

KIDS FIRST™



Kids are at the heart  
of everything we do

# Leave a Gift in Your Will



# Why Kids First?



**Imagine your childhood being stripped from you quite possibly by someone you know and should trust through constant abuse or neglect.**

Imagine your critical developing years filled with fear, confusion and hurt.

Imagine the prospect of carrying guilt and shame into your adulthood, secretly struggling to cope without inflicting further pain on yourself or those around you.

Almost 46,000 kids throughout Australia don't imagine this life – for them, this is reality.

Now imagine leaving a legacy where you can help us break the generational cycle of vulnerability, where many more children can experience a normal, happy childhood whereupon they grow and develop into kind, functional adults.

Since 1896 we've relentlessly strived to make kids' lives better. With the aid of generous community members we can continue to support the wellbeing and development of children and families by providing prevention, early years education and care, therapeutic healing to recover from abuse and neglect and family strengthening services.

# The Work We Do

## Prevention

Kids First invests much of its resources into early intervention, including the Mentoring Mums and Children & Mothers in Mind programs for at-risk mothers, parenting programs for dads and a pioneering early years education program specifically addressing the developmental needs of vulnerable children and families.

## Therapy

Kids First understands the trauma of sexual abuse and domestic violence has enormous impacts on children, young people and their families and carers and we know that without specialist support the impacts of this devastating experience can be long-lasting.

In recognition of the devastating effects of sexual abuse trauma, Kids First provides specialist therapy for children, young people and their families/carers.

## Education

Each year our experienced training professionals deliver hundreds of child-centred and evidence-based workshops to corporate, community and incorporated associations.

These modules are interactive, engaging and develop knowledge in working with children and young people who have or may be at risk of experiencing abuse and trauma.

## Advocacy

Kids First help for parents to access various essential needs such as housing, Centrelink, disability services, adult health services and child health services, in addition to information and links to other community groups and services as needed.



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# Our Footprint

Sadly, the need for our help broadens year after year, Kids First operates dedicated support locations and services across a number of local government areas that include:

- City of Banyule
- City of Darebin
- City of Nillumbik
- City of Whittlesea
- City of Yarra

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# Our Vision & Values

**Kids First believes that all children and young people thrive in resilient, strong and safe families and communities.**

Children and families are central to the work that we do and our values HEART embody this and drive our passion to create brighter futures for them.

## **Hope**

We believe that change is possible and achievable

## **Empowerment**

We build on people's strengths and support their ability to make positive changes in their lives

## **Accountability**

We are open and transparent in everything we do

## **Respect**

We value all people

## **Trust**

We act in an ethical, inclusive, professional and open manner

# Your Commitment changes lives

Leaving a gift in your will to Kids First Australia is one of the most compassionate and generous gifts you can give.

You can give a child a reason to smile and to look forward to a more positive future, while you can be content that you're making a positive difference – beyond your lifetime.

Your bequest means we can plan ahead with more certainty and continue to provide a better childhood for the kids and families who need it most.

**" It is a great feeling to know that future generations of children's lives are changed for the better, and I am remembered for my commitment."**

Dorothy, Kids First Australia donor

# About your Gift

We understand that making a Will and decisions about how your wealth is distributed is a very personal one that ensures your wishes are carried out the way you planned them.

Not only does a Will provide certainty for you and the loved ones you leave behind through the distribution of your wealth, it also allows you to include bequests to your charities or foundations of choice if you want that to be part of your legacy,

As this will be one of your most important legal documents, you should seek professional legal advice. This will ensure your wishes are met.

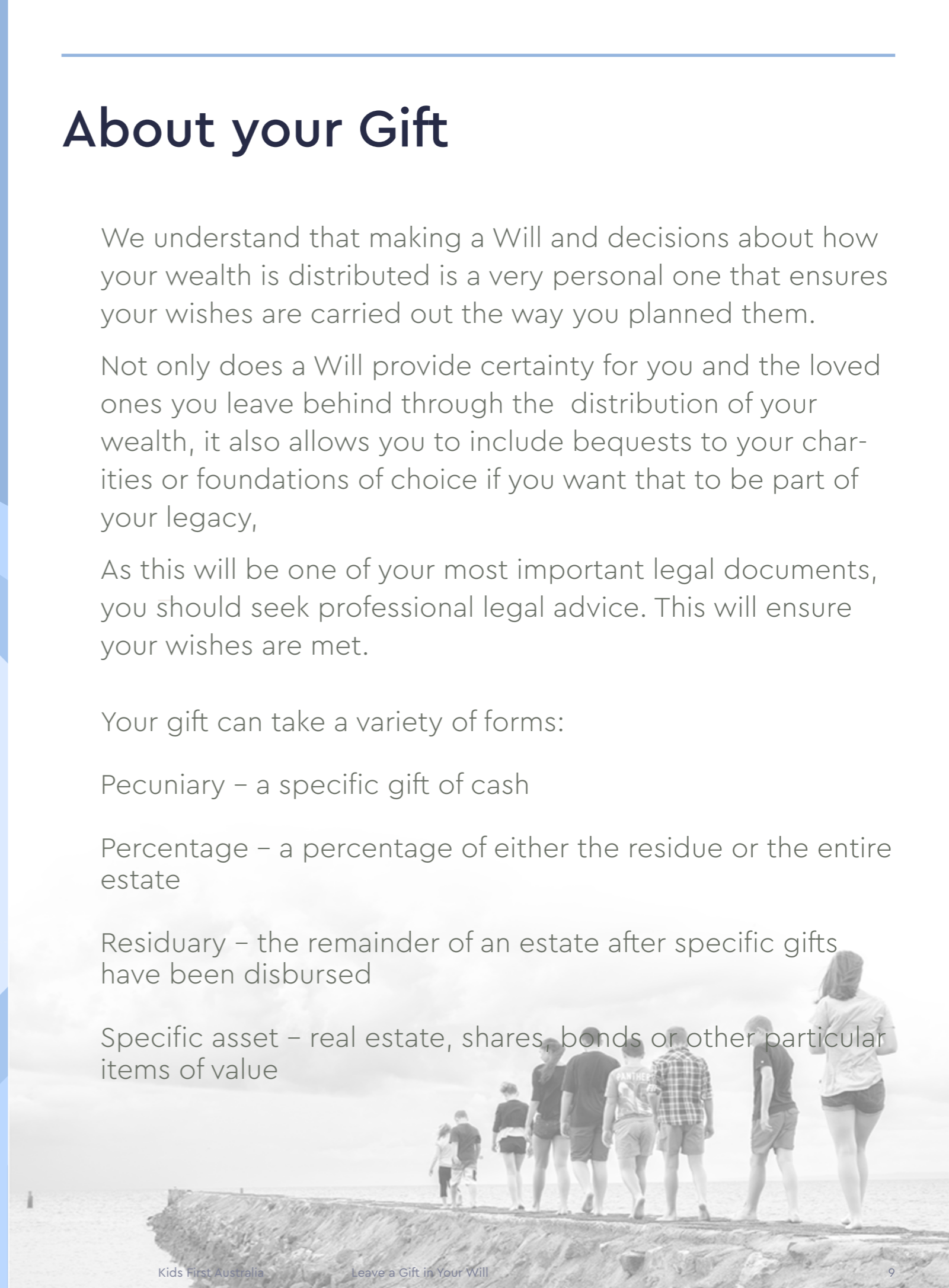
Your gift can take a variety of forms:

Pecuniary – a specific gift of cash

Percentage – a percentage of either the residue or the entire estate

Residuary – the remainder of an estate after specific gifts have been disbursed

Specific asset – real estate, shares, bonds or other particular items of value



## Wording your Gift

If you decide to leave a gift in your will to Kids First Australia, You may find it useful to discuss the following clauses with your legal advisor.

We suggest the following wording:

I bequeath to Kids First Australia, 70 Altona Street West Heidelberg VICTORIA the sum of \$X.

(or)

I bequeath to the Kids First Australia, 70 Altona Street West Heidelberg VICTORIA X% of my estate.

(or)

I bequeath to Kids First Australia, 70 Altona Street West Heidelberg VICTORIA X% of the residue of my estate.

(or)

I bequeath my X (description of property or asset/s) to Kids First Australia, 70 Altona Street West Heidelberg VICTORIA

We also recommend the following clause:

I bequeath this free of all charges to Kids First Australia, 70 Altona Street West Heidelberg VICTORIA (ABN 52 303 567 862) to be used for general purposes.

The official Kids First Australia receipt will be sufficient acknowledgement of having received this gift.

## Leave Gift in Will Response Form

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Dr  Other

Full Name

Address

Preferred No:  Home  Business  Mobile

Email

- I would like more information about Kids First Australia.
- I intend to leave a gift to Kids First Australia, but have not yet updated my Will.
- I have left a gift to Kids First Australia in my Will.
- I would like an Kids First Australia representative to contact me about other options.
- Please add me to Kids First Australia's e-newsletter subscriber list, using my above email address.

thank you for your interest



**KIDS FIRST**<sup>™</sup>

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