

Bequests

A proud history

The Guide Dogs Association of SA and NT was established in 1957 by the Adelaide and Unley Apex Clubs. The Adelaide community provided much of the necessary funding following a public appeal and this tradition continues. Today, our organisation represents hope for people requiring a range of specialised services enabling them to enhance and add purpose to their lives.

Our services

While we are well recognised for our Guide Dog Services, it is little known that we provide many other services across country and metropolitan SA and NT to people of all ages who are blind or vision impaired, deaf, hearing impaired and deafblind. Under our Client Services, we provide three service groups known as Sensory Directions, Vision Services and Hearing Solutions, all of which combine to create a holistic approach to helping people with sensory loss.

Vision impairment and the facts

Since 1957, Guide Dogs SA.NT has been providing the unique services and companionship a Guide Dog brings. While some of our services receive government funding, our Guide Dog Services receive no funding from the government. This means we rely on the generosity of individuals and sponsors to maintain the very foundation our organisation was built upon. All our services are provided to our clients free of charge, which makes the support we receive all the more important.

The reality is that we must rely on the generosity of people like you to continue training and providing Guide Dogs and some of our other client services. Some people choose to volunteer their precious time, some donate money on a regular basis, and others remember Guide Dogs SA.NT in their will.

Have you made a will?

And if you have, is it still up to date?

A will is an important document and we all have a responsibility to make one. Your will ensures that your wishes are protected and acted upon as you would want. In Australia, if we pass on without a will (intestate), an Act of Parliament controls the distribution of our assets.

The effect is that your assets may not be apportioned according to your wishes. Your loved ones may not automatically benefit if this situation arises. By leaving a will, you ensure that your estate will be dealt with according to your wishes by the executors you have appointed.

About bequests

A bequest is a gift and can be anonymous if you wish. It is an instruction contained within your will that specifically reserves part of an estate for a particular beneficiary. Bequests can be made in a variety of ways to reflect your specific wishes.

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You can define personal assets such as shares, bonds, property, a fixed sum (legacy), or simply a percentage (residue) of an estate. Your bequest provides an opportunity for you to make a tangible and lasting gift.

It remains a very special way of securing the future for others, beyond your lifetime.

If you need to make your will

1. Choose a solicitor

Although you can purchase “do-it-yourself” will kits, we do recommend you enlist the services of a solicitor to draw up your will. The cost is not high, particularly when you consider how important it is to accurately record your wishes.

2. Think about what you leave behind

To save your time and further legal expenses, it helps to draw up a list of what you own. Before going to your solicitor, consider:

- Your home and any other real estate
- Bank and credit union savings
- Insurance policies and other death benefits
- Vehicles, furniture, personal effects
- Stocks, shares, superannuation
- Pension benefits, any liabilities

3. Decide on your beneficiaries

If you have children and immediate family, you will want to consider them in your will first. If you decide to leave a tax deductible gift to Guide Dogs SA/NT, the specific wording for the variants are set out below. Please discuss the wording with your solicitor when your will is prepared or amended.

4. Complete the formalities and keep your will safe

Appoint one or more executors. It will be their responsibility to carry out the instructions contained in your will. Your will should be kept in a safe place and you should tell your family and/or executors where to locate it. It is also extremely important to keep your will up to date. This may include remarrying or becoming a grandparent.

This fact sheet does not seek to provide legal advice.

We strongly recommend you obtain such advice from a registered solicitor.

Wording of your will

The following clauses are intended as a guide only

For a specific legacy

“I, (legator) give to Guide Dogs Association of SA and NT Inc the sum of \$_____ for its general purposes free of all duties and taxes payable upon or in consequence of my death and I declare that the receipt of its Chief Executive Officer, Treasurer or other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.”

For a residual gift

“I, (bequestor) give _____% of my estate to Guide Dogs Association of SA and NT Inc for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of its Chief Executive Officer, Treasurer or other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.”

To effect a codicil

*This codicil dated _____ is made by _____
of _____*

**You may use whichever clause best suits your wishes.
Your solicitor will provide you with assistance in this matter.**

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