

THAT'S

MY KIND OF GOOD



**Your guide to the unique, personal and enduring difference you can make by leaving a gift in your Will to St Vincent de Paul Society QLD.**



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
QUEENSLAND  
*good works*



**FOR THOSE IN CRISIS,  
THE LESS FORTUNATE,  
THE VULNERABLE**



**How would you like to change the world for the better? What would you like your legacy to be? What's the special kind of good within you, that you'd like to live on?**

At a certain point in life, these are the kind of questions many of us begin to ask ourselves. The answer could lie in leaving a gift in your Will to St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland (Vinnies QLD).

A gift left in your Will means your compassion and kindness can continue touching the lives of those in need, long after you're gone. You'll feed people who are hungry, give shelter to families who've lost their homes, and provide support to those in crisis – for generations to come.

It could be the most powerful – and lasting – gift you ever make. And by requesting this guide, you've already taken an important first step to making it happen.



## YOUR KIND OF GOOD, SINCE 1833

**St Vincent de Paul Society was founded when a group of young students gave their own supply of winter firewood to a widow living in poverty in their neighbourhood.**

That was nearly 190 years ago. But the same spirit of compassion, selflessness and care for others is still at the heart of everything Vinnies Qld does today.

Back in 1833, homelessness, hunger and unemployment were on the rise. Great political and social change left many feeling unsettled and anxious – while others were simply left out. And a disease epidemic had the population terrified.

Today, we're facing many similar challenges – so the generosity of Vinnies Qld supporters is as vital as it ever was. And as that gift of firewood over a century ago proves, an enduring legacy can begin with a single act of kindness.

**For you, that single, simple act could be choosing to include Vinnies in your Will today.**







## PROVIDING SAFE HOMES

Gifts in Wills help Vinnies Qld run more than 25 crisis and accommodation services across QLD. They provide a safe haven for people who've lost their homes, and give them the stability and support they need to rebuild their lives.



## ESCAPING VIOLENCE

If women and children don't receive the right support, the impact of family violence can last a lifetime. Thanks to gifts in Wills, Vinnies Qld can offer crisis accommodation, long term help, and practical assistance for people fleeing domestic violence.



## EARLY INTERVENTION

An act of kindness today can often prevent individuals and families from falling deep into crisis tomorrow. With support from gifts in Wills, Vinnies Qld can go into communities to identify people at immediate risk – and provide everything from food vouchers to budgeting support.



## BETTER FUTURES

Every day, gifts in Wills help people make positive changes in their lives – in all kinds of ways.

Those gifts fund services including addiction support, care for seniors, financial assistance, and support for rural and remote communities.



## THERE IN A CRISIS

Droughts, floods, fires – we're no strangers to these kinds of disasters in QLD. Gifts in Wills mean families and communities who are most affected still have food, everyday essentials, a bed to sleep in, and any other support they need.



## AMY'S HAPPY SHE'S NOW IN A BETTER, SAFER PLACE

Before coming to Vinnies Qld, Amy was desperate to escape her abusive husband. She knew she had to get away to keep her children safe.

As part of her husband's behaviour, he'd put barriers in her way whenever she wanted to see her family, effectively isolating her. But Amy plotted her escape with help from the family she'd been deprived of for too long.

Amy first spent two weeks with her mother and sister, then was forced to move from refuge to refuge in search of a more permanent solution, before finally arriving at a service run by Vinnies Qld for women with children escaping domestic and family violence.

There, things began to improve.

After several months at one of our Domestic Violence homes and with the support of the Vinnies Qld team, Amy was able to secure a house of her own, and to begin feeling like part of a community.

After years of torment, Amy is finally living without fear and is determined to make a better life for her children.



*"There are really no words to describe the support I've been given - a lot of it - people have been amazing and so generous." - Amy*



# MARION WANTS TO KEEP UP HER GOOD WORK

## ... EVEN WHEN SHE'S GONE

Following in the footsteps of her father, Marion is a long-time supporter of Vinnies Qld and a strong advocate for helping people experiencing homelessness. She believes in doing good works. She gives regular gifts to help people in need and has decided to leave a gift in her Will because, as she says:

**“I often think when I put my head on the pillow at night, there are so many people that haven’t got a bed to sleep in, using newspaper for blankets. I want my bequest to help those experiencing homelessness.”**

Her late husband also left a gift in his Will, and his kindness inspired her to do the same. Marion is grateful for the life she’s had, sharing, *“I always think I’m lucky to have a bed to sleep in,”* and wishes to continue helping people in need long after she’s gone.



*“you can always trust that your donations go to those who need them most with vinnies.” - Marion*

# YOUR KIND OF KINDNESS



**Leaving a gift in your Will can make a powerful, long-lasting difference. But the process is surprisingly fast and easy - and there's very little paperwork. You simply need to decide on the gift you'd like to leave, then let your solicitor know your wishes.**



## **YOUR** loved ones come first

Your Will lets you look after your loved ones, long into the future. If you're considering leaving a gift to Vinnies Qld, the people closest to you should still be your first priority. You may also want to include them in your plans, and let them know about your gift.

## **YOUR** kind of gift

The gift that often has the greatest impact is called a 'residual' gift. It's what's left over from your estate, after all your loved ones have been taken care of. You can also leave a set amount of money, or a specific item or asset. It's entirely up to you.

## **YOUR** lawyer can help

Your Will is a legal document, so you'll need to ask your solicitor or estate planner to update or amend it. The Vinnies Qld Gift in Wills team can give your solicitor all the details they'll need, and even provide you with sample wording for your Will.

**EVEN 1%**

**CAN ENSURE YOUR LEGACY**

**Every gift left in a Will - whether large or small - makes a lasting difference. Even a gift of 1% of your estate will help people who are vulnerable, in poverty or facing a crisis, for generations to come and if you make a gift of 1% to Vinnies Qld, that will leave the remaining 99% of your assets to go your family, friends, or other causes you care deeply about.**





# YOUR GOOD

**will always be our focus**

If you choose to include Vinnies Qld in your Will, we make this pledge to you: We'll respect your privacy and treat your decision with sensitivity. We'll treat your family and loved ones with the utmost care. We understand that your circumstances could change, and you may change your mind about leaving a gift in your Will at any time. And we promise to use your gift wisely and cost-effectively, to create the greatest good for the people who need it most.



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