

**OPENING DOORS, BUILDING FUTURES**

**REMEMBERING YWCA AUSTRALIA IN YOUR WILL**



**HELP CREATE A FUTURE WHERE GENDER EQUALITY IS A REALITY**





# “What sort of story do you wish your life to record?... We want you to aim high”

- Sarah Crisp Booth, Co-founder YWCA in Australia

## Our Story

For over 140 years, YWCA has challenged the systems, structures and policies that act as barriers to women, especially young women, achieving their full potential across Australia.

Today we are working to ensure women are safe, secure and well in their homes and communities. We do this by:

- Delivering housing that is designed and meets the needs of women
- Programs and services that help women break the cycle of homelessness and thrive
- Providing young women with opportunities to use their voices to create change for themselves and future generations.



# A NEW GENERATION STARTS WITH YOU

## WHEN YOU REMEMBER YWCA AUSTRALIA IN YOUR WILL, YOU LEAVE A LEGACY OF CHANGE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF WOMEN.

**Thank you for considering leaving YWCA such a powerful gift. It's an incredibly generous way to ensure the values that are important to you live on, as you continue making an intergenerational difference for gender equality.**

The work we do, while challenging, transforms the lives of the women we support, their families and future generations of women.

Our drive for long-term change and sustainability in all our programs helps to ensure lasting change.

Whatever the size of the gift, it will go a long way to ensure that YWCA can impact the lives of generations to come.

Today, you can be a visionary for the future of gender equality.

Ending homelessness is not just about providing women with a roof over their head, it's about providing them a safe place to build the life they want for themselves.

By remembering YWCA in your Will, you'll be creating a legacy of gender equality for generations to come.

**So, thank you for considering YWCA in your Will.**

### **Creating a life-changing legacy**

Our ultimate goal is a world where women have the choice and opportunity to be safe secure and well in their homes and communities.

Betty had vivid memories of the physical violence that her mother suffered throughout her marriage, and was determined to support other women in the same situation.

Betty is passionate about ensuring that every woman experiencing domestic and family violence can be supported to leave and rebuild her life in a home of her choice.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **How can my bequest have the biggest impact?**

At YWCA Australia, we are extremely grateful to receive any kind of gift in your Will. If you are unsure of what kind of gift to leave, we generally recommend a residual untied bequest. This means that after your loved ones are taken care of and your debts are settled, the remainder of your estate will be gifted to YWCA Australia. A residuary gift also keeps up with inflation which means the gift will achieve as much in the future as it will now.

## **Can YWCA Australia help me to write my Will?**

We cannot help you write your Will. We recommend you contact a solicitor or the Public Trustee in your state that offers Will-writing services. If you wish to leave a gift in your Will to YWCA Australia, you can find suggested wording in this booklet. Alternatively, if you only need a simple Will, you could use an online service to create one.

## **I've already made a Will, do I have to make a new Will?**

Your Will records your wishes at a particular point in time. It is advisable to review your Will as circumstances change so that it is a reflection of your current wishes. If your Will accurately reflects most of your wishes, and you want to make a few simple changes, your solicitor can help you create a Codicil. It's important to consult your solicitor to ensure the original Will is not affected.

## **I don't have much money to leave, is it worth it?**

You don't have to be wealthy to remember YWCA in your Will. You just have to make a simple decision. Whoever you are, whatever your situation, even with a small gift you can make a significant and lasting difference to the lives of women and their families for years to come.

## **Can I bequest property or personal items of value to YWCA Australia?**

We are honoured to accept personal property, such as jewellery, real estate or artwork, as long as you grant us permission to sell these items to fund our vital programs and services.



## Who should I tell about my decision to leave a gift in my Will to YWCA Australia?

We strongly advise that you talk to your loved ones on your intention to leave a gift in your Will to YWCA Australia, so they can help make sure your wishes are carried out.

If you decide to leave a gift in your Will to YWCA Australia, we would love you to let us know so we can personally thank you for your kindness, and keep you up to date with our services and impact. All information we receive from you will be treated in the strictest confidence and we will respect your wishes if you choose to remain anonymous.

## Can I leave a bequest to a specific service or research?

As our services are constantly evolving (and hopefully we won't receive your funds for a long time), we cannot assign gifts to fund specific programs. Funds are allocated according to where the need is the greatest. For this reason, we encourage you not to tie a gift to a specific program but if necessary, to a department or area. Having flexible funds is essential in enabling our organisation to address the highest priorities at the time. This is why an untied bequest is the most effective and impactful way to leave a gift in your Will to YWCA Australia.

**If you would prefer to leave a gift in your will for a particular purpose or project, please email us to speak with a member of the Fundraising team.**

## Suggested wording

The wording in your Will is important to ensure we are able to use your give as you wish. For this reason we ask that you use the suggested wording.

### *For a Residuary Gift*

"I give free of all taxes and testamentary expenses the whole (or percentage share) of the residue of my estate to YWCA Australia (ABN: 74 111 663 873) for the general purpose of its work. The receipt of the treasurer, secretary or public officer of YWCA Australia is an absolute discharge to my executor."

*The suggested wording for a pecuniary gift (a specific sum of money) is:*

"I give free of all taxes and testamentary expenses the sum of \$\_\_\_\_ (in figures and words) to YWCA Australia (ABN: 74 111 663 873) for the general purpose of its work. The receipt of the treasurer, secretary or public officer of YWCA Australia is an absolute discharge to my executor."



***With a gift in your Will to YWCA, you leave  
a legacy of gender equality for future  
generations.***

## **THANK YOU**

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