

One decision
today...
Can change
a person's life tomorrow



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“When my husband Colin and I were told Goldie has epilepsy, it took a while to process that diagnosis. It’s hard to explain to people that Goldie will not grow out of epilepsy.

I didn't realise how serious and how long-term epilepsy is. I thought epilepsy was from flashing lights that led to convulsing seizures. I didn't have that understanding just yet and I certainly didn't know there were so many different types of epilepsy.

*Epilepsy is not just a rough road, it can also be a lonely road. **The Epilepsy Foundation is the reason we are not alone.** I rang the Foundation and found caring people on the other end of the phone helping me to understand, giving me the information I needed and being there to listen to me.”*

- Charlene

At certain times in each of our lives, we need to make important decisions relating to our personal, familial and financial affairs.



Writing your Will provides your loved ones with clear directions to carry out your final wishes.

We recognise and encourage that you need to provide for your family and friends first. And we are most grateful for any support that you can provide today and into the future.

By remembering the Epilepsy Foundation with a gift in your Will (also known as a bequest), your decision today will help support those living with epilepsy well into the future.

Your gift will help us continue to innovate, explore and implement the very best programs and services; work with researchers and the medical community to find new and improved treatments and strive for a cure; and give those living with epilepsy access to the information, support and care they will need.

Your one decision, to include the Epilepsy Foundation in your Will, can change people's lives forever.

Leaving a gift in your Will is one of the most valuable gifts you can ever give.

When you choose to leave a gift in your Will you are helping people with epilepsy know they are not alone. You are helping to provide them with relevant and practical services that respond to their individual needs, including:

- Counselling and practical support from diagnosis and every stage of living with epilepsy;
- Information and resources to understand and better manage epilepsy;
- Education and training for families, businesses, schools and community groups;
- Advice, guidance and management plans;
- Research into better treatment options, epilepsy medications and even a cure; and so much more.

Anne and Daryl's decision today will change lives tomorrow

Married for over 35 years and with two adult sons, Anne and Daryl have made the life-changing decision to leave a gift in their Will to the Epilepsy Foundation. They are passionate about helping to give people with epilepsy the chance to be understood, accepted and engaged with education and employment.

“Education is one of our core family values and hopefully the benefit of our gift will help eradicate the ignorance and stigma often associated with epilepsy.” - Daryl

Just like Anne and Daryl, this one decision you make today, leaving a gift in your Will, will change the lives of people living with epilepsy now and into the future.

The importance of making and keeping your Will up to date

When you make a Will, you are stating your preferences for how you wish your estate to be distributed after you are gone. Having an up-to-date Will takes the stress and worry away from you, giving you the confidence that your wishes will be fulfilled. It is recommended that you seek legal advice from a solicitor to ensure your Will complies with current legal requirements.

Once you have decided to leave a gift in your Will to the Epilepsy Foundation, you need to consider the type of gift you would like to make. This may be,

- **A share of your estate (a residuary gift).**
The residue of your estate is what remains once all of your wishes have been fulfilled and charges have been paid. A residuary gift could be a percentage or the whole of the residue of your estate.
- **A fixed sum of money (a pecuniary gift).**
This is when you leave an exact sum of money to the Foundation. The value of the pecuniary gift may decrease over time with inflation.
- **A specific gift.** You may wish to leave a particular item, such as property, shares, insurance, art or even a piece of jewellery, which can then be sold to support our work.

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Bequest Brochure Interest Form

We would be delighted to know you have included the Epilepsy Foundation in your Will.

This will enable us to recognise your generosity during your lifetime and to invite you to special events and functions. **Please tick one of the following:**

- I am intending / considering leaving a gift to the Epilepsy Foundation in my Will
- I am not yet sure but I would like to learn more
- I do not have any immediate plans to include a gift to the Epilepsy Foundation in my Will
- I have already included a Bequest to the Epilepsy Foundation in my Will

My personal details are:

Name:

Address:

Please send me further information by:

- Mail to the above address
- Email to the below email:

OR I would like to have a confidential discussion on including a gift to the Epilepsy Foundation in my Will. Contact me on:

Please complete your details above and return by mail (postage free) to:

The Bequest Manager
Epilepsy Foundation
Reply Paid 69422
SURREY HILLS VIC 3127



How to word your Will

When you choose to include the Epilepsy Foundation in your Will, please use the following words:

"I give (insert whichever is appropriate _____% of my estate or the residue of my estate or the sum of \$_____ or specified items eg life insurance policy number, possessions, land etc) to the Epilepsy Foundation ABN 75 967 571 784 free of all debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, duties and taxes."

It is important to use the full name of our organisation and its Australian Business Number:
Epilepsy Foundation (ABN 75 967 571 784)



Making a Will is one of the most meaningful things you can do. And including a gift in your Will is one of the most powerful things you can do in your lifetime.



Let us thank you

It is a great privilege to know that a caring person has left a gift in their Will to the Epilepsy Foundation. When you make this important decision please let us know. This will enable us to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to you in your lifetime. You will be invited to join the Davis Society – a special group of people who have also chosen to leave a gift in their Will. You will receive a commemorative pin and be invited to exclusive events to hear more about the difference your gift will make.

One decision today can make
a life-changing difference tomorrow
for people living with epilepsy.



To learn more, contact the Epilepsy Foundation on:

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