



St Vincent de Paul Society
(WA) INC
good works

LEAVE A LEGACY THAT WILL CHANGE LIVES



CHOOSING TO **LEAVE A LEGACY** IN YOUR LIFETIME WILL **MAKE A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE** FOR MANY WESTERN AUSTRALIANS EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP AND DISADVANTAGE.

THROUGH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL, YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM ADVERSITY TO OPPORTUNITY.



40,000+

Western Australians given
emergency relief assistance
each year (including food, furniture,
clothing, financial assistance)



3,500+

members and volunteers...
and growing



100+

locations state-wide

Thank you for considering a bequest to the St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc.

For over 150 years, the St Vincent de Paul Society (affectionately known as Vinnies) has been advocating for all Western Australians experiencing disadvantage.

Through a charitable gift of a bequest, our generous benefactors have enabled us to respond to people in need of assistance in the community. For some of the people we assist, their requests may involve financial advice and support to avert the potential for homelessness. For others, it is the urgent and immediate assistance of food, clothing, furniture and bill support.

We rely on the generosity of our wonderful donors and supporters who have included a charitable gift to us in their will to continue our vital works.



OUR MISSION

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.



200+

emergency relief calls received
daily for food, clothing and bills

OUR VISION

The St Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering “a hand up” to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.



6,000+

financial counselling
sessions per year



1,800+

visits to homelessness
services for young people

WHEN TIMES ARE HARD, WE'RE HERE



OUR VALUES

Commitment	Loyalty in service to our mission, vision and values.
Respect	Service to all regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender or political opinions.
Compassion	Welcoming and serving all with understanding and without judgement.
Integrity	Promoting, maintaining and adhering to our mission, vision and values.
Empathy	Establishing relationships based on respect, trust, friendship and perception.
Advocacy	Working to transform the causes of poverty and challenging the causes of human injustice.
Courage	Encouraging spiritual growth, welcoming innovation and giving hope for the future.

A photograph of an elderly man with white hair and a young boy with brown hair, both smiling and looking at a large white envelope. The man is holding the envelope, and the boy is pointing at it. They are outdoors, with green foliage and a house in the background. A blue rectangular box with white text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

YOUR WILL IS ONE OF
THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
DOCUMENTS YOU WILL
EVER PREPARE.

TURNING YOUR WISHES INTO ACTION

Having a will that clearly states your wishes brings peace of mind, security and certainty for the future.

Your will enables you to:

- Name an executor
- Arrange for guardianship of young children
- Make burial or cremation arrangements
- Divide your estate between family, friends and charitable organisations such as the St Vincent de Paul Society.

It is important to review your will every few years, particularly if your circumstances change through marriage, divorce, the birth of a child, or the purchase or sale of property.

Vinnies recommends seeking advice from a solicitor when preparing your will. If you already have a will but wish to include a charitable bequest to the St Vincent de Paul Society, a codicil to your will is a simple way for your solicitor to make these amendments.

You may not be in a position to give now, but by arranging a charitable gift in your will you can support a cause close to your heart; whilst still providing for family and friends in the future.

OUR PURPOSE AT WORK

Our purpose is to address and relieve disadvantage; and the challenging circumstances that face everyday men, women and children experiencing financial and personal hardship.

On any given day, we receive approximately 200 calls from Western Australians seeking our assistance. When you include a charitable bequest in your will, you can help us continue our core work of home visitations - providing Emergency Relief through food, furniture, clothing, assistance with bill payment and budget advice - always delivered with friendship, and without judgement.

Beyond Emergency Relief, we have many specialised support services and programs including a recovery-focused mental health service; services to prevent or alleviate homelessness; programs for young people; financial counselling and refugee and migrant services along with our Vinnies retail shops and distribution centre operations.

Each of our services and programs aim to help people break the cycle of homelessness and disadvantage. Sadly, the number of people in Western Australia in need of our support continues to rise. Through a generous gift of a bequest you can ensure that the complex needs of people living in poverty and at risk of experiencing homelessness, are met.

Did you know?

Home visitations are carried out by individuals who join a St Vincent de Paul Society group in their local area called 'Conferences'. All Conference members are volunteers who meet on a regular basis to determine how best to assist people in need. Members then visit people in their homes and provide practical assistance to help them get back on their feet.



NEISHA MOVED TO PERTH WITH HER HUSBAND AND TWO DAUGHTERS SEVERAL YEARS AGO. AFTER SUFFERING YEARS OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ABUSE AT THE HANDS OF HER HUSBAND...

Neisha and her two teenage daughters suddenly found themselves homeless when her husband abandoned them just before Christmas.

With no family support and receiving minimal financial assistance from Centrelink, Niesha turned to an elderly friend who was willing to provide them with short term accommodation.

Niesha also reached out to Vinnies and we were able to provide her and her daughters with food, clothing, and Christmas hampers. Vinnies were also able to advocate on Niesha's behalf to assist her to secure affordable rental accommodation.

This support was made possible thanks to the generous donations and bequests from the Western Australian community- from people just like you.

Niesha has since found employment and is looking forward to a positive future for herself and her daughters.

Neisha's predicament is just one of the tens of thousands of situations that we encounter each year. By including a gift in your will to Vinnies, together we can look towards a future where we have the capacity to act on all requests for help.

YOUR GIFT

YOUR LEGACY

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION





YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BELOW ARE SOME OF THE WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT VINNIES IN YOUR WILL

Once debts are paid and specific gifts are disbursed, you can leave the **remainder, or a percentage of the remainder**, of your estate to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

You may wish to leave a **specific gift**, such as real estate, shares, jewellery or art to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

You can leave a fixed amount of money, also known as a **pecuniary bequest**, to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

A gift in your will, no matter the size, can make a profound difference to the lives of Western Australia's most vulnerable and disadvantaged.

YOUR BEQUEST CAN HELP OVER 40,000 WESTERN AUSTRALIANS EACH YEAR.

FOR YOUR SOLICITOR

WE SUGGEST YOU TAKE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH YOU WHEN YOU VISIT YOUR SOLICITOR TO DRAFT OR UPDATE YOUR WILL.



WORDING FOR YOUR WILL

GIFT IN GENERAL

I bequeath to St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc (ABN: 18 332 550 061) the entirety (or _____%) of the rest, remainder or residue of my estate, after payment of all my just debts, fees, charges, taxes, duties, funeral and testamentary expenses payable at my death, for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt from the Chief Executive Officer, President or any other proper or authorised officer of St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executor and Trustee who shall not be bound to see to the application of this bequest.

GIFT OF CASH

I bequeath to St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc (ABN: 18 332 550 061) the sum of \$_____ from my estate for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt from the Chief Executive Officer, President or any other proper or authorised officer of St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executor and Trustee who shall not be bound to see to the application of this bequest.

GIFT OF PROPERTY

I bequeath to St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc (ABN: 18 332 550 061) my real property situated at _____ [address] in _____ [State & country] free of all fees, charges, taxes, duties and encumbrances, for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt from the Chief Executive Officer, President or any other proper or authorised officer of St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executor and Trustee who shall not be bound to see to the application of this bequest.

WHEN YOU GIVE, LIVES ARE CHANGED

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have included a bequest to the St Vincent de Paul Society in your will, we would love for you to let us know; so we can thank you now and invite you to join a special group of like-minded individuals who are members of 'Frederic's Fellowship'.

As a member of Frederic's Fellowship, you will receive invitations to special events; newsletters and up-to-date information about the work we are doing within your community; a certificate of appreciation and an opportunity to visit our distribution centre in Canning Vale to see our 'good works' in action.

We will also honour your bequest on a recognition board at our administration office in Canning Vale; and in our Annual Review.

If you choose not to disclose your bequest to us, we respect your privacy and wishes. Please accept our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your generous gift that will have a profound effect on so many lives in the future.

For a confidential discussion about your wishes, please contact the Planned Giving Coordinator on (08) 6323 7500 or email bequests@svdpwa.org.au



THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION



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