

A bequest is a unique gift.



It holds promise
for the future.

We ask for your Help

Melbourne Citymission provides a hand up, not a hand out, supporting people to take charge of their own lives and participate fully in their community.

You can help us to meet our goals for the future by becoming a member of the Melbourne Citymission Circle of Friends. To become a member of this bequest society and support our work all you need to do is include a bequest to Melbourne Citymission in your will.

Your support, not the amount you pledge, is the most important step.



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Melbourne Citymission's **Circle of Friends** Bequest Society



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Melbourne Citymission's Circle of Friends is a bequest society. We set up this society to recognise the major contribution to the community of those who leave a bequest in their will supporting our work.

A bequest is a unique gift. It is an investment in the future of the people and things that are important to you.

Melbourne Citymission Who are we and what do we do?

Melbourne Citymission has been working in Victoria for over 150 years.

Focusing on people and communities experiencing disadvantage we provide Aged and Palliative Care services, Disability Support services, Children Youth and Family services, Employment, Education and Training services and Homeless services.

The strength of our programs and services lies in their ability to connect people to their local communities. Our solutions are never a quick fix and always take into account individual as well as local concerns.

By leaving a bequest to Melbourne Citymission and becoming a member of the Circle of Friends, you are making a real difference for those in the community who are disadvantaged.



Making a will Your gift to the future

A will states who will inherit your property and possessions after you are gone. It is a way that you can provide for family members, friends and the things that are important to you.

A will is also about peace of mind. It is about clearly setting down your intentions for the future so they will be attended to after death.

Bequests can take a number of forms, including:

- A percentage of the value of your estate;
- A specified amount of money or property; or
- A residue of the estate after your family and other beneficiaries have been provided for.

Making your will

When making your will you should see your solicitor to make sure that your wishes are clearly expressed and legally binding. To include a bequest in an existing will, you can simply add an extra clause known as a *codicil*. Your solicitor can check that the *codicil* fulfils all legal requirements and does not contradict other clauses in your will.

While there are a variety of bequest clauses, the following is the one most used for a general bequest:

"I give to Melbourne Citymission the sum of \$ (or a percentage/residue of my estate) to be used for its general purposes and the receipt of the xxx Officer of Melbourne Citymission will be sufficient discharge to my Executor/Trustee".

For more information on how you can make a bequest to Melbourne Citymission simply return the enclosed response slip in the envelope provided or call us on 8625 4444.