



A gift that lasts  
a lifetime  
and beyond



St Vincent de Paul Society  
NSW  
*good works*



# How do you want to be remembered?

## Make a lasting legacy part of your life story

With a gift in your Will to Vinnies you can ensure your values live on – and help transform the lives of Australian children, families and communities now, and in the future.



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# YOUR KIND OF GOOD



**Remembering the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW in your Will is an important decision for you and your family.**

It is an opportunity to be remembered for raising your voice in support of the fundamental right to a safe, secure, accessible and affordable home for people who are displaced or living in crisis.

Since 1833, we have made a difference in the lives of disadvantaged people around Australia. With over 4,500 members and 9,600 active volunteers, working across NSW every day, you can trust your gift is used thoughtfully and effectively to strengthen communities and transform lives.

Letting us know about a gift in your Will allows us to thank you in your lifetime through membership of our Vinnies Forever Friends group and together we can care for vulnerable people and families who need a hand up.

Thank you for joining us in striving towards shaping a more just and compassionate Society.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yolanda Saiz'.

**Yolanda Saiz**

Chief Executive Officer

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW



# THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Thanks to the generosity of Vinnies supporters we've been here for over 185 years, fighting to end poverty and injustice for the vulnerable and disadvantaged members in our community.

Every day, we help people and families in our communities. From feeding the hungry and providing financial assistance, to an overnight stay in a shelter or a safe refuge for women and children escaping domestic abuse, Vinnies gives hope to others.

**Whatever the crisis, a gift to Vinnies in your Will means we can continue to be there, long into the future.**

## WHERE YOUR GIFT WILL GO

### Natural disaster relief and recovery support

In NSW, we are assisting families and individuals affected by drought and bushfire by providing food on the table, everyday essentials, a comfortable safe bed to sleep in, clean clothes to wear, financial help to pay bills, and practical and emotional support.

### Crisis accommodation and homelessness support

We operate more than 25 crisis and transitional accommodation services across NSW which provide short- to medium-term housing for people without a home or at risk, including women, men and children fleeing domestic and family violence. We also provide individualised case management support, so we not only assist people to find accommodation, but to maintain stability for the long-term.

## **Disability services, support and employment**

We provide support for people living with a disability to develop the skills and capabilities they need to gain independence and participate in society. We enable opportunities for choice, inclusion and achievement at home, in the community, through education and training, and in employment. We also offer specialist accommodation and respite services for people living with disability and their carers across the state.

## **Community development**

We work together with communities to prevent individuals and families from falling deeper into crisis by providing intervention and support. Our services offer counselling, referral services, carers and holiday respite, care and assistance centres, youth development programs, education and skills development, food services and financial assistance, budgeting and loan programs.

## **Health and wellbeing services**

We support people in making positive changes, improving their wellbeing and building the life they want for themselves and in the community. This includes a range of services designed to assist people vulnerable to various kinds of addictions, caring and supportive accommodation and services for seniors, financial assistance for those in need and rural and remote outreach services.

# JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

When you include a gift in your Will to Vinnies, you join a community of our most loyal and valued supporters.

As a supporter of Vinnies, you are part of a community of thousands of people who believe that a better world is possible. From our specialist staff in our support services, to the accommodation we provide and the families and individuals we assist; our supporters, members, volunteers and campaigners, to the women, men and children we help to overcome poverty. Together, this is how we're making a difference to the lives of people in our local communities.



*“Including a bequest in my Will is just one small way in which I can assist those Australians who are less fortunate and greatly disadvantaged by their circumstances”*

*I have visited a number of developing countries both professionally and privately. The extent of the problems they face in terms of income inequity, hunger, poverty, education and homelessness have made a big impression on me. At the same time, through the efforts of organisations such as Vinnies I have come to realise that these same problems exist for some parts of Australian society even though we are a very wealthy country.*

*Writing a Will is a private matter. Homelessness, poverty and disadvantage are public issues. Together we can make a positive difference to the thousands of people who turn to the Society for help each and every day.*

**— BARRY**



**“We’re changing lives for generations to come.”**

*I have included a gift in my Will to Vinnies because, as a long-time volunteer, I have seen first-hand the good work they do. I have a roof over my head, food to eat, and a warm bed to climb into at the end of each day. I choose to show my gratitude and help Vinnies to continue their good work by way of a gift in my Will.*

**— DOREEN**

# YOU CAN HELP **TRANSFORM LIVES**



**“If it wasn’t for Vinnies,  
I would still be on the street”**

## **DEB'S STORY**

When Deb’s husband of 40 years, Rick, passed away she found herself alone, severely grieving and unable to afford the rent on their apartment. Having lost her loving partner, her family, her house, Deb looked down the barrel of homelessness having to sleep in a park and on a friend’s couch. She was one of an increasing number of older women with nowhere to live.

It all changed when Vinnies came into her life. Finding safety and support at Our Lady of the Way and then relocating into our own social housing properties 18 months later, Deb is now independent and thriving in her very own apartment.







## ADAM'S STORY

*I was homeless and living from day to day in squats. When I could, I got a bed at Matthew Talbot Hostel and was given food, clothing and a warm shower. With support from Sue, a social worker, I found accommodation, a job and completed a TAFE course in Community Services. Now I'm providing support to others who need a hand to find sustainable employment.*



**“Thank you Vinnies for helping me turn my life around”**



**“With Vinnies, I wasn’t just a number, I was a person . . . there was no judgement, no strings attached, I just feel accepted.”**

# SHELLEY'S STORY

Shelley was a devoted stay-at-home mother and community volunteer but in the blink of an eye, Shelley became a single mum with three children to care for (including one child with disabilities) – without a home, money or belongings.

Shelley's husband, suffering from past abuse trauma, fell into the grip of severe mental illness and became suspicious and aggressive towards his own family. Shelley tried to get her husband the help he needed but when he turned violent, she had to take out an apprehended violence order (AVO) to protect herself and her children.

"Within 24 hours he'd cut off my phone, he'd cut off all my bank accounts. So I lost my connection to people and we were then contacted by the real estate to say that he had severed the lease," Shelley said. "We lost our house, our possessions; it became a very desperate position within a week. I think at that point that's when I was beside myself trying to contact the

government and certain people, but no one could help. We were desperate, but every door was closed to us."

"Everything had been stripped away. I felt like a complete failure," she said.

That's when she found the support she needed from Vinnies.

We were able to provide Shelley and her children with essentials like food, clothing, bedding and school fees. Thanks to our generous supporters we've also been able to keep the family car running, find them temporary accommodation, ensured the children didn't have to miss out on school camps, and gifted the family a much-needed break at Vinnies' holiday units.

"Vinnies for me have been, in a weird way, the husband that I've never had. They've been the family that I've never had."



# LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO VINNIES IS EASY

Once you have taken care of your own family, a gift in your Will to Vinnies enables your values to live on.

Your gift will show those you love what's most important to you and how you'd like to be remembered.

Many people think that making, or updating a Will is complicated, but it doesn't have to be. A simple Will can be prepared, or updated by an Honorary Solicitor, free of charge, when you include Vinnies in your estate plans.

## THREE MAIN WAYS TO GIVE A GIFT TO VINNIES IN YOUR WILL

There are a few different ways you can remember Vinnies in your Will. If you're not sure which is best for you, a solicitor can help you, but here are the most common types our supporters choose from:

- 1 A SHARE OF YOUR ESTATE:** Once you have taken care of your loved ones, you can leave a share of, or the remainder of your estate to us. **This is called a residuary gift.**
- 2 A SPECIFIC GIFT IN YOUR WILL:** You can choose to leave us a specific item, such as jewellery, shares or even a property when making a Will. **This is called a specific gift.**
- 3 A GIFT OF MONEY IN YOUR WILL:** You can choose to leave us a specific amount of money in your Will. **This is called a pecuniary gift.**





**If you have any questions about how you can include Vinnies in your Will, simply call us on (02) 8622 0387**



# WHAT WORDING SHOULD YOUR WILL INCLUDE

To make things easier we've provided some wording that you can share with your solicitor to include a gift in your Will to Vinnies. Importantly please include the ABN number provided below to make sure your important gift goes to where you have designated the gift.

*"I give to St Vincent de Paul Society NSW (ABN 91 161 127 340) \_\_\_\_\_ for its \_\_\_\_\_ free of all duties and taxes for which an authorised receipt from St Vincent de Paul Society NSW will be a sufficient discharge for the executor(s) or trustee."*

## Choose one of the following:

- the whole (or \_\_\_\_\_ %) of the residue of my estate
- the whole (or \_\_\_\_\_ %) of my estate
- the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- my \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name of specific asset(s), e.g. property or shares)

You may decide to choose a special area of interest to direct your gift at Vinnies such as "The Matthew Talbot Hostel". Speak with your solicitor to include a clause which would allow your gift to still be valid if this service no longer existed or had a name change. This can happen sometimes if your Will is not administered for ten or twenty years after it was created. You can speak with our Gifts In Wills team about specific gifts and your solicitor is the best person to advise you on the legal implications.



# OUR PROMISE TO YOU

With a gift in your Will to Vinnies you will help transform the lives of Australian children, families and communities now, and in the future.

We understand that leaving a legacy is a special and personal decision. That's why we make this promise to you:

- ✓ We agree that your family and friends come first, and promise to treat you and your family with courtesy, sensitivity and respect.
  - ✓ We will answer any questions you have, and will keep you up-to-date with our work in the way that suits you – just let us know what is best for you.
  - ✓ We know that your decision is yours alone and that circumstances can change. You may, of course, change your mind about your gift to Vinnies at any time in the future.
  - ✓ We will respect your privacy and look after your gift to us with sensitivity and care.
- ✓ You are not required to let us know about your decision to leave a gift in your Will to Vinnies, although we'd love to have the opportunity to say thank you and keep you informed of the impact we are having and our plans for the future.
  - ✓ We will use your gift wisely and cost-effectively so that it has the greatest impact for the people who need it most.
  - ✓ The names of all our beneficiaries are recorded in our "Book of Gratitude" each year and presented for prayers at The Annual Mass.

# GET IN TOUCH

If you have questions about leaving a gift to Vinnies in your Will, please get in touch with our Gifts in Wills team:

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