

# Gifts in Wills Information for those making a Will

Thank you for considering leaving a gift to Dress for Success Sydney in your Will. We understand that writing a Will is a very personal experience, and note that the below information should not replace professional legal advice.

# How do I make or change a Will?

We strongly encourage you to discuss your Will and wishes with your loved ones. This ensures you are well supported through the process and your wishes are met.

It's best to consult with a solicitor to make your Will. We cannot provide legal advice as we are not legal professionals. If you need to find a solicitor to assist you in making your Will, you can find one through the Law Society in your State:

- Law Society of New South Wales www.lawsociety.com.au
- Law Society of the Australian Capital Territory www.actlawsociety.asn.au
- Law Society of the Northern Territory www.lawsocietynt.asn.au
- Queensland Law Society <u>www.qls.com.au</u>
- Law Society of South Australia www.lawsocietysa.asn.au
- Law Society of Tasmania www.taslawsociety.asn.au
- Law Society of Victoria www.liv.asn.au
- Law Society of Western Australia www.lawsocietywa.asn.au

### What about changing a Will?

We recommend speaking with your solicitor to make any changes to your Will.

### Is there a 'best type' of gift?

Most of our supporters choose to leave a 'residual' gift. This is a percentage of the remainder of your estate after loved ones have been taken care of. A residual gift holds its value over time, keeps up with inflation, and automatically adjusts to changes in the value of your estate, minimising the need to change your Will at various times. Even a gift of 1% of your estate, where your loved ones get the other 99%, will make an immense difference in changing the lives of vulnerable women.

You can also choose to leave a specific dollar amount, called a 'pecuniary' gift.







# What wording should I use?

All your solicitor will need is our ABN (ABN 86 294 993 663) and our registered name (Dress for Success Sydney).

If you would like suggestions for specific wording, you can find it in our <u>Information for</u> Solicitors.

## Do I have to tell you about my gift?

We appreciate some people may prefer to keep their intentions private. Your Will is very personal so it's completely up to you whether you'd like to tell us, and we will respect your wishes.

If you choose to let us know, we can thank you properly and give you the opportunity to engage with Dress for Success Sydney in a way which suits you. We would love to let you know more about the programs and services your gift will support, as well as invite you to special events, visits to services and provide updates on the work we do which you make possible.

To let us know that you have left a gift in your Will to Dress for Success Sydney, please contact our Head of Philanthropy and Partnerships, Amelia Lawrence, on <a href="mailto:amelia@dfssydney.org">amelia@dfssydney.org</a> or (02) 9517 9537 so we can thank you personally. All information is treated in the strictest confidence.





