoured.

IS IT OK TO CHANGE MY MIND?

We understand that your arrangements may change with time. To assist with our planning, please inform us if you no longer wish to leave a gift in your Will. There is no need to give us a specific reason.

Image: RCH patient Mohamed



"In 2012 I had the life changing surgery which gave me and all like me hope for a second chance at life. And it's all thanks to The Royal Children's Hospital."

RCH patient Mohamed



Contact us today

For more information on leaving a gift in your Will, contact us at giftinwill.foundation@rch.org.au or on **03 9345 6389**. A member of our Bequest team will be happy to help you.

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“our passion is to make a difference – we have left a bequest so our support for others’ good work can continue long into the future.”

Cover image: Robyn and Stewart Anderson on RCH Main Street, with two of their grandchildren. Robyn and Stewart have supported the hospital for decades through volunteer work, fundraising initiatives, donations and now in their Wills.



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Private and Confidential



Thank you for your interest in leaving a gift to The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Foundation. Your care and commitment now will help change the lives of sick children in years to come.

Be assured that the information you provide on this form will remain confidential. It is not binding in any way, however these details will help the RCH Foundation to plan how to support the hospital for years to come.

Thank you again for your assistance.

To: **The Bequest Office**, The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation

Name _____

Address _____

Date of birth _____

Preferred contact method phone email

Phone number _____

Email address _____

I would like you to know that I have named The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation as a beneficiary of my Will / Trust and:

- I have made a gift of a percentage or a portion of my Estate/Trust
- I have made a gift of the residue of my Estate
- I have made a gift of my entire Estate
- I have made a gift of a specific dollar amount
- other _____

Optional information

I believe the approximate value of my gift will be \$ _____

Please direct my gift to:

Where it is most needed _____ at the RCH

My solicitor or representative's name and contact details are:

Name _____

Contact _____

Please contact me for these details

Please include my name (and, if applicable, my spouse's name) in The 1870 Society honour roll. I/We wish to be referred to as (eg John and Jane Smith, J and J Smith Gift, In memory of J Smith...)

I/We prefer to remain anonymous

I am considering including the RCH Foundation in my Will. I would like you to: (please tick all that apply)

Call me to discuss this further

Contact me about a visit to the RCH Foundation

Keep me informed through your enewsletter

Other _____

Is there anything else you would like us to know?

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For **your** legal advisor

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