



Your Legacy is their Future

**Your Guide to Leaving a Gift in Your Will for
The Infants' Home**

Our story



For almost 150 years The Infants' Home has been improving the lives of children and families. With your support, we can continue to support our community for many years to come.

Many of us take for granted the freedom to determine our own futures. Some children face challenges in early childhood that can leave them falling behind for the rest of their lives. Through early intervention, children can be set up for future success.

Since 1874 The Infants' Home has been championing the rights of children, women, and families, protecting those at risk, and guiding families as they build their strengths, skills and confidence to create more positive futures for themselves.

We are a leading provider of award-winning integrated early childhood services, delivering early childhood education and care, early intervention and allied health and family support services to thousands of children and families each year. At least thirty percent of our onsite services and all of our community services are directed to help children with additional needs or those living in vulnerable circumstances.

As a historic children's charity, The Infants' Home is reliant on support from donors to continue our work in the community, where we provide early intervention, education and support services to vulnerable people.

Legacies left by supporters have enabled us to expand our service offerings, to support more children and families in need, and to improve our facilities for generations to come.

By leaving a gift in your Will to The Infants' Home you can help secure the continued growth of our organisation and the delivery of our specialist integrated early intervention services to children, changing lives in meaningful ways. Your gift will make a real difference to the futures of young children, and it will continue to positively impact generations beyond your lifetime.

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to The Infants' Home. Every gift, no matter the size, brings us a step closer to The Infants' Home's vision of a society in which each child is given the chance in early childhood to develop their abilities to meet life's challenges and opportunities. We will cherish your gift and remember your legacy.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth".

Elizabeth Robinson
Chief Executive Officer

Marion's and Jean's legacies

The formative years they spent at The Infants' Home had a profound impact on twin sisters Marion and Jean, who became residents of our then refuge for women and children in the early 1920s, at just one month old, following the untimely death of their mother.

The twin's father, Lionel, was a widower and, having immigrated with his late wife from England, had no family support to help him care for his infant daughters. Lionel found himself vulnerable and in need of help, much like many of the families we assist today. The Infants' Home provided a safe place where the twins could be cared for together, and where the wish their mother had had of keeping them together could be fulfilled.

Marion and Jean remained in the care of The Infants' Home until they were five years old, with their father visiting regularly to spend time with them. When Lionel remarried the twins returned home - happy and healthy - and they grew up in a loving family with their other siblings. Both Marion and Jean went on to lead wonderful, enriching lives and to raise families of their own.

It was the generosity of our donors and supporters all those years ago that enabled The Infants' Home to carry out the good work which positively impacted the lives of Marion, Jean and their father, who faced significant adversity through no fault of their own. The legacies of those donors continued to live on for the entirety of the twins' lifetimes, to almost 100 years later, when Jean sadly passed away at the age of 95, followed by Marion at the age of 97.

Although they do not realise it at the time, the environments and experiences children have in their early years have a lasting impact on their future lives. This was certainly true for Marion and Jean. Their fond memories and lifelong connection with The Infants' Home speak to the gratitude they felt that such a place existed at a time they needed it, and which enabled their family to remain together.

Both Marion and Jean were lifetime supporters of The Infants' Home as a testament to their belief in the lifechanging work that The Infants' Home does and were content in the knowledge that their donations would help secure the future wellbeing of children and families for generations to come.

The Infants' Home is honoured to have played a part in Marion's and Jean's life stories, and to be able to remember them as a part of our organisation's rich history. Like Marion and Jean, through a gift in your Will, you and your legacy will never be forgotten.



Providing each child, every opportunity: Sam's Story



that The Infants' Home had an onsite nurse and social worker," Natalie says.

Sam started in our Robinson House centre at just over a year old. The integrated team of educators, a nurse, and allied health staff worked closely with Sam, Natalie and Mathew to support his transition to child care, where he was included in our everyday play-based learning program with other children while also having his health and development needs met.

Sam settled happily into Robinson House, but at then 18 months old he was diagnosed with Leukemia and Osteomyelitis (a bone infection). Sam had to be taken out of the centre while he underwent cancer treatment which compromised his immune system, and he had to have several surgeries related to the bone infection. Natalie says, *"I cannot express enough how supportive the staff were at this time. They reassured me that when Sam was better he could come back and not to worry about that. The second time [he enrolled] after his treatment was honestly like coming back home—the support, love and genuine joy in seeing him better—no words can really do it justice."*

Sam was born with Trisomy 21 (Down syndrome), a genetic disorder that causes developmental and learning delays and distinctive facial features.

Sam spent the first six weeks of his life in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit due to health complications. It was discovered that the hole in his heart he was born with had not closed, causing him significant hypertension (high blood pressure). He also struggled to breathe and feed, and was fed via a nasal gastric tube until he was six months old. At five months of age he underwent open heart surgery.

For first time parents Natalie and Mathew, the prospect of finding child care where Sam's specific health and developmental needs could be met was daunting. However, with no family in Sydney, they needed to find a suitable place for Sam so that Natalie could return to work.

Natalie first learned about our child care centres when she contacted our Sydney Hope Cottage postnatal service for help with breastfeeding following Sam's surgery. When she mentioned her concerns about finding child care for Sam, the nurse encouraged Natalie to contact us.

"There didn't seem to be a problem, and putting him on the waitlist seemed very easy. I was just so thrilled

" Sam's and our family's time at The Infants' Home has contributed in so many ways to help set Sam up for his current successes. — Natalie, Sam's Mum "

Upon his return to our Johnson House centre, Natalie felt that everyone was always kept on the same page with regard to Sam's needs and wellbeing, and that the whole team shared in the joy of his triumphs and achievements.

In 2016 Sam started primary school, and he also began to walk independently that year, and eventually running right to the finish line in his school's sports carnival running race—a proud milestone moment for Sam and his parents!

Sam now attends an Education Support Unit within a local primary school in Perth where he and his family moved in 2017. He has achieved some fantastic milestones since leaving The Infants' Home, and he still continues to maintain friendships with many of his peers from his days at The Infants' Home.

How to leave a gift in your Will to The Infants' Home

While it may be hard to think about and plan for, having a Legal Will gives you the power to choose how your life's assets will provide for your loved ones, and the causes you care about, beyond your lifetime.

Once you have taken care of your family and loved ones, you may like to consider leaving a gift to The Infants' Home to establish your legacy as an individual who makes brighter futures for vulnerable children and families possible. Your example of generosity also has the potential to encourage others to join you in creating their own legacy, making an even greater impact on future generations.

Whether you are creating a Will for the first time, or updating your existing Will, it is easy to leave a gift in your Will to The Infants' Home.

While it is a personal decision for you to make, we recommend that any decisions about estate planning and your Will be discussed with your family and loved ones.

There are many ways you can leave a gift in your Will to The Infants' Home, including:

- A residue gift. After you have provided for your loved ones, you can leave a percentage of the remainder of your estate to The Infants' Home.
- A percentage gift. This can be anything from 1% to 100% of your entire estate. Even a small percentage makes a big difference.
- A fixed amount. This may be a specific sum of money, real estate, shares or even items of value that you nominate. This is also known as a pecuniary gift.
- A trust. This can be established with The Infants' Home as the named beneficiary for ongoing support.

If you have an existing Will and would like to update it to leave a gift for The Infants' Home, you can make an amendment to your Will. This is called a codicil and can be done with your solicitor.

We recommend seeking a solicitor to create or update your Will, or that you use an online Will writing service such as Safewill.

Suggested wording for your Will

It is important that The Infants' Home is correctly named in your Will. We recommend that you ask your solicitor to insert the applicable statement selected from the wording below:

*I give to The Infants Home (ABN 71 174 918 661)
The whole of my estate, or
[insert number] percent of my estate, or
The residue of my estate, or
[insert number] percent of the residue of my estate, or
The sum of \$ [insert value of your gift]*

Free of all duties and testamentary expense for its general purposes. I direct that the official receipt of the organisation signed by the CEO or the Treasurer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor for this bequest.'



The Infants' Home 'Legacy Now Club'



If you are kindly leaving a gift to The Infants' Home in your Will, please let us know* so that we can express our appreciation and you can become part of The Infants' Home's Legacy Now Club.

Legacy Now Club members and their families are invited to join us at functions to meet and socialise with other members, hear from our leadership team about exciting happenings within the organisation, be involved in relevant organisational events and receive special communications.

We love to show continued appreciation for our Legacy Now Members, and we provide ongoing support ensuring your needs related to your generous gift are met. Legacy Now Club membership is optional—there is no obligation to participate, you can be involved as much or as little as you like, and you can opt out at any time.

* Please note: you are not required to advise us of your planned giving.

We're here to help

Your decision to leave a gift in your Will for The Infants' Home means a lot to us, and we are deeply grateful for your generosity. Whether you want further information, assistance to write or update your Will or would like to let us know about your planned gift, our team is here to help. We want to make sure that including The Infants' Home in your Will is a simple and rewarding experience.

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