



LOVE *beyond your* LIFETIME

How a gift in your Will can help change the future for **everyone** affected by blood cancer.

Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation with First Nations peoples of Australia, the Leukaemia Foundation acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the Countries on which we live and work.

We acknowledge and respect First Nations peoples' spiritual beliefs and connections to land, sea and communities. The Leukaemia Foundation pays respect to Elders past and present, and extends that respect to all Traditional Owners across our Nation.



Pictured: Matthew Doyle, a descendant of the Muruwari people, has united with the Leukaemia Foundation as the national ambassador for First Nations people. A cultural custodian and knowledge holder, Matthew is helping raise awareness of blood cancer and the support available to those impacted by the disease, including First Nation communities.

“For 50 years, the Leukaemia Foundation has partnered with the community and compassionate supporters like you to go above and beyond for people living with blood cancer.

Your legacy will be a powerful force for change, helping us create a future where no life is lost to blood cancer, and every person diagnosed receives the best possible care at every stage of their journey.

Your generosity today will echo in the lives of many tomorrow.

Thank you for considering such a profound and lasting way to make a difference.”

– Chris Tanti
CEO, Leukaemia Foundation



OUR HERITAGE, *our promise*

The Leukaemia Foundation has been by the side of people with blood cancer for over 50 years.

Founded in Queensland in 1975, the Leukaemia Foundation has evolved to become a national organisation providing trusted emotional and practical support to people affected by blood cancer. At the same time, we've been pushing the boundaries to improve cancer care for everyone.

Today, there are around 120 different types of blood cancer, affecting approximately 145,000 people across Australia. Unfortunately, it's predicted that if nothing changes, blood cancer is set to become the most common and deadliest form of cancer in Australia.

As more people face a diagnosis, not everyone will experience the same cancer care. Some Australians will have to shoulder a heavier burden. These might be people living in remote parts of our country, people with complex needs and others who face barriers to accessing treatment and support.

But with the help of wonderful supporters like you, we can create a better future for people with blood cancer.

The Leukaemia Foundation has a bold vision to ensure that no one ever has to face blood cancer alone, and everyone – from people living in the biggest cities to those in the most remote outback regions – is seen, heard and has access to the best possible care.

A gift in your Will – no matter how big or small – will help make this vision a reality.

Our commitment to you and the families we serve:

We will care deeply, always.

We will lead, innovate and forge new pathways to create a world where blood cancer no longer ends lives.

Until then, and beyond, we will work to ensure every person in Australia who receives a diagnosis has the care and support they need to live well.



LOVE IS *action*

Every day, we show our love through our actions.

Support, commitment, readiness to lend a hand... these are just some of the ways you show the people around you how much you care.

It's love in action, and that love can live on far into the future – through family, the people we've held dear, and our legacy.

Whether you have been personally touched by blood cancer, or are seeking a way to have a genuinely meaningful

impact for future generations, a gift in your Will to the Leukaemia Foundation is a profoundly beautiful way to love beyond your lifetime.

A gift is a way to express your values, and create a legacy that reaches into the future to change the world for people with blood cancer.

With you, we can work towards a world where blood cancer no longer takes the lives of mums, dads, children, friends and

colleagues. We can be there with wraparound support for people in every corner of this vast land of ours. And, you'll empower us to take future breakthrough research out of the lab and into daily practice, so everyone can live well after a diagnosis, through treatment and beyond.

Your gift – your selfless act of love – will touch the lives of countless people into the future, easing their journey, lightening their burden.

Regional patient Beth at a Leukaemia Foundation Blood Cancer Centre.



LOVE IS *support*

A blood cancer diagnosis turns a person's world upside down in an instant.

Receiving a blood cancer diagnosis is the beginning of a journey that can take a heavy emotional and practical toll. From urgent decisions about treatment, to practical concerns about work, finances and family, every day can be a huge challenge.

When you leave a gift in your Will, your love will provide vital, life-changing support for people experiencing blood cancer and their families.

With you, we can provide essential support free of charge to patients and their families, and expand our services to meet the growing, ever-changing needs of people across Australia, including people in regional and rural communities.

Your gift will help provide:

Accommodation

Many people living in regional and rural areas must travel to bigger cities for specialised blood cancer treatment. This could mean weeks or even months away from home.

To help ease the financial and emotional stress this can cause, the Leukaemia Foundation offers free accommodation at our Blood Cancer Centres to regional and rural patients and their families.

Located in cities around Australia, our Blood Cancer Centres offer a range of apartments specifically designed to meet the needs of patients and their families. They provide a safe, private and welcoming place to call home for as long as needed.

Specialised support

Every person's blood cancer journey is different, so our support is tailored to the specific needs of every individual and family.

Our services include:

One-on-one emotional support

Our team of highly trained health professionals provides expert emotional support to help patients and their loved ones navigate the complex, sometimes overwhelming blood cancer journey from diagnosis, to treatment and beyond.

Financial assistance

With the support of people like you, we can provide practical financial assistance to help families get through the toughest times.

Transport

Getting to and from treatment can be stressful and costly for people living with blood cancer.

Our transport service offers practical support like referrals and travel vouchers to help ease the burden and get people to appointments.

Trusted information

Our online education services give patients and their families access to specialist content, webinars, and support groups. These services empower people living with blood cancer – especially those in regional and rural communities – by sharing trusted information about their diagnosis and treatment, enabling them to advocate for themselves throughout their journey.

Innovative new programs

A gift of love will enable us to test and implement innovative new programs, so we can bring revolutionary new models of care into everyday practice. You'll help us expand our holistic services, bring equity to underserved communities and ensure people with blood cancer have the opportunity to thrive.

THE *power* OF SUPPORT



At just 14 years of age, Siobhan Hoy's life changed forever.

Siobhan was a typical teenager, going to school and living with her parents in Lawrence, a small country town in NSW, 647km north of Sydney. An avid hockey player, she competed at a high-level and threw herself into the game.

"I was a fit, healthy teenager with a few bad bruises and a couple of bloody noses," says Siobhan. "A blood test and one phone call later, and my life changed completely."

After a routine blood test, Siobhan was diagnosed with leukaemia. At such a young age, she couldn't fathom the impact it would have on her and her family. "I knew that it wasn't a good word," she recalls. "But at the time, I honestly didn't know what 'leukaemia' was."

Living so far from a metropolitan area put Siobhan at an immediate disadvantage. But thanks to the kindness of people like you, we could be there with ongoing support to help ease the burden of blood cancer.

Siobhan and her family stayed at a Leukaemia Foundation Blood Cancer Centre in Brisbane for more than 10 months. "My first diagnosis was really hard. I didn't want to talk to anyone and felt so embarrassed and ashamed of my illness," remembers Siobhan.

"I wouldn't leave the room for anything until my mum convinced me one day to go down to see the Leukaemia Foundation support staff in the office.



Siobhan, now 24, with her mum, Sally.

I was introduced to Maryanne, a Blood Cancer Support Coordinator, and we just clicked straight away."

Maryanne's support was also key for Sally, Siobhan's mum. She was a confidante, a shoulder to cry on, and the source of trusted information throughout Siobhan's blood cancer journey.

It wasn't long before the team at the Centre felt like family.

"They see you at your best and worst, experiencing every setback and every victory together."

A year and a half after Siobhan returned home, she had a devastating relapse. There was only one silver lining – she knew her Leukaemia Foundation family would be there for her.

Staying at the Centre once again, Siobhan underwent a stem cell transplant at the Royal

Brisbane and Women's Hospital. Thankfully, soon after, she went into remission.

Today, she's cancer-free, but lives with the long-term side effects of blood cancer and its treatment. While there are challenges, she's not going to let it get her down as she looks to the future with optimism, hope and a lot of laughter.

"I'm not going to pretend that everything's perfect. Not everything is perfect," she says. "But I've met some absolutely incredible people through the things that I've done. And the places I've been. And as terrible as it is, I probably wouldn't change it. It's made me the person I am today."

Your Gift in Will ensures that we can be there with specialised support and wraparound care for more people like Siobhan into the future.

LOVE IS

transformation

As it stands, around 6,000 people in Australia lose their lives to blood cancer each year¹.

Tragically, it's predicted that the number of lives lost to blood cancer each year will rise to 14,600 by 2035.

With the support of far-sighted people like you, we can change the future for all people affected by blood cancer.

With your help, we can advocate for systematic change, including better policies, easier access to new and innovative diagnostics, medications and treatments that will improve outcomes for everyone affected by blood cancer.

This is critical, especially when it comes to research.

Breakthroughs in research don't happen every day. So when advances

are made – even incremental ones – it's crucial that they are taken from the lab and into clinical environments where they can be tested, refined and, when suitable, put into daily practice.

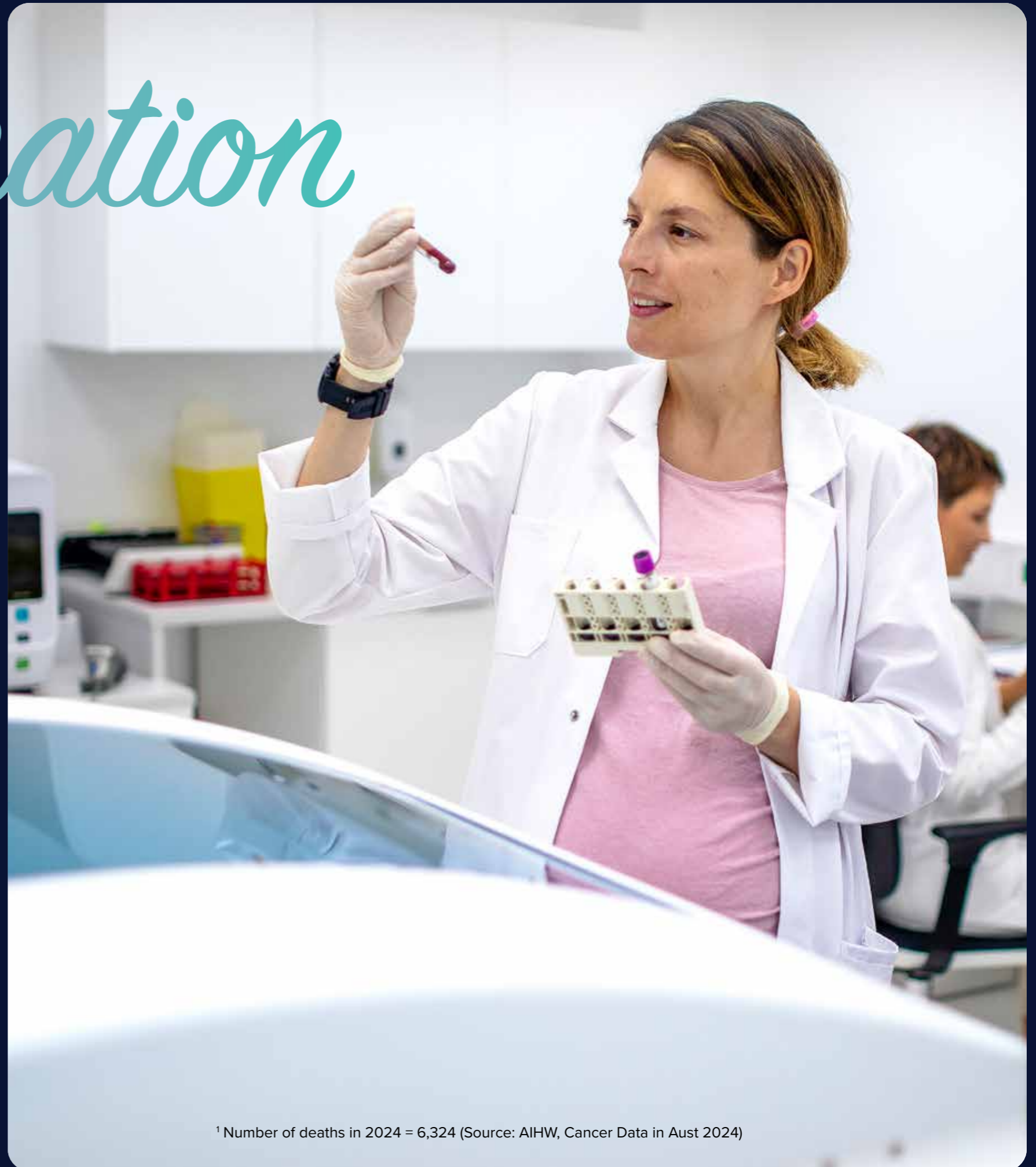
Gifts from people like you will have a profound impact into the future, facilitating this important step to ensure the latest medical advances reach blood cancer patients faster.

Investing in implementation science ensures blood cancer patients receive the best care, no matter their location or background. It helps close gaps in the health system by turning evidence into consistent practice – leading to faster access, better outcomes, and improved quality of life.



“We’re committed not only to funding research that generates new knowledge, but also to ensuring existing evidence is applied consistently. Implementation science helps turn proven interventions into everyday care – so they reach the people who need them most.”

– Bill Stavreski,
Head of Research, Clinical Information and
Education, Leukaemia Foundation.



¹ Number of deaths in 2024 = 6,324 (Source: AIHW, Cancer Data in Aust 2024)

LOVE IS *Community*

When you choose to leave a gift in your Will to the Leukaemia Foundation – no matter how big or small – you'll immediately join our wonderful 'Big Hearts Society'.



MEET *Helen Holdey*

I can't think of a better way to honour the memory of someone affected by blood cancer than to leave a gift in your Will to the Leukaemia Foundation.

I was a nurse for over 37 years, and during that time I met my good friend Brenda. She's a wonderful woman, and I got to know her daughter Rachel very well too.

It will be our honour to welcome you into this vibrant community of people who've decided to love beyond their lifetime.

We hold regular events exclusively for Big Hearts Society members, to show our appreciation of your commitment, and to provide an opportunity for you to socialise and meet like-minded people in our warm community.

In 1991, Rachel was diagnosed with leukaemia, and it was devastating. She was such a lovely, happy girl and I still marvel at how bravely she faced her leukaemia treatment.

Sadly, she died within months of her diagnosis.

It was such a tragedy for Rachel and her family, I wanted to do something positive, so I began collecting for the Leukaemia Foundation Doorknock campaign. Over the last 15 years, I have no idea how many kilometres I've walked with Prinnie, my poodle, collecting money to help save the lives of people with blood cancer.

After doing it for so long, I really understand the significant impact that donations have, so I decided to leave a gift in my Will to the Leukaemia Foundation.

It's a way for my legacy and Rachel's memory to live on forever.

If you can, I encourage you to leave a gift in your Will. It's a wonderful way to care for those who come after us.

MEET *Alan Howe*

For me, leaving a gift in my Will was an easy decision.

When I was 59, I was fit, healthy and even did endurance cycling and running. I was visiting my doctor about a hip injury, when I mentioned a lump in my neck that had suddenly appeared. She didn't waste any time and ordered a needle biopsy and a CT scan right away.

That evening, she called me at home to say I had lymphoma.

In the coming days, I was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of mantle cell lymphoma (MCL). It happened so fast, those early days were an emotional roller coaster. Then the chemotherapy started, which I found terrifying at the beginning, and that was followed by the final part of my treatment, a bone marrow transplant.

Cancer is tough, especially blood cancers like lymphoma. But I wasn't alone on my journey.

I reached out to the Leukaemia Foundation for information and found so much support there. Having someone to talk to who understood what I was going through was vital. I used the Leukaemia Foundation for those support calls. Counselling helped me feel okay about what I could manage, and I'm so grateful for the amazing medical support too.

Including a gift in my Will to the Leukaemia Foundation is a practical way for me to give back and support their work and research.

Being part of this terrific community is important to me. With our help, I feel that there can be a promising future ahead for all those impacted by blood cancer.

I sincerely hope you'll join us.



LOVE IS A *legacy*



Changing the future begins with a conversation.

It is not a complex process to leave a gift in your Will to the Leukaemia Foundation, but we do strongly encourage you to talk to your family about your decision. It's an opportunity for you to discuss your wishes, and give them an insight into the decision you've made. Although it could be a little awkward at first, it really is invaluable to express your values and hopes for future generations to those closest to you.

When you're ready, we recommend you seek independent legal advice about completing or updating your Will.

We are deeply grateful for every gift, no matter the size.

Gifts in Wills can take many forms, including:

- a specific sum of money
- a percentage of your whole estate
- a percentage of your share portfolio
- or a residual gift. In this instance, you can choose to leave a percentage or the whole of your estate's residual amount, which is the cash and assets remaining after your loved ones are provided for and financial commitments are covered.

To include the Leukaemia Foundation in your Will, we suggest the following wording:

"I give and bequeath free of all duties (here state the amount/percentage or share/residue or assets to be gifted) to THE LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED ABN: 57 057 493 017 absolutely for the general charitable purposes of the said Foundation and I direct that a receipt of the proper officer for the time being of The Leukaemia Foundation of Australia Limited shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my trustee/s."

Our details

Legal name:

The Leukaemia Foundation of Australia Limited
ABN: 57 057 493 017

Registered address:

41 Peter Doherty Street,
Dutton Park QLD, 4102

Our commitment to you

The Leukaemia Foundation is forever grateful to extraordinary people like you who are kind enough to leave a gift in their Will.

This is an incredible act of love, and in return we will honour your commitment, always.

We promise to:

- handle your gift with care, sensitivity and respect
- recognise and appreciate that your Will is completely personal to you and acknowledge that your family and loved ones should always come first
- use your gift carefully and wisely so it can have the greatest impact for the blood cancer community
- publish annual audited statements each year on our website so you know the impact that donations have
- invite you to be a member of the Big Hearts Society and give you and your loved ones the opportunity to be connected with the work you are supporting.



If you are considering making a Will online, we have partnered with Safewill to make this a smooth and simple process. Please scan the QR code for more information.

FREQUENTLY ASKED *questions*

Do I really need a Will?

Whether you have few possessions or many, you should have a Will. It is a way of ensuring that your assets are distributed as you wish. You should also review your Will regularly to ensure it reflects your current wishes. This is important at any age. Many younger people are taking the opportunity to support a cause they feel passionately about when they create or review their Will.

Is a Gift in Will the same as a bequest?

Yes, in Australia, a Gift in Will is also known as a 'bequest'. The terms can be used interchangeably.

I want to support the work of the Leukaemia Foundation but I don't have a lot of extra cash at the moment. How can I help?

A gift in your Will is a simple way of supporting the Leukaemia Foundation without affecting your current lifestyle and financial situation.

What are the Leukaemia Foundation's charity credentials?

The Leukaemia Foundation:

- is a charity registered with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission
- has an ABN: 57 057 493 017
- is endorsed as an income tax exempt charitable entity
- is endorsed as a deductible gift recipient
- is endorsed for GST concessions (endorsements are entered on the public register maintained by the Australian Business Registrar at abr.business.gov.au).

Who do I need to tell about my gift?

Consider speaking with your loved ones about your plans to leave a gift in your Will and discuss with them why our work is important to you.

When I include a gift to the Leukaemia Foundation, do I have to write a new Will?

If you have an existing Will, the easiest way to leave a gift to the Leukaemia Foundation is to add a codicil – a short, extra clause – to your Will. Your solicitor can advise you on this.

Should I tell the Leukaemia Foundation I've left a gift in my Will?

If you choose to leave a gift to the Leukaemia Foundation you don't have to notify us – but we'd love it if you do! That way we can thank you, welcome you to our Big Hearts Society and include you in invitations to special events.

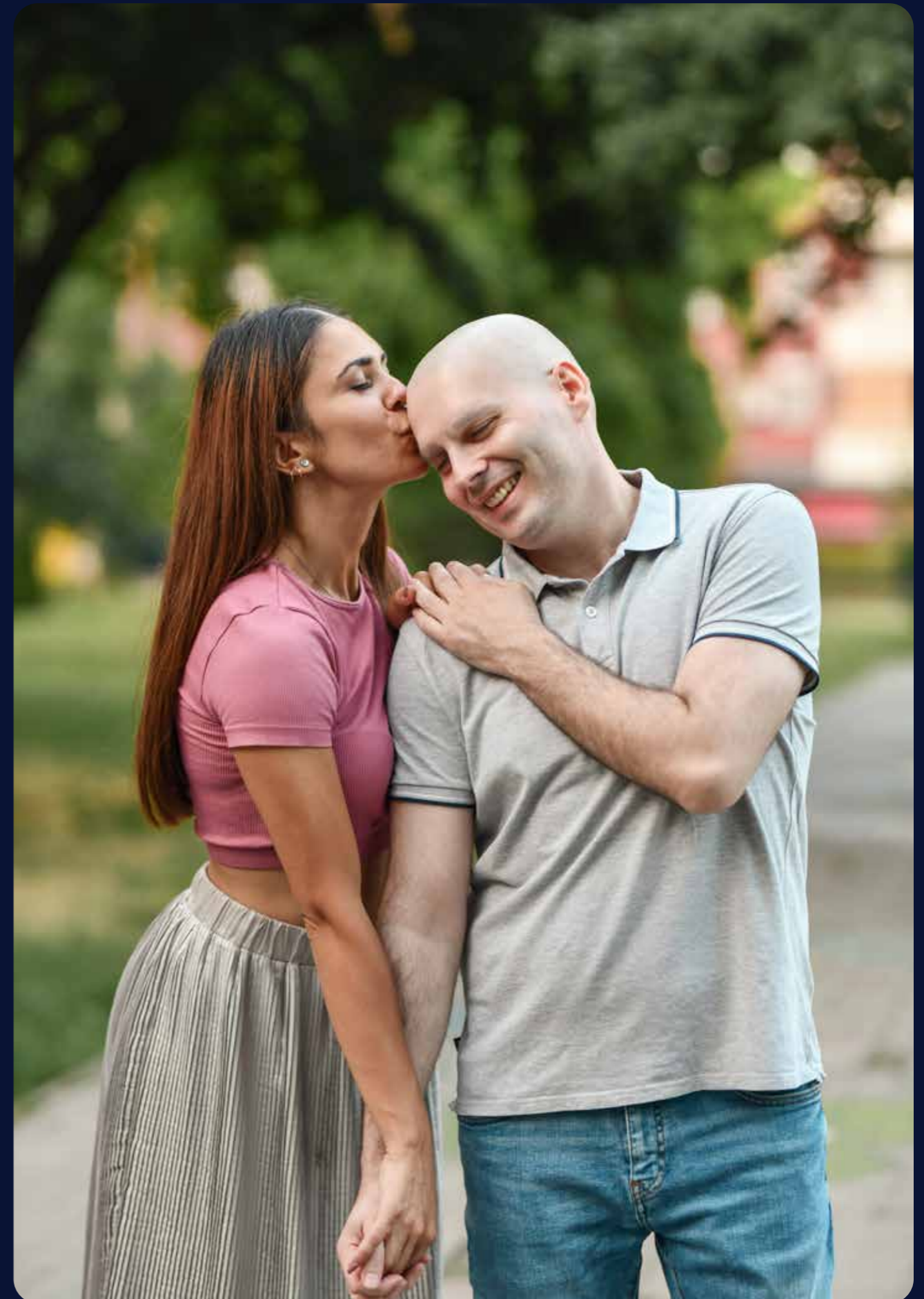
What do people typically give?

Gifts in Wills of every size are deeply appreciated. They can be a specific monetary value, property or they can be a percentage of an estate or a share portfolio. Gifts in Wills we have received in the past have included:

- 10% share of the whole estate
- 25% of share portfolio
- a specific gift (e.g. of \$5000)
- 1/4 share of the residue of the estate (the residue of an estate is what remains after settling debts, expenses, taxes, and any specific bequests).

Why do other people choose to leave a gift in their Will to the Leukaemia Foundation?

There are many reasons why kind people like you leave a gift in their Will to the Leukaemia Foundation. Some give a gift as a way to express their gratitude for the support they've received from us, while others leave a gift to honour the memory of a loved one. Many simply want to take a practical step to help to ease the burden for anyone touched by blood cancer in the future.



WILL YOU
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For more information on leaving a gift in your Will to the Leukaemia Foundation, please don't hesitate to contact our friendly team.

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