

Now I've left a gift  
in my Will, I know  
I've done some good.



VMCH



# Meet Wayne.

Our Disability Support Workers assist clients to live the life they choose. For Wayne, it's being on the water. So every Wednesday, with our support, he goes sailing.

**We help people become more independent and involved with their community.**





# Your gift works wonders.

By leaving a gift in your Will you continue to make a difference to people like Wayne, and also Jack and Eileen, whom you'll read about shortly.

**Your gift is a lasting legacy and testament to your life.**

Your gift allows us to continue our compassionate work to improve the lives of children and adults living with disabilities. You are helping us to continue providing excellent aged care and also much needed services to disadvantaged Australians, young and old.









# We are VMCH.

Here at VMCH, our services are as diverse as the people we support.

Our values underpin the work we do. As a Catholic for-purpose organisation, compassion, respect and inclusion aren't just words to us, they guide us in everything we do.

While we've been around for over a century, we're always moving forward. We stay true to who we are by supporting people and families to live their best lives, providing a place to call home and spaces to learn and grow.

Our professional and compassionate teams are with you on your life journey. We provide a wide range of support including specialist education, disability services, affordable homes, retirement living and at-home aged care.

**Your gift supports our services for generations to come.**



# Meet Jack.

Jack is enjoying the new play equipment at VMCH specialist school, St Paul's College.

Thanks to generous donations and bequests, the students, teachers, carers and family are all benefitting from the new fitout including outdoor equipment, sensory spaces and library pods helping build a strong school community.

**Our school is now world-class.**







# Now your gift has the power to impact someone's life.

**Gifts in Will have significantly contributed to our specialist school, St Paul's College, at its new upgraded campus in Balwyn.**

Large and small gifts have allowed St Paul's College to continue its proud legacy of guiding children with disability through their invaluable education.

A generous gift left by Gordon James ensures the future and continued development of the school.

Gordon, who in 2018 passed away at age 99, was one of our most loyal and generous supporters.

Now he continues to be remembered and his legacy will live on.

**You too can create change.**

Any gift in your Will can be pooled and directed towards a particular program or purpose, the size of the gift is not important.

Just know that you will be making a difference to current and future generations of older people, children and adults with a disability, their families and carers.

Gordon (far right) with Sandra Rosano, VMCH Bequest Officer and Greg Pullen former CEO VMCH.



# The power of giving.

"My association with VMCH dates back to the 1970s. Since then VMCH has expanded their commitment to care for people with any need as well as a vast choice of retirement villages and home care. Some years ago I visited St Paul's College and was so touched with the love and care shown by the staff to the students with multiple disabilities. This experience so impressed me that I continued donating to VMCH who makes such an improvement to the lives of anyone in need. I have decided as well to make a bequest in my Will to make a small contribution to the continuing aims of VMCH."

- Sue Carrick

"Sometimes the aged get left behind a little bit, particularly those who don't have family support. Their needs are greater than ours and I'd like my legacy used where it can do some good."

- Barbara Duncan

"For over 50 years I have followed VMCH's tremendous expansion and diversification into the fields of multiple disability and care of the frail aged, and I felt I would like to help in that work when I am no longer here. It was a very simple process to have a bequest inserted in my Will and it gave me great satisfaction to do so. I strongly urge everyone who is in a position to do so, to do likewise."

- The late Margaret Raw





# Including a gift in your Will.

**A Will is a way of providing for family members, as well as friends and others who have been important to you. After providing for your own family, a gift in your Will to VMCH, is your legacy for future generations.**

**The following wording is often used for a general gift in a Will:**

“I give to VMCH (ACN 004 364 103) for its general purposes:

- \_\_ percent of my estate OR
- \_\_ percent of the residue of my estate
- or the sum of \$\_\_ \*\*
- or [list specific item of real or personal property]

Free of all duties and testamentary expenses to be used for its general purposes and the receipt of an authorised officer of VMCH will be sufficient discharge to my Executor/Trustee.”

\*\* It is useful to consider that the value of a lump sum amount will decrease over time, whereas a percentage of some or all of your assets is most likely to increase.

If you already have a Will and would now like to include a gift to VMCH, all you have to do is make a “codicil”. When you next see your solicitor take a copy of our wording with you and they can simply update your existing Will for you.

As VMCH merged in July 2015, we acknowledge that some of our supporters may have left a gift in their Will to either (or both) Villa Maria or Catholic Homes.

Always consult a qualified practicing solicitor to ensure your wishes are expressed in a way that is legally binding.

# Meet Eileen.

"Social connections are very important to me. I'm very lucky to be here as I could still be living at home with no help and nobody around to talk to." Living in a retirement village unit and receiving her Home Care Package from VMCH means Eileen has her independence alongside the community, services and assistance she needs. Plus her regular swims in the village pool!

**Our Aged Care services help maintain independence.**







# Be part of our historic Fawkner Fellowship.

**VMCH would like to thank you in your lifetime for your loyal support and for including a gift in your Will through our Fawkner Fellowship.**

The name of our Fawkner Fellowship honors Louisa Fawkner. Louisa was a blind woman and early colonist of Melbourne. Driven by her Catholic faith and a desire to make a difference to the vision impaired, she insisted that the Catholic Braille Writers' Association be established in 1907.

Louisa Fawkner responded to community needs and inspired those around her, as well as generations to come, to make a difference.

If you choose to leave a gift in your Will to VMCH, however small or large, and you choose to let us know, we welcome you to the Fawkner Fellowship.

Being a part of the fellowship invites you to a yearly thank you luncheon, special events and allows our Bequest Officer to keep in contact with you.

**This is a friendly association of people who share an interest and belief in the work of VMCH.**

We also acknowledge and respect you may prefer to make a gift in your Will anonymously. You are always free to alter your decision at any time. Advising us of your intentions does not commit you in any way.

**Fawkner  
Fellowship**  
Supporting our mission

# Thank you

Thanks for taking the time to consider leaving a gift to VMCH as part of your Will.

For more information about leaving a gift in your Will or to discuss your intentions, please call our Grants and Bequests Officer on (03) 9926 2000.

All calls will be treated in confidence and with sensitivity. If you would like additional copies of this brochure for family or friends, please contact our Grants and Bequests Officer.

**A moment in time,  
a legacy created.**



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