



**Leave a
gift in your
Will, so
good works
never stop.**



**How your legacy can support
justice and equality, for good.**



"I am really grateful, if I had not received training it would not have been possible for me to come this far. To Caritas Bangladesh and Caritas Australia, I express my gratitude to them for providing me with these opportunities."

- Pronali, Trained Rural Midwife

Pronali with mothers in her community in rural Bangladesh.
Photo: Sumon Corraya/
Caritas Bangladesh

Together for good

There are not many gestures more generous than this one.

To consider leaving a gift in your Will – to think beyond your own lifetime and say, *"I want this work to continue"* – is something I find genuinely moving. On behalf of every community we serve, thank you.

I have spent my career working across the world and some of the most complex humanitarian crises. In all of that time, one thing has never changed - the difference that compassionate, committed people make when they choose to act.

You are one of those people.

In your lifetime, like me, you have likely witnessed extreme weather tear through communities. Conflict uproot millions of families. Inequality hold back generation after generation. And yet alongside that,

you have also likely seen what happens when people of faith and goodwill refuse to look away.

Communities rebuild. Children finish school. Women step into leadership. Families leave poverty behind and flourish.

A gift in your Will can help make sure that forward momentum continues – and that good works never stop.

I hope the information in this booklet speaks to your heart, and I thank you sincerely for your generosity.

With gratitude,



Kirsten Sayers

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CEO
Caritas Australia

The good you believe in, for generations to come

In Cox's Bazar, the good works you support can have an impact in the lives of mothers like Sakhina.

When we spoke to Sakhina, she was relaxed and happy, cooking food for her daughter Noor.

Noor lives with a disability and relies heavily on Sakhina as a primary caregiver. Together, these two strong women have endured the unimaginable. Sakhina and Noor were forced to flee their home in Myanmar, witnessing death and violence on their journey to the world's largest refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

Sakhina used to worry about leaving Noor by herself. As Noor lives with a disability, Sakhina had to help her to use the toilet so that she wouldn't fall over and injure herself.

With support from generous people like you, Caritas Australia and our partner Caritas Bangladesh installed safe sanitation and railings near Sakhina's hut. What may seem like small changes have transformed life for Sakhina and Noor, bringing greater independence, better health, and renewed hope.

A gift in your Will can provide essential support for future generations of mothers like Sakhina.



“One of the most impactful changes is that my daughter, who lives with a disability, can now go to the latrine by herself. She feels much safer and more independent.”

- Sakhina

The Caritas Bangladesh team works on the ground to support families like Sakhina's.
Photo: Caritas Australia

Always be there for the greater good

For more than 60 years, the generosity of people like you has been at the heart of everything Caritas Australia does.

That generosity has helped communities rebuild after extreme weather, supported families affected by conflict to regain stability, and empowered women and girls to overcome inequality and build brighter futures.

This is lasting, meaningful change, and by including Caritas Australia in your Will, you can help ensure that this work continues, for generations to come.

Your gift will impact communities experiencing vulnerability well into

the future, supporting efforts to end hunger, improve access to clean water and sanitation, and create opportunities through education.

Together, we can help build a world shaped by compassion. One where everyone can live with hope.



Sisilia refilling her cup from newly installed water taps at her school in rural Tanzania.
Photo: Caritas Australia

Creating a legacy for good

***“The last time I get to speak to people most important in my life will be through my Will.*”**

The longer the time I’ve engaged with Caritas (and it’s been a long time now), the more convinced I am that they are the right charity for me to leave my money when I die.

For years I have seen program after program successfully help the poor when they most needed it.

While I don’t know their names, I know my God does, that they are important and much loved by Him.

So through the Caritas team, partnering with communities, asking them what they need and bringing good governance, they can bring hope, trust, dignity and support.”

Michelle, Caritas Australia supporter



Michelle,
Caritas Australia supporter



Giuseppe,
Caritas Australia supporter

A legacy that lasts for generations to come

Giuseppe has been a long-term supporter of Caritas Australia. He feels blessed to have been born in a peaceful and prosperous country, and was inspired to give something back.

By choosing to leave a gift in his Will to Caritas Australia he made a promise to pay his good fortune forward, and help support the work of Caritas Australia for generations to come.

“A bequest to Caritas is a small thing I can leave behind to give thanks to God for the many gifts I’ve received.”

Giuseppe, Caritas Australia supporter



“Caritas changes lives from our nearest neighbour Papua New Guinea all the way to the Congo in Africa. I am amazed by how much can be done with not very much money.”

Giuseppe, Caritas Australia supporter

Thandolwayo washing her face using clean water from a tap installed in her village in rural Zimbabwe. Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

For good around the world

A gift in your Will can help create lasting change across the world, helping communities overcome the challenges of poverty, gender inequality, and environmental disasters.

Sudan

In Sudan, where Nadia* has been trying to protect her children in a displacement camp, after being forced to flee her home due to growing conflict, good works are helping future generations.

"We were suffering from a lack of water. But after Caritas' intervention, the problem was solved. A water tanker arrives every two days. Thank God."

Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, where Worknesh struggled to feed her children amidst worsening farming conditions, good works are improving lives.

"After engaging in the project, I am able to produce vegetables to secure my family food and to increase my family income with the surplus product."

Timor-Leste

In Timor-Leste, where Chiquito is working hard to support his children, good works are changing lives.

"Since participating in the Caritas program, I am a successful farmer, I am able to make a good living and support my family. My family is happy and I am proud that I have made them happy."

Tanzania

In remote Tanzania, where Sisilia's education was at risk, good works transform futures.

"We now have access to cleaner and safer water than before. I would like to be a pilot. If I can study without spending so much time fetching water, I know I can achieve my dream."

The Pacific

In Samoa, where Toe'fuataiga and her classmates faced each school day without reliable access to clean water, good works are helping children learn and dream.

This is your compassion in action. With a gift in your Will, good works never stop.



Working with vulnerable communities, for good

With your support, over the past year:



47,145 people gained improved access to sufficient food



11,018 women were supported to assume leadership roles



70,262 people gained improved access to drinking water



48,086 people had improved access to sanitation facilities



2,011,537 people reached through emergency projects supported by Caritas Australia.

Water, sanitation and hygiene



Without access to water, livelihoods, healthcare and education are at risk. Caritas Australia works with communities to improve access to clean water for drinking, washing, cooking, irrigation and sanitation.

Women's empowerment and gender equality



Women and girls are disproportionately affected by poverty, food insecurity, climate change, gender-based violence and abuse, as well as lack of access to education, health care and employment. Caritas Australia works closely with vulnerable communities to uphold women's rights and advocate for gender equality.

Food security and sustainable farming



Environmental challenges and famine go hand in hand. As global hunger rates climb, and conditions for agriculture shift, it is vital that communities have the capacity to adapt.

Emergency relief and humanitarian aid



Shelter, clean water, food, hygiene kits, and cash assistance help local communities rebuild in the aftermath of a disaster, whenever that disaster strikes.

Leaia and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home in Samoa. Photo: Laura Womersley

Your legacy for good

Preparing your Will is an important way to care for your loved ones and bring peace of mind for the future.

We understand that family and friends always come first, and that choosing to leave a gift in your Will is a deeply personal decision. Whether you're writing a new Will or updating an existing one, including Caritas Australia is straightforward.

There are a few different ways you can choose to leave a gift:

- **A Residuary Gift:** the remainder of your estate after all expenses, debts, taxes and any specific gifts have been distributed.
- **A Percentage Gift:** a nominated percentage of your residuary estate, often used when dividing your estate between loved ones and the causes you care about.

- **A Specific Gift:** a nominated sum of money, property or shares. Your solicitor can help structure a cash gift to account for inflation over time.

If you would like advice tailored to your personal circumstances, we recommend speaking with a solicitor when preparing a new Will or updating an existing one.

Your solicitor can ensure your Will includes the correct legal wording for Caritas Australia, and that your gift remains valid and continues to support our work.

Even a gift of 1% of your estate can create lasting change around the world.

Suggested wording

To include a gift in your Will, the following wording is suggested:

I bequeath (Please insert the appropriate statement from the following options:)

- A. The sum of \$ [insert value or description of your gift] or
- B. The residue of my estate or
- C. [insert number] % of the residue of my estate

to Caritas Australia Limited (ABN 90 970 605 069) for its general purposes absolutely.

The receipt of the authorised officer of the organisation shall be sufficient discharge to my executor.

If the organisation cannot receive the gift, the gift shall be made to the charitable organisation in Australia that my executor considers most nearly fulfills the objects I intend to benefit.



Toefuata'iga writes on a chalkboard in a primary school classroom in Samoa. Photo: Caritas Australia.

We're here for good

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will and the impact it can make, we're here to help.

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Monoranjon with his son, Chandon, inside their home in southwest Bangladesh. Photo: Caritas Australia