



# Changing children's futures: A guide to giving in your Will



# Acknowledgement of Country

The Kids Research Institute Australia acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters of Australia. We also acknowledge the Nyoongar Wadjuk, Yawuru, Kariyarra and Kurna Elders, their people and their land upon which the Institute is located and seek their wisdom in our work to improve the health and development of all children.



# Every child deserves a happy, healthy future

Every child is born full of potential and deserves the chance to grow up happy and healthy. Yet too many lives are disrupted by illness or disadvantage, and kids continue to face evolving health challenges.

We know that the early years shape lifelong wellbeing, for individuals and for society.

**That is why investing in child health research is so vital.**

At The Kids Research Institute Australia, our purpose is clear: to find solutions to improve the health and happiness of children and young people. With your support, we can fund world-class research that tackles these health challenges – now and in the future – so every child can live a happier, healthier life.

By leaving a gift in your Will to The Kids, you will join us in working towards this vision.

**Your legacy will protect future generations, creating a world of hope, health, and possibility for children and their families.**

On behalf of our researchers, staff and the families we deeply care about, thank you for considering to leave a gift in your Will.



Professor Jonathan Carapetis AM  
**Executive Director**



# About The Kids

For 35 years, The Kids Research Institute Australia has been making breakthroughs that help kids live happier, healthier lives. We're proud to be one of the largest and most successful medical research institutes in Australia. Proudly founded in Western Australia, we are part of a national and global research community.

The Kids' research teams are making major advances in the most serious, costly, and common issues affecting children. Our work covers areas like childhood cancer, respiratory illnesses, infectious diseases, diabetes, mental health, autism, allergies, rare diseases, pre-natal health, and working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to close the health gap for First Nations children.



# Your gift will power the next breakthrough

**While we have achieved so much, there is a lot to do.  
Your support will help us power future breakthroughs.**

Medical research has transformed once-devastating childhood illnesses – from leukaemia to polio and spina bifida. Childhoods once shaped by illness are now stories of survival and strength.

With your support, we can keep tackling childhood disease and disadvantage – where treatments are preventative, less toxic, and accessible to all. A future where more babies grow up strong, and more children get a fair go to live their best life – mentally, physically, and emotionally.

By leaving a gift in your Will to The Kids, you'll help write that future. Be remembered as someone who believed in better for children, for families, and for tomorrow.



# The impact of your legacy

Your gift will fund six key research areas, addressing the toughest child health challenges:

- **First Nations Health & Equity:** Improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids and families is our overarching priority.
- **Chronic Diseases:** Tackling long-term conditions like respiratory disease, diabetes, and cancer so children can live full, active lives.
- **Infectious Diseases:** Finding better ways to prevent, diagnose, and treat infections, especially through effective vaccines and immunity.
- **Precision Health:** Creating personalised care by understanding each child's genes, environment, and lifestyle.
- **Strong Beginnings:** Supporting mums, babies, and young children from pregnancy through the early years to build lifelong health.
- **Mental Health & Wellbeing:** Helping kids grow up emotionally strong by improving mental health support and understanding.



**By giving in your Will to The Kids, you power innovation and impact.**

Your support will make possible new ideas and discoveries that change the lives of children – today and tomorrow. Gifts made in Wills enable the Institute to:



Attract the brightest, most talented researchers and empower them to do their best work



Be innovative and bold in scientific ideas that tackle the toughest challenges



Ensure our discoveries make a real difference to kids and families in WA, Australia, and the world



“Our focus will always be on delivering solutions that have impact, improving the lives of the kids of Australia, and globally. We hope you will join us in this great endeavour.”

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**Executive Director**

# How to leave a gift in your Will

## **Step 1: Request an information pack**

Contact a member of our team for a confidential and obligation-free chat. See back page for contact details.

## **Step 2: Consider your loved ones and the causes that matter most**

Think about the people and causes that have shaped your life and matter to you – your family, your friends, and the charities close to your heart. Including a gift in your Will is one of the most meaningful ways to celebrate that connection and create a lasting legacy.

## **Step 3: Decide what type of gift you'd like to leave**

- Residual gift: A share, or all, of what remains in your estate once your loved ones have been provided for, and all debts, taxes and expenses have been paid.
- Percentage gift: A proportion of your estate. You don't need to know its exact future value, only the percentage you wish to leave.
- Specific gift: A gift of a particular item or asset, such as property, shares or other valuables.
- Pecuniary gift: A fixed amount of your choosing, noting that its future value may vary over time.



#### **Step 4: Make or update your Will**

We have partnered with [Safewill](#), Australia's leading online Will writing platform to make it easy for our supporters to write their bespoke Will at a discounted rate. Alternatively, your solicitor can create a new Will or update your existing one to include a gift to The Kids Research Institute Australia. We have prepared some suggested wording that can be inserted into your Will to help make sure your intentions are recorded correctly.

##### Legal Name of Entity

The Kids Research Institute Australia

ABN: 86 009 278 755

Address: 15 Hospital Avenue, Nedlands, Western Australia 6009

##### Unconditional gift of a sum of money, asset, or residue

If you choose to include The Kids, you may wish to use this wording:

*"I give [insert your gift] to The Kids Research Institute Australia of 15 Hospital Avenue, Nedlands, Western Australia ABN 86 009 278 755, to be applied for unrestricted general charitable purposes. In respect of such legacy, I direct that the receipt of a duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors."*

As health needs evolve, an unrestricted gift to The Kids lets us respond to the most pressing challenges. Of course, you're also very welcome to support a specific research area that's meaningful to you.

#### **Step 5: Notify your loved ones and The Kids**

Tell your family, executors and guardians about your wishes. If you feel comfortable, please let us know too – we would love to thank you personally and keep you connected to the impact your generosity will make. When you inform us that you've included a gift in your Will, you'll be welcomed into the [Fiona Stanley Circle](#), named in honour of our visionary Founding Director.



# The Fiona Stanley Circle

Everyone who includes a gift to The Kids Research Institute Australia in their Will is welcomed into our Fiona Stanley Circle, which is named in honour of The Kids' Founding Director.

Members of the Circle share Fiona's optimism, vision, and decision that a healthier future for children will be part of their own personal legacy.

With our gratitude, you will be kept informed with the latest scientific discoveries, invited to special events, get to know our leading researchers, and see first-hand how your philanthropic gift helps children.

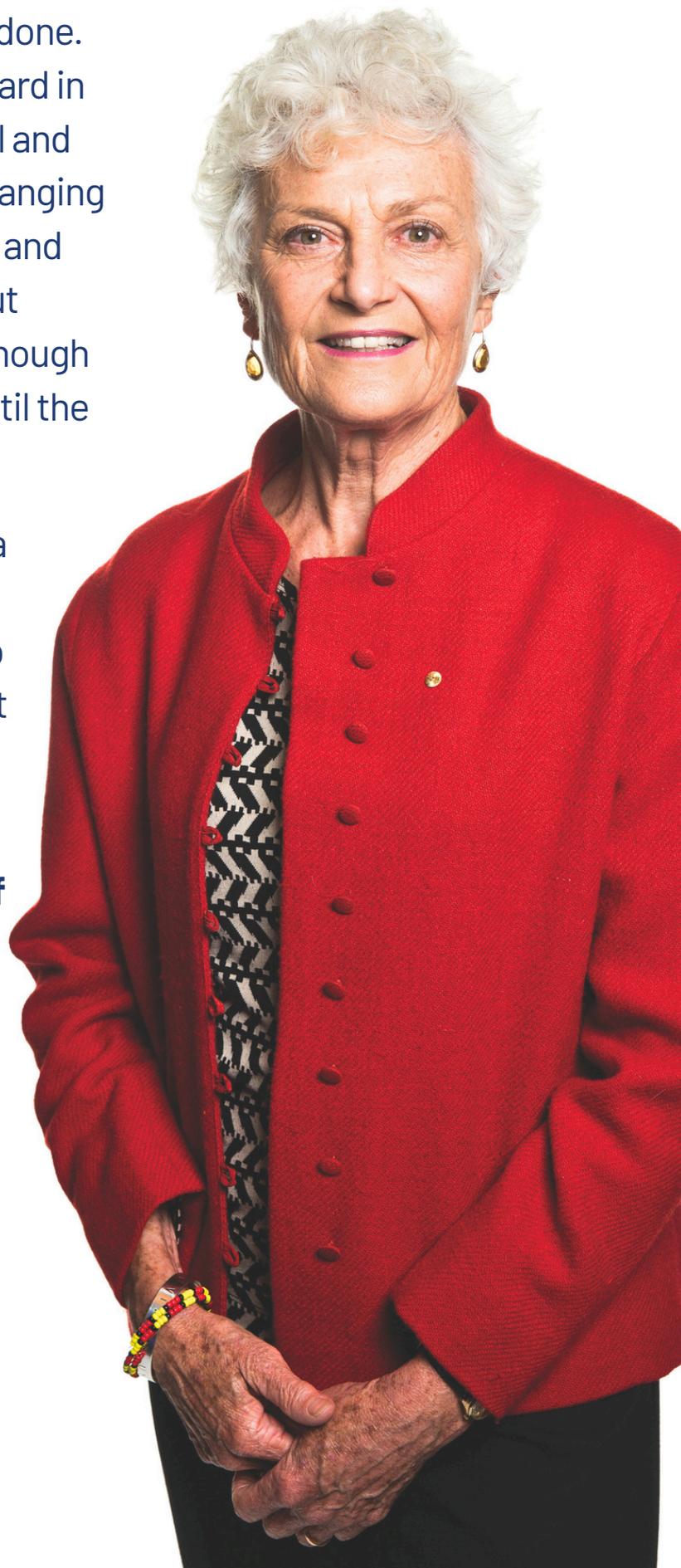


Bequestors Professor Harvey Coates AO and Shannae Terrill at a recent Fiona Stanley Circle event.

“What I know for certain is that the work of child health research is never done. We make important strides forward in one area, only to find that natural and social environments are ever-changing and can make kids unwell in new and distressing ways. If we care about children, which we do, there is enough research to keep us occupied until the end of history.

I am really very grateful the Fiona Stanley Circle exists to support that research, and am pleased to contribute not only my name, but also a gift in my Will.”

Professor Fiona Stanley AC  
**Founding Director and Patron of  
The Kids Research Institute  
Australia**





## **We're here to help**

While we don't offer legal advice, our team can provide general guidance and answer questions about how your gift can make a difference.

### **For a confidential and obligation-free chat**

Please contact Iris Loscher, Gift in Wills Lead at The Kids:

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