

A lasting legacy

Shaping care for generations to come



About Monash Health

Monash Health exists to reimagine care, so people can live their best lives. We provide safe and equitable care, for every stage of life, delivered with world-leading expertise and more than 175 years of experience.

Gifts in Wills help Monash Health invest in the ideas, research and people that will shape care for generations to come.

As a leading public health service, we're committed to providing cutting edge care – integrating research, teaching and training into everyday practice.

Every day, our team of 24,000 dedicated professionals provide care for every stage of life across over 40 locations and in the community for 1.2 million people in south-east Melbourne, Australia.

Your support and generosity make a profound impact on the lives of the patients and families we care for every day – enabling us to fund a range of programs and initiatives to advance world-class healthcare.



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Why Gifts in Wills are important

Did you know that less than half of the Australian population have a Will? Having a Will is one of the most important ways to protect the people you love and ensure your wishes are honoured. It can also be a meaningful way to support causes that matter to you.

Why having a Will matters:



Your loved ones come first – a Will ensures the people closest to you are looked after.



Creates a legacy – many people choose to include a gift to a cause they care about.

Leaving a Legacy



Supports world-class healthcare – to help advance research, innovation and improve treatments.



Flexible and donor-directed – you can choose how your gift is used.



Carefully managed and honoured – gifts are administered by Monash Health Foundation with care, integrity and respect for your wishes.

Your gift – no matter how large or small – will create a legacy that makes a difference in patient care, education, and medical research.

You can be assured your gift will be carefully managed and directed in line with your wishes to achieve the greatest possible impact.

Dr Lewis' story

Throughout her remarkable career, Dr Elizabeth Lewis devoted herself to caring for children and supporting the colleagues who worked beside her.



She was a pioneer in neurosurgery, a mentor to many, and a deeply valued member of the Monash Health community. Her legacy within the organisation is one of compassion, excellence and quiet determination – qualities that continue to inspire all who follow in her footsteps.

In leaving a \$2.3 million gift in her Will, Dr Lewis chose to continue that care long after her lifetime. Monash Health Foundation is deeply grateful for her extraordinary generosity and foresight. Her bequest is now creating life-changing opportunities for paediatricians from low-resource countries to train at Monash Children's Hospital – a powerful reflection of her lifelong belief in equity, education, and the ability of skilled hands to change a child's future.

Through this remarkable act of giving, Dr Lewis has ensured that her impact will be felt, not only by the patients she treated, but by countless children and families around the world for generations to come. Her legacy is a testament to what is possible when compassion is paired with vision.

In making her Will, Dr Lewis saw a gift as a natural extension of the values that had guided her entire career, and her unwavering commitment to helping children and communities flourish. Her story serves as a meaningful reminder that a gift in your Will – of any size – can create lasting change, helping future generations receive the care they deserve.

Denis' story

A generous \$20,000 bequest from the late Mr Denis Ralph has enabled Monash Health to purchase two new ultrasound machines for dialysis care – one at Monash Medical Centre and one at the Victorian Heart Hospital. These machines help nurses insert needles and lines with greater accuracy, improving comfort for patients who undergo dialysis treatment several times a week.



Denis' family with Head of Nephrology John Kanellis

Denis was deeply grateful for the care he received at Monash Health, including a kidney transplant that gave him many more years with his loved ones. Inspired to give back, Denis supported the Nephrology Department during his lifetime and through his Will, contributing a total of \$60,000. His lasting gift will continue to improve care for dialysis patients for years to come.

Clive and Diane's story

Clive and Diane chose to leave a gift in their Will to Monash Children's Hospital in gratitude for the exceptional care their daughter, Kayla received.

Diagnosed with bronchiectasis at 11 years old, Kayla spent years in hospital, where the team not only delivered outstanding treatment but formed a genuine connection with the family – “they really communicated with us,” giving them confidence and clarity every step of the way. Grateful for staff who consistently went above and beyond, their gift will help more children grow into healthy futures – just like Kayla.



Clive, Diane and their daughter Kayla

Writing your Will online

Choosing to write or update your Will is a meaningful step. Your priority will always be to care for the people you love, and a Will ensures your wishes are honoured. Many people find they can leave a small percentage of their Estate to support causes close to their heart while still providing for loved ones. There is no obligation to include a gift to Monash Health – this is a personal decision.

If you're ready to create your Will, we can connect you with accredited Will and Estate lawyers – particularly helpful if your circumstances are complex or you have specific instructions.

Alternatively, you may prefer the simplicity and convenience of an online Will-writing service. To make the process simple and accessible, Monash Health Foundation partners with trusted platforms such as Safewill, EveryWill and Willed.

These services guide you through key decisions, from appointing executors to outlining your wishes, and each Will is reviewed by an Australian solicitor to ensure it meets legal requirements.



 Safewill



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How to make a gift in your Will

Leaving a gift to Monash Health is a meaningful way to support care of patients and families, now and in the future. Many supporters choose to do this to express gratitude for care received, or to reflect their belief in strong public healthcare. Every gift, no matter the size, helps create a legacy.

There are several ways you can choose to leave a gift, depending on what feels right for you:

Percentage gift – a nominated percentage of your total Estate. A gift of 5% of your Estate can make a significant impact.

Residual gift – the remainder (or a percentage of the remainder) of your estate after other gifts and expenses have been provided for.

Specific gift – a nominated gift such as a sum of money, property, assets or shares.

Pecuniary gift – a fixed amount of money such as \$10,000

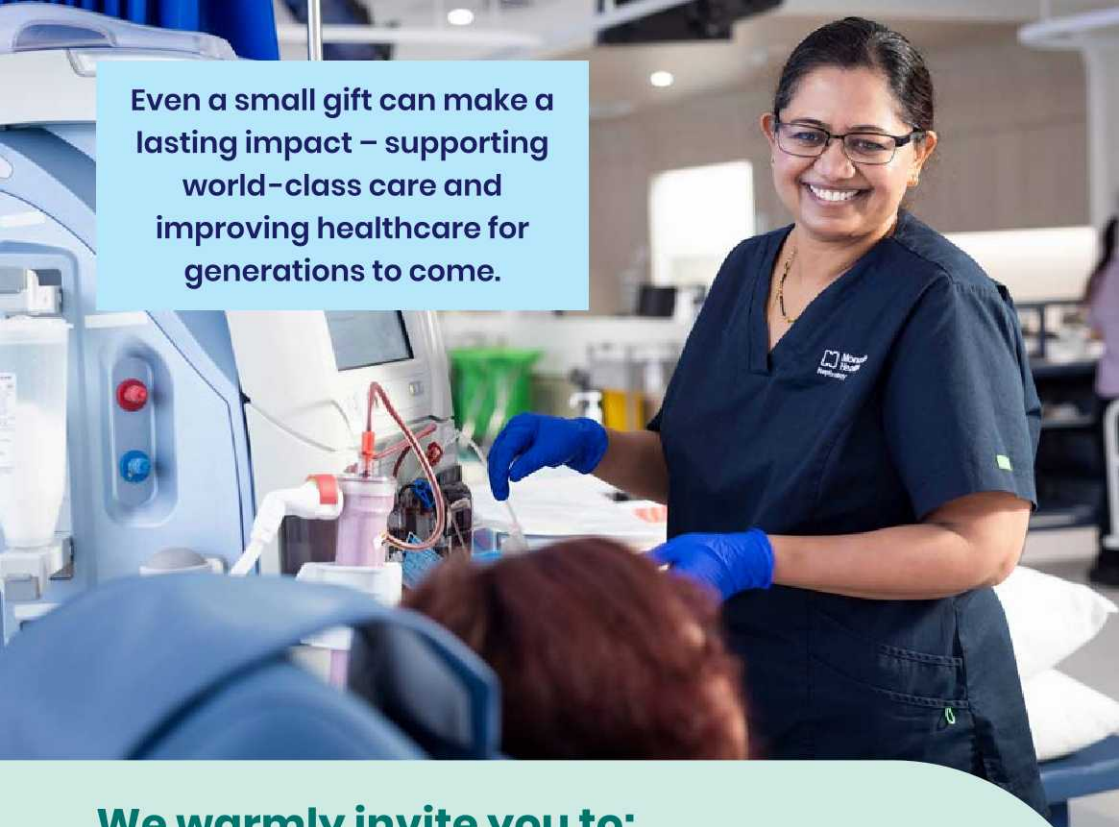
Whole of Estate – leaving your entire Estate to Monash Health.

You may also specify that your gift be used for a particular purpose. For example:

- to address Monash Health's most urgent needs.
- for treatment and care of patients.
- to support research and education.
- for a specific hospital or site.
- for a specific program or service.

A gift of just 5% of your estate will have a lasting impact on patient care, research and innovation at Monash Health.

Even a small gift can make a lasting impact – supporting world-class care and improving healthcare for generations to come.



We warmly invite you to:



Visit Monash Health and meet healthcare professionals whose work you help make possible.



Spend time with Monash Health Foundation to learn more about the greatest needs across our health services.



Be recognised and thanked during your lifetime for the lasting impact of your generosity.

These opportunities are entirely optional and guided by your preferences.

Including Monash Health in your Will

When preparing your Will, we recommend seeking advice from an independent legal practitioner or using an online Will-writing service.

General wording

An example of wording you may choose to use for a general bequest:

"I bequeath to Monash Health of 246 Clayton Road Clayton, Victoria 3168 (ABN 82 142 080 338) or any successor, the sum of _____ dollars OR _____% of my residual estate to be applied by Monash Health in such a manner as it may determine.

I direct that the receipt in writing of an authorised officer of Monash Health shall be deemed proof of payment."

Specific purpose wording

If you wish to give for a specific purpose or area, please consider including the following provision in your Will:

"I bequeath to Monash Health of 246 Clayton Road Clayton, Victoria 3168 (ABN 82 142 080 338) or any successor, the sum of _____ dollars OR _____% of my residual estate to be applied for the following purpose _____ (please insert specific purpose).

If at any time Monash Health determines that it is impossible or impractical to fulfil the purpose of my bequest, Monash Health may apply the bequest for a related purpose that most closely aligns with the spirit and intent of my bequest.

I direct that the receipt in writing of an authorised officer of Monash Health shall be deemed proof of payment."

Our commitment to you

Monash Health Foundation is the fundraising arm of Monash Health, nurturing and encouraging support to fund a range of programs and initiatives to advance world-class healthcare.

Your gift will be carefully managed by Monash Health Foundation, which is legally and ethically responsible for ensuring your wishes are honoured and respected.

We understand your family and loved ones come first. Once you've looked after those closest to you, we would be honoured if you considered leaving a gift to support our work.

If you decide to leave a gift in your Will to Monash Health, you are under no obligation to share this information with us. However, knowing your wishes allows us to thank you and keep you informed with regular updates.

Any information you share is handled with sensitivity and shared only with your permission.



Have you left us a Gift in Your Will? We'd love to thank you!

If you choose to leave a gift to Monash Health, we would be honoured to know and understand your intentions. Sharing your wishes allows us to personally thank you and keep you informed with regular updates.

For more information or to discuss your wishes, please contact Monash Health Foundation by calling **(03) 9594 2700** or email at **bequests@monashhealth.org**

3 easy ways to contact us

Mail

Return this form in the enclosed reply paid envelope.

Return address:

Monash Health Foundation
Locked Bag 29
Clayton South VIC 3169

Call

For a confidential discussion contact us on
(03) 9594 2700

Online

monashhealthfoundation.org/ways_to_give/gift-in-wills/





A member of Monash Health Foundation's team can provide information and assistance to ensure making your gift to Monash Health is straightforward and rewarding.

If you require further advice or a confidential discussion, please contact Monash Health Foundation.

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