free to shine

LEAVING BEHIND A SAFER AND MORE EQUITABLE WORLD

DO WHAT MATTERS. FOREVER.

A GUIDE TO LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

MAKING A WILL IS AN IMPORTANT WAY TO SAFEGUARD THE PEOPLE AND THINGS YOU CARE ABOUT

Who you leave to in your Will is a deeply personal decision. It's a way to express what you believe in, and an opportunity to engage with the world after you're gone.

As you know, the girls and families we work with battle life's difficulties and challenges without access to the resources you and I have. If you are considering leaving a gift in your Will to Free To Shine I hope you'll find this guide useful. You have my commitment that your gift will be respected and used well, to prevent school-aged girls being trafficked into the commercial sex industry. You can rest peacefully knowing your legacy lives on.

If you have any questions, my team are happy to help. Please contact Kylie, whose details are at the end of this guide.

We couldn't do what we do without the kindness and support of people like you. So thank you for considering us.

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CO-FOUNDER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR

HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED?

Leaving a charitable gift ensures that the legacy you leave behind is meaningful and aligned with the values you carried through life.

Most bequests are made by ordinary, hardworking people who want to make a positive difference after they're gone.

Whether it's large or small, your gift creates change that matters.

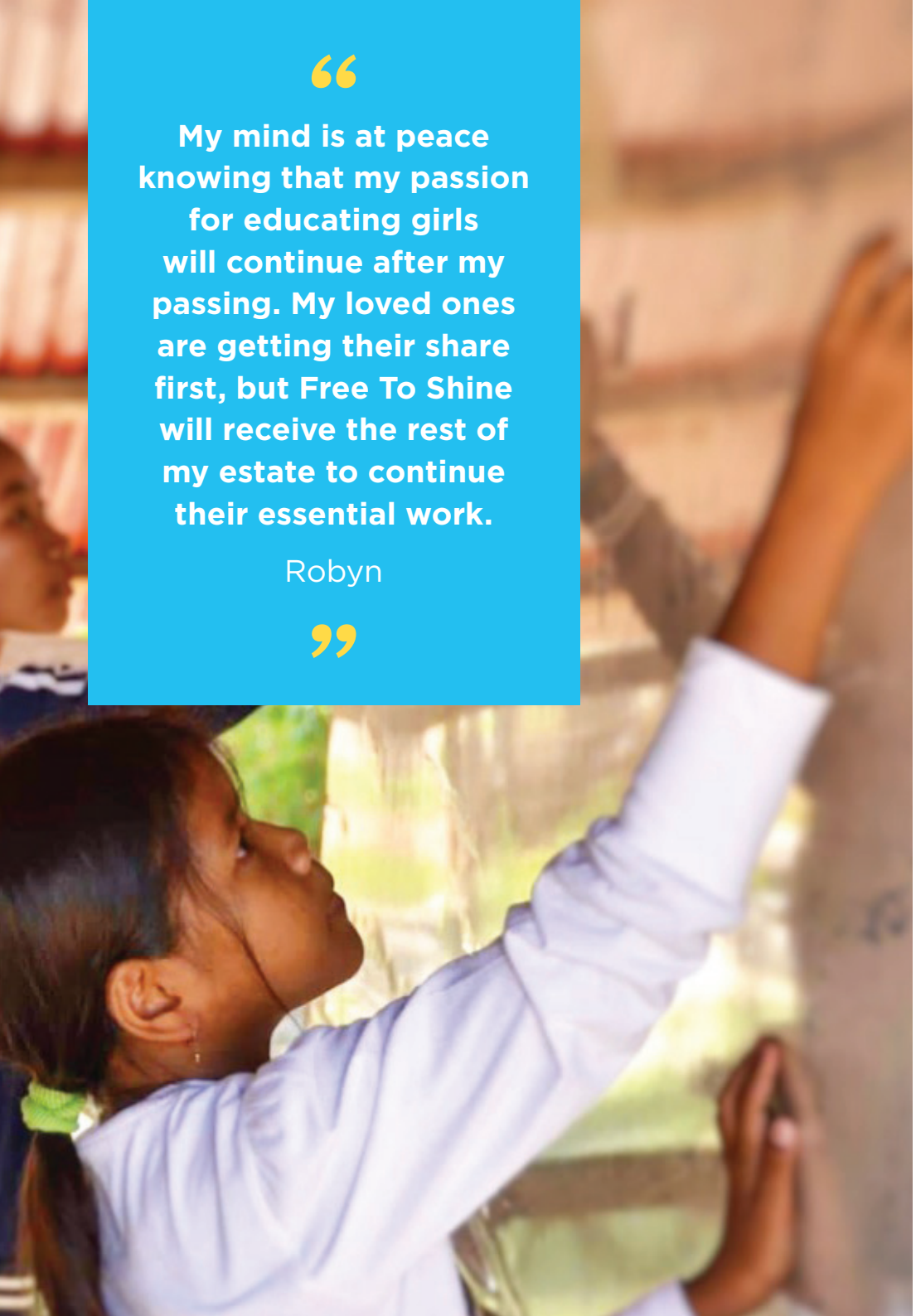
If you share our vision of educated girls, free from sex trafficking, shaping and leading their communities and country, then leaving a gift in your Will to Free To Shine is a way to build a world where multiple generations of girls can unlock their potential - now and in years to come.

YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY

25%

of Australians would like to leave a gift to charity in their Will

–Include a Charity, 2018



> **My mind is at peace knowing that my passion for educating girls will continue after my passing. My loved ones are getting their share first, but Free To Shine will receive the rest of my estate to continue their essential work.**
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> Robyn

HOW WILL YOU INSPIRE CHANGE BEYOND YOUR LIFETIME?

After taking care of your loved ones, you can make your mark on the world by leaving a gift in your will (a bequest) to Free To Shine. This will help to ensure a safer and more equitable world for women and girls for generations to come, and it's easier than you might think.

We suggest seeking the advice of a solicitor when making your Will as they can help you make sure your Will reflects your intentions. They may talk to you about the following options:

Residual gift:
This gift is the remainder of your estate or percentage thereof after your loved ones have been provided for and expenses have been deducted. This is the type of gift we usually recommend because inflation doesn't erode the value of your bequest and it allows you to take care of your family first, while maximising the impact you can create for your global family.

Percentage gift:
This gift is used if you wish to divide your estate among a number of people or organisations. Leaving your gift as a percentage rather than a fixed amount also ensures that inflation doesn't erode the value and impact of your gift over time.

If you have any other questions, or a specific way you would like to leave a gift, please get in touch. We're always ready to help you with this very important - and very personal - decision.

SUGGESTED WORDING TO USE IN YOUR WILL

To make things easy, we've provided some wording that you can share with your solicitor.

I give, devise and bequeath, free of all duties or taxes...

(Please insert here the appropriate statement selected from the four options below)

1. the whole of my estate
2. [insert number] % of my estate
3. [insert number] % of the residue of my estate
4. the sum of $ [insert value of your gift]

...to Free To Shine Ltd (ABN 58 143 986 074) of PO Box 496, Tewantin, Qld. 4565 for its general purposes. The official receipt of the organisation shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the executor(s) or trustee without seeing the final distribution.

Write your will with Safewill

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Thank you for your commitment to creating a better world for girls and women. If you make the decision to include a gift to Free To Shine in your Will, we will honour this act of trust with this commitment:

1. **We will** use your gift wisely and cost effectively to ensure long lasting impact.
2. **We will** keep your family updated – should you wish – on our work and how your gift is helping create a safer and more equitable world.
3. **We will** respect your privacy and decision to leave a gift in your Will. Whilst we'd love to know so that we can plan ahead and acknowledge you for your generosity, should you wish to remain anonymous that will absolutely be respected.
4. **We will** respect that leaving a legacy is your decision and yours alone. We understand the decision is a personal one and you can choose to change your mind at any time.
5. **We will** treat your gift with sensitivity and respect.

We spend money well.

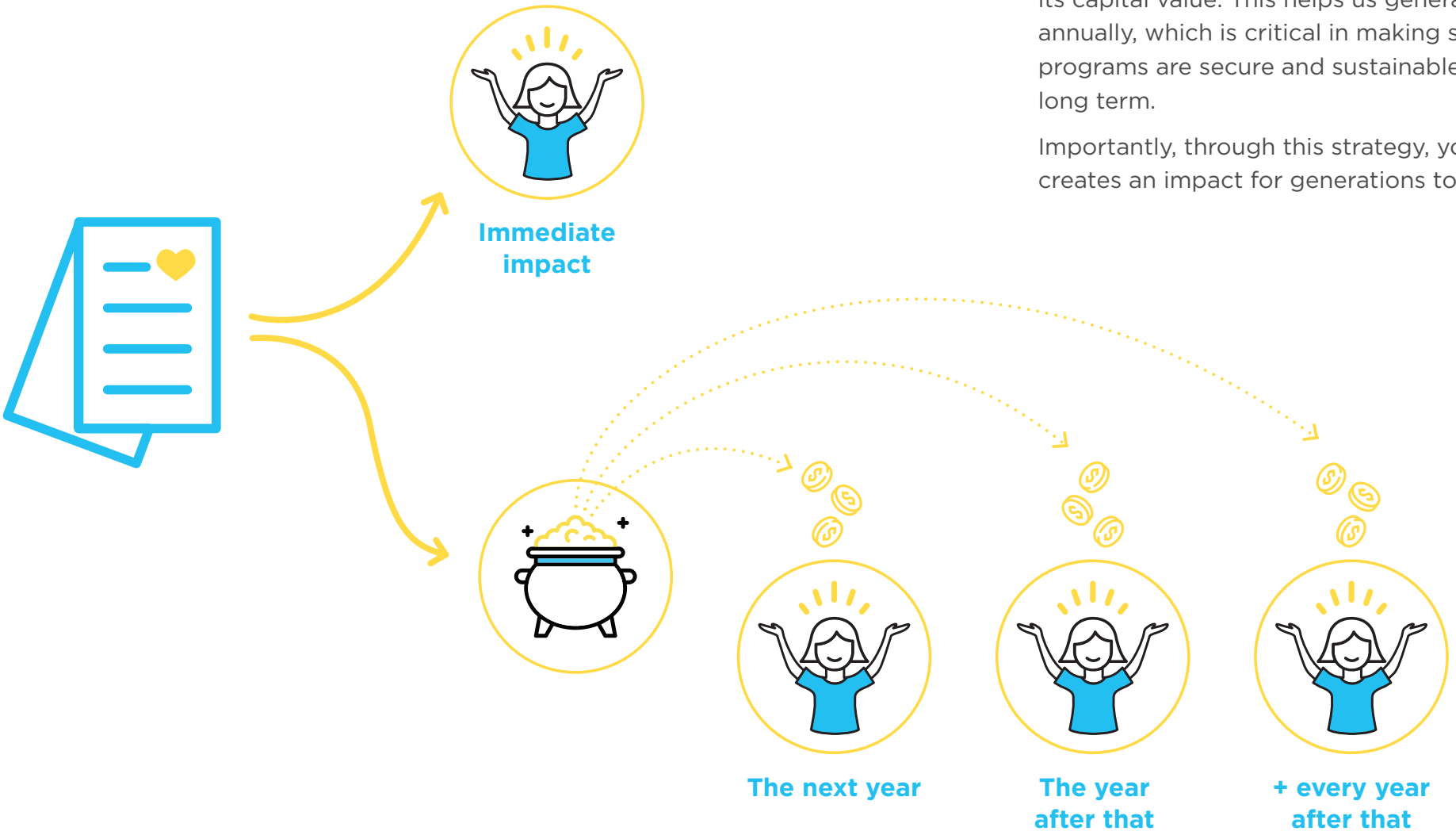
There's no fancy office fit-outs or four-wheel drives for traveling around the country in air-conditioned comfort. We get about on little motorbikes. Because we refuse to have inefficiencies, our money goes a long way.

HERE'S HOW FREE TO SHINE
INVEST BEQUEST GIFTS

When a bequest is received, some of the funds are expended straight away, having an immediate impact on girls, their families and community.

A percentage of your bequest will be invested in a fund that is specifically set up to maintain its capital value. This helps us generate income annually, which is critical in making sure our programs are secure and sustainable over the long term.

Importantly, through this strategy, your gift creates an impact for generations to come.



EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

At Free To Shine, girls aren't given charity, they're given a team. And despite the challenges they face, so many of the girls on our program are eager to share their knowledge and improve their communities. For example, Ry* is 14. She believes if she works hard, she can achieve her goal of being a teacher.

Ry was concerned that her community had nowhere to come together in the evening to read and learn. The nearest place was so far away that it meant children would be cycling busy and dangerous roads home, in the dark. Ry asked us if she could borrow a few more library books, and a white board and some markers to start her own small library at her house, and begin tutoring in Khmer and Maths.

Seeing her strength and determination we invited Ry to join our Emerging Leaders program. Her plan grew from a few books and a whiteboard to actually building a library and community centre. Ry's mum also uses the community centre to teach adults not to be violent to their families, and Ry's dad teaches Sanskrit. He envisions the library as a key part of turning his village into a "role model for other villages."

Ry lives in extreme poverty, facing challenges none of us have to, and she has an ambition that is exciting and makes her feel proud.

Click here
To find out more
about our program.

*Names have been changed to protect their privacy.

THE FUTURE WE WILL CREATE TOGETHER

We've successfully secured the safety of more than 760 girls in the Siem Reap province. Once we enrol the other girls at risk in this province, and secure it from traffickers, we'll replicate our program in the next province, and the next, and the next.

We have an exit plan; secure the safety of each girl at high risk of being targeted by sex traffickers, help her and her family achieve their basic human rights, and develop girl's leadership skills. In this way, in time, Free To Shine will be able to exit Cambodia knowing that the future of the country, and the safety of each future child, is in their capable hands. They'll be equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to ensure the safety, education, rights and opportunity of all children. We can then focus our attention on the second and third country.

We have developed a model that works and we provide an opportunity for people to engage in a strategic partnership that changes the world, in a reliable way, using a system that works, and is scalable. We have made it possible, easy and rewarding for people to leverage the skills and knowledge they've acquired to make a meaningful, effective and practical contribution to something that really matters.

Read more about our approach here

FAQS

I don't have a Will. Where do I start?

An up-to-date Will is the only way to make sure that after you pass, your wishes are carried out. You can get started today by speaking to your solicitor or you could use an online service like Safewill https://safewill.com.

Do you have to be rich to include a charity in your Will?

Whatever your situation, you can choose to include a charity like Free To Shine in your Will. Any gift, large or small, can make a huge difference in preventing sex trafficking.

Will my family be updated after I'm gone?

We will keep your family updated – should you wish – on our work and how your gift is helping create a safer and more equitable world. Let us know your preference.

Do I need to tell you if I've left you a gift in my will?

We'd love to know if you've included Free To Shine in your Will so we can take the opportunity to better understand your wishes, thank you and plan ahead. Of course, you don't have to tell us if you would prefer not to.

THANK YOU FOR LEAVING BEHIND A SAFER AND MORE EQUITABLE WORLD

If you would like more information on leaving a gift in your Will, we'd love to have a chat and answer any questions you have.
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