

A photograph of two women. On the left, an older woman with dark hair and bangs is smiling broadly, showing her teeth. On the right, a younger woman with long dark hair is kissing her on the cheek. The background is softly blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting with trees and a fence.

Gifts in Wills

Women's Property Initiatives (WPI) is a not-for-profit community housing organisation that creates new beginnings for women by providing permanent and affordable homes.

A secure home is a foundation for a happy and healthy life.

WPI was founded by women for women 27 years ago. We now own and manage more than 360 homes that accommodate more than 550 people.

Leaving WPI a gift in your will can make a profound difference to the lives of women and children at risk of homelessness.

It is a common misconception that you must be wealthy to leave a gift in your Will. Nothing could be further from the truth. A gift of just 1% will help us continue to provide homes for women and women led families who desperately need them. We always recommend that you take care of your family and loved ones first. Seeking the advice of an expert such as a solicitor or a specialist in a trustee company will ensure your Will is worded correctly to fulfil your wishes.

Types of gift in Wills

Due to the nature of our work in building homes for vulnerable women and their children, gifts that are for general operations have the greatest impact. Gifts can also be made for future capital works or specific programs.

Please consult legal and financial advice as you consider what type of bequest you would like to leave to WPI:

- Residuary Gift, whereby you leave a percentage of the residue of your estate after all debts and expenses have been paid, to one or more beneficiaries.
- Pecuniary Legacy, which is a specific sum of money you wish to leave, e.g. \$10,000.
- Specific Bequest, with which you leave your whole estate or a particular item. An example of this would be property.

Wording of bequests

To include Women's Property Initiatives in your Will, you could include the following:

Residuary Gift: To donate a percentage of the residue of your estate to WPI:

"I give X% of the residue of my estate to Women's Property Initiatives (ABN 64 077 478 696) for its general purposes and I direct that a receipt from its duly authorised officer will be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor(s) or trustee(s)."

Specific Bequest: To donate the whole of the residue of your estate to WPI:

"I give the residue of my estate to Women's Property Initiatives (ABN 64 077 478 696) for its general purposes and I direct that a receipt from its duly authorised officer will be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor(s) or trustee(s)."

Pecuniary Legacy: To donate a specific sum:

"I give the sum of [amount in words – e.g. ten thousand dollars][amount in figures – e.g. (\$10,000.00)] to Women's Property Initiatives (ABN 64 077 478 696) for its general purposes and I direct that a receipt from its duly authorised officer will be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor(s) or trustee(s)."

For your peace of mind, please get legal advice to assist you in this process.

We encourage you to request a confidential discussion about leaving a gift to WPI. Please email admin@wpi.org.au

Information for Solicitors - organisational details

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WPI also partners with Gathered Here to offer a free and easy step-by-step online Will writing service. Please refer to our Gifts In Wills web page for more information: wpi.org.au/get-involved/gifts-in-wills/