

Your guide to leaving a gift in your Will



**Women
& Infants**
RESEARCH FOUNDATION

You can leave a legacy of hope for every woman, every baby, every family.



Every legacy begins with a simple belief – that the world can be better because you were here.

“Sandy fought bravely for many years. We had a good life together, and we were very blessed, but it never ceases to amaze me how many people are affected by women’s health issues – by cancer, by premature birth. My eldest niece devastatingly lost one of her twin boys at premature childbirth.” — Graham, legacy donor

Your story, your values, and your hopes for future generations can live on through research that transforms lives. Like Graham, you can create a legacy that protects future generations.



Thank you for considering a gift in your Will to WIRF

By choosing to remember the *Women & Infants Research Foundation* in your Will, you are creating a legacy of healthier futures for women, babies, and families for generations to come.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity reflect a deep commitment to advancing research that improves health outcomes for women, babies, and families for generations to come. A gift in your Will is one of the most profound acts of kindness you can make — extending your values, your hopes, and your impact well beyond your lifetime.

At WIRF, we are honoured by your consideration. Your legacy will help prevent complications in pregnancy and in a baby's earliest days, support world-leading research, and ensure that the breakthroughs made here in Western Australia continue to improve lives across the globe.

Your gift will fuel life-changing research and compassionate care that shapes a healthier future for women, babies, and families now and into the future.



WIRF's vision

Why your legacy matters

Your legacy powers breakthroughs that last generations.

WIRF is recognised globally for leading the world's most significant advances in preventing preterm birth — the leading cause of death and disability in children under five.

Western Australia is the only place in the world where preterm birth has been reduced across an entire population. This unprecedented breakthrough was led by WIRF researchers and is now informing global practice. This achievement sits alongside WIRF's wider leadership in women's health, maternal wellbeing, early-life research, and health equity.

Your gift ensures this progress continues and grows.

With your support, we can:

- Create healthier futures for women and families through pioneering research
- Detect and prevent complications before they become life-threatening
- Support mothers, babies, and families with the highest standard of care
- Ensure women receive the mental health support they need during and after pregnancy
- Work alongside First Nations families to reduce inequities and strengthen outcomes

Your legacy becomes part of a global movement improving the health of future generations.



Why leave a gift in your Will?

A legacy gift is a powerful expression of your values

Our Giving Hope Circle is a special community of supporters who have chosen to leave a gift in their Will.

Choosing to leave a gift in your Will:

- Extends your impact beyond your lifetime
- Honours your personal values and story
- Provides hope for babies and families
- Supports long-term research that transforms health
- Allows you to make a significant gift without affecting your day-to-day finances

How your legacy will be honoured

We are committed to:

- Respectfully carrying out your wishes
- Ensuring your gift supports the highest priority needs
- Recognising you as part of our Giving Hope Circle (with full confidentiality options)
- Keeping your loved ones informed, if desired
- Stewarding your gift with transparency, care, and integrity

**You will be remembered
as giving hope to
future generations.**

Easy steps to create your legacy gift

Speak with your family and loved ones

A Will is a personal expression of your wishes. Discussing your intentions ensures clarity and peace of mind.

Choose the type of gift you'd like to leave

- Residual gift (a percentage of your estate after loved ones are cared for)
- Specific gift (a fixed amount or item)
- Percentage gift (a share of your estate)
- Whole estate (rare but deeply impactful)

Choose your executor

This person will carry out the instructions in your Will. You may also appoint more than one executor – friends, relatives, your solicitor or bank. You can also get in touch with your local Public Trustee.

Seek professional legal advice

A solicitor or Public Trustee can assist with accurate wording and ensure your Will reflects your wishes.



Write or update your Will

Your Will must be signed, witnessed, and kept safely. Your solicitor can help with correct wording.

Store your Will in a safe place

Let your executor and loved ones know where your Will is kept. You should also keep a copy for your own records.

Let WIRF know about your intentions

While not legally required, informing us of your gift allows us to:

- Thank you personally
- Honour your wishes
- Invite you into our Giving Hope Circle
- Share updates about the impact your legacy will make

Your information will always remain confidential.



Key information for writing your Will

Suggested wording for your solicitor

I give, free of all duties and taxes, to the Women & Infants Research Foundation Ltd (ABN 94 418 431 354):

- Option 1: "The residue of my estate"
- Option 2: "__% of my estate"
- Option 3: "The sum of \$__"
- Option 4: "Specific asset(s): __"

for its general purposes. The receipt of the CEO, or authorised officer will be sufficient discharge to my Executor.

WIRF details

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Keeping your Will up to date

Review your Will every few years or after major life changes

WIRF's areas of focus



Prevention of preterm birth

Globally, around 13.4 million babies are born preterm every year - it is the leading cause of death and disability in children under 5 in developed countries. Your legacy helps us discover new ways to prevent early birth and support healthier pregnancies.

Advancing care for preterm babies

Your gift supports research that improves long-term health outcomes for the tiniest babies.



Maternal and infant health

We are uncovering early indicators of complications and developing solutions that keep mothers, babies and families safe. Your legacy helps create safer pregnancies, healthier beginnings, and stronger futures for women, babies, and families.

Mental health

Peri- and Postnatal depression, anxiety, and stress have lifelong impacts. Your gift supports families get the help they need.



Women's health + Chronic conditions

From endometriosis to cancer, your legacy fuels research that improves women's wellbeing across their lifespan.

Pregnancy and conception

Your gift helps families through every step of their fertility, pregnancy, and birthing journey.



First Nations

Your legacy contributes to culturally appropriate, community-led research and programs to improve outcomes for First Nations families.



Bequest FAQs

Does my family come first?

Absolutely. Most supporters first ensure their loved ones are cared for before leaving a gift to WIRF.

Do I need to be wealthy to leave a gift in my Will?

Not at all. Many of the most impactful legacy gifts come from people of modest means.

Can I change my mind?

Yes. A legacy gift is entirely flexible and can be updated at any time.

Can I leave personal items?

Yes — such as jewellery, shares, or property. Please let us know so we can support the process.

How can my gift have the greatest impact?

A residual gift typically has the largest long-term effect, enabling WIRF to direct funds to emerging organisational priorities.

Can I specify how my gift is used?

Yes. You may express your wishes. At present, all legacy gifts are applied to WIRF's highest priority needs.

Will my gift be used how I intend?

Yes. Your wishes will always be respected.

Invitation to connect

We would love to speak with you about the legacy you hope to create.

Your story matters. Your values matter. Your hopes for future generations matter.

When you speak with us, we take the time to understand what is important to you. We are here to guide you through the process, answer your questions, and ensure your wishes are honoured with care and respect.

You will join a community of visionary supporters – our Giving Hope circle – who are helping shape a future where every woman and every baby receives the best possible care.

For a confidential conversation, please contact:

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Thank you for considering this extraordinary act of kindness.

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breakthrough discovered, and every family supported.



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