

# Leave a Legacy of Love

Your guide to gifts in Wills

# A message from the CEO



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island readers should be aware that this publication may contain images or names of people who have since passed away. Caritas Australia acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians, past and present, of the land on which all our offices are located.

Cover: Angel and Angelo play at home before leaving for their local school in the Philippines. Photo: Richard Wainwright.

When you leave a gift to Caritas Australia, you leave a legacy of love that endures for generations.

For nearly 60 years, supporters of Caritas Australia have represented so much of the goodness in humanity – a story of compassion that our world so desperately needs. You make it possible to continue our work and it is one of the reasons why we have been able to reach so many for so long.

Your generosity enables long-term programs and ensures we can continue responding to emergencies and natural disasters. Together, we can empower whole communities to become architects of their own future by crafting solutions to their own development.

With your support, Caritas Australia continues to work to end poverty, promote justice and uphold human dignity by accompanying marginalised communities.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you enable this life-changing work to continue, leaving truly a legacy of love.

On behalf of Caritas Australia, thank you.

**Kirsty Robertson**

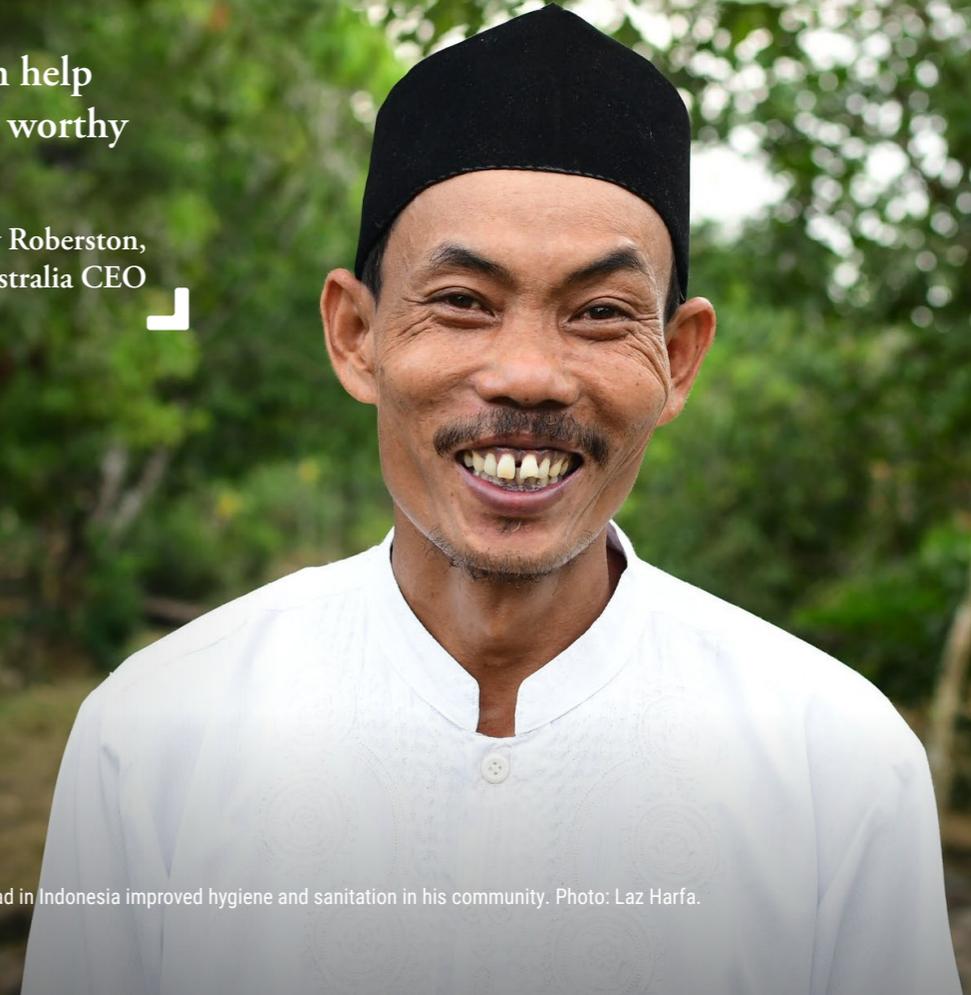
*Kirsty Robertson*

**Chief Executive Officer  
Caritas Australia**



Together, we can help people live a life worthy of their dignity.

- Kirsty Robertson,  
Caritas Australia CEO



Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad in Indonesia improved hygiene and sanitation in his community. Photo: Laz Harfa.



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**Michelle Fernon is a long-time supporter of Caritas Australia. Inspired by her faith and passion for social justice, Michelle speaks about why she decided to include Caritas Australia in her Will.**

I first learned about Caritas Australia when I was a child at school and vividly recall collecting coins for the Project Compassion box.

Giving to Caritas Australia has made me a much happier person. I feel empowered knowing that we're doing something for the most marginalised.

The sense of concern that I sometimes feel thinking about the poverty and suffering in the world today has been taken away by knowing where my money is going and that it's going to a good cause.

The last time I get to speak to people most important in my life will be through my Will. I have great faith in Caritas Australia's ability to end poverty and uphold people's dignity. Caritas Australia doesn't tell its partners what to do, but rather walks alongside them.

There are so many charities out there, but I know that with Caritas Australia, I'm giving in the right way, to a place that has good governance, a good development approach and spends minimally on administration.

I can recommend Caritas Australia wholeheartedly.



July carries a baby in Tanzania. Photo: August Lucky

☀ You don't have to be wealthy to leave a gift in your Will.

**We reach some of the most remote communities in Australia, Asia, Africa and the Pacific.**

# Our Impact

Caritas Australia is working to end poverty.



**690,837** people reached



**71** long-term projects



**34** humanitarian and emergency responses



**23** countries including Australia

Your legacy is safe in our hands. By leaving a gift to Caritas Australia, you will be contributing to a better future for vulnerable communities worldwide.

We form part of one of the largest humanitarian networks in the world, as part of the Caritas Confederation, and can reach some of the most remote communities in Australia, Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

### Emergencies

We also stand with communities before, during and after an emergency. Our emergency response network means we can respond immediately because we work with local partners and churches already in country.

### Low Administration Fees

With low administration fees and a specialist team at Caritas Australia, your gift in Will can make a profound impact for years to come.

### Locally-Led Programs

Our culturally-sensitive programs are created by local partners who are best placed to identify the needs of their own communities and live a life worthy of their dignity. Some of these include healthcare, clean water, sanitation, education, housing, sustainable food security and livelihood projects.

For everything you need to know about leaving a gift in your Will, turn to pages 10 - 11.



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Caritas volunteers with a 9-month old baby in Poland. Photo: Philipp Spalek.



## Building Better Futures Together

For Martina, a mother of eight living in rural Timor-Leste, escaping domestic violence was the first step in her journey to a new life.

The shelter where Martina sought refuge is a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program. This holistic community-wide program offers women like Martina economic empowerment and a life of safety in a supportive environment.

***"After I left the shelter, I felt confident for my future. They really helped me to learn how to be strong; how to change my life to support myself and to have some money to support my children,"*** Martina says.

When she joined the Caritas Australia supported Protection Program, she received vital training in microfinance business management. Now, Martina has her independence and ability to earn an income to support her family and provide an education.

Gender-based violence is a critical issue for women in Timor-Leste and is the most reported crime to the National Vulnerable Persons Unit.

Your support enables Caritas Australia to continue this important work with vulnerable women like Martina and her family.

***"Education is the most important thing to change my children's lives."***

- Martina



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Martina weaves traditional cloth outside her home in Timor-Leste. Photo: Richard Wainwright.

# Leaving a Legacy of Love

Preparing your Will helps to look after your loved ones and gives peace of mind. We understand that your family and friends come first and that leaving a gift in your Will is a personal decision.

**Whether you're writing a new Will or amending an existing one, including Caritas Australia is simple.**

**There are three different types of gifts you may consider:**

- **A Residuary Gift:** the remainder of your estate after all expenses, debts and taxes have been paid, and after any specific gifts.
- **A Percentage Gift:** a percentage of your residuary estate. This gift is used if you wish to divide your estate among a number of people or organisations.
- **A Specific Gift:** a sum of money, property or shares. You can ask your solicitor to draft a cash gift to account for inflation.

Your generous gift will make a real difference. Whatever you decide, we recommend that you work with a solicitor to write your new Will, or amend an existing Will.

Your solicitor should ensure that your Will includes the correct legal name of our organisation and ensure that the gift can still be made if our organisation changes its name during your lifetime.

**Find out more at [www.caritas.org.au/legacyoflove](http://www.caritas.org.au/legacyoflove)**

## The wording for your Will

It is easy to include Caritas Australia in your Will. You can use the suggested wording provided below.

**I give...**

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

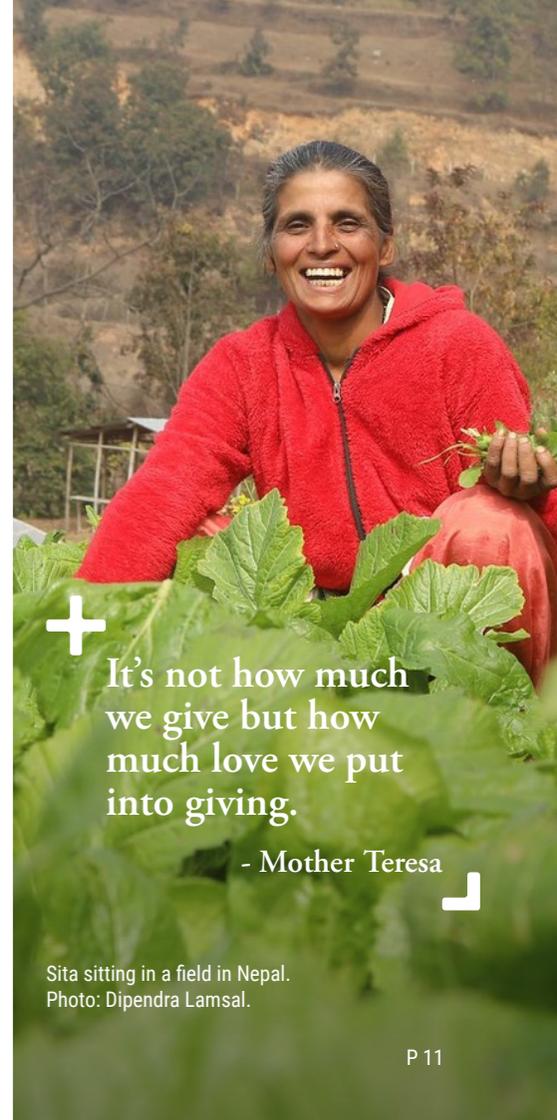
**A. The sum of \$ [insert value or description of your gift]**

**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.**



**It's not how much  
we give but how  
much love we put  
into giving.**

**- Mother Teresa**

Sita sitting in a field in Nepal.  
Photo: Dipendra Lamsal.



Arsad with his family outside their home in Indonesia. Photo: Laz Harfa.

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