

A Guide to Leaving a Gift to Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life* in your Will



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Our Purpose

To raise funds to enable access to the internationally awarded and life-changing education on the *Spark of Life* Philosophy that brings the ‘Spark of Life’ back to people with dementia, their families and carers – returning hope, joy and zest for life.

How We Work

Through scholarships for Australian and International Leaders, the Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life* has been able to transform the quality of care to an exceptional level in each of their facilities and services around the world.

Leave a Better Place for People with Dementia

After taking care of loved ones, many people leave gifts in their Wills for the charities and causes they have supported or admired over the years.

By including Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life* in your Will, you can help provide education and support to achieve for people with dementia the highest possible level of emotional and social fulfillment.

Each and every one of us has it in our power to help support our people with dementia both in Australia and Internationally. Your support makes a real difference.

Below you can read about how you can create a beautiful legacy for this purpose.

Your Will

The Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life* is not a legal practitioner. Please seek legal advice in composing your Will.

After you have taken care of your loved ones, the work of Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life* would greatly benefit from a gift left in your Will.

The Foundation understands that including a charitable gift in your Will is a very personal decision.

Thank you for thinking of Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life*.

Your Options

Leaving a gift in your Will to Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life* is one of the most effective ways you can support revitalising the lives of people with dementia.

Providing a gift for a charity through your Will is also known as a 'bequest'. There are different ways to do this. Some options include:

- **A Whole of Estate Bequest**

If you have no dependents—or your children have established careers, and are happy for you to—you may choose to leave the entirety of your estate to Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life*

- **A Specific Amount**

A specific amount from your estate will be transferred to Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life*

- **Life Insurance Policies**

You can include Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life* as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

- **A Proportional Bequest**

A percentage of your choosing will be transferred as a gift to Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life*. Few of us can accurately anticipate our assets at death, so giving a percentage of your estate will retain flexibility.

- **A Bequest for Specific Purposes**

If you wish to leave a gift for a specific purpose such as scholarship for facilitators in developing countries or scholarship for facilitators in Australia, you can specify this in your Will. Please contact the Foundation via 03 9095 7273 or action@dementiafoundation.org.au to ensure your wishes can be fulfilled.

- **A Residual Bequest**

You can dictate your Will so that it provides for your loved ones and satisfies all debts and other terms first. The ‘residue’ of your estate, or what is left, would then be gifted to Dementia Foundation for Spark of Life. This gift may be small or large, but in any case it will be appreciated and you will have the assurance that your loved ones have been provided for.

- **A Contingent Bequest**

An amount or portion of your Will can go to Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life* only if one or more of your beneficiaries of your Will do not survive you.

- **Leaving an Income or Life Estate for a Loved One**

If your property will be needed to ensure a comfortable lifestyle for a loved one, consider leaving the use of your property to that person for their lifetime. At that person’s death, the property will be gifted to Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life*, as specified in your Will. Or, you may set aside property for a period of years, generating income for a special purpose such as the education of children or grandchildren until a specific age. At the end of the period, all or a portion of the property could pass to Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life*, as you have specified.

Tax Incentives

Your gift of property left to Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life* in your Will may entitle your estate to a Capital Gains Tax exemption. Please seek professional advice from a solicitor and/or accountant for more information.

Contact Details

If you have any questions, or would like your gift to be used for a specific purpose, please contact the Foundation via:

03 9095 7273 or action@dementiafoundation.org.au

Ensure your Wishes Are Fulfilled

Please seek legal advice in composing your Will to ensure that your wishes are fulfilled to the letter and spirit of your intention.

The below wording and the organisation’s details will likely be of use to you and/or your solicitor in the drafting of your Will.

Suggested Wording

“I give, free of all duties and taxes, the whole of my estate, or ___% of my estate, or the residue of my estate, or ___% of the residue of my estate, or the sum of \$_____, or my units/shares in _____ Trust/Ltd, or my real property situated at [insert street address] having the title reference _____ to Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life* ABN 33 751 758 667 PO Box 89 Mooroolbark, VIC 3138 Australia for its general purposes, or for specific purposes.

In your will, please also indicate if you so wish to have a beautiful star illuminated with your name on the *Spark of Life* Star Constellation in memory of you.

Organisation Details

Correct legal name: Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life*

ABN: 33 751 758 667

Postal Address: PO Box 89, Mooroolbark VIC 3138 Australia

Charity Address: 12 Bell Street, Yarra Glen VIC 3775

Established 1.1.2002

Endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR)

Registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) as a Health Promotion Charity.

A national Not-for-Profit Foundation to provide education and support to achieve for people with dementia the highest possible level of emotional and social fulfillment.

Past Bequests and Their Achievements

Thanks to gifts left in the Wills of kind supporters, and in accordance with the wishes of each, Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life* has been able to achieve emotional and social fulfillment for people with dementia in many countries around the world.

Please see the Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life* Website for the stories from each country. www.dementiafoundation.org.au

Thank you

With your support, together we can make a difference.

Please, leave a gift to Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life* in your Will, and you will help provide education and support to achieve for people with dementia the highest possible level of emotional and social fulfillment.

***Spark of Life* Star Constellation**

The brightest stars shine to remind us that the special people we lose are always with us.

When you leave a gift to Dementia Foundation for *Spark of Life* in your Will a beautiful star with your name can be illuminated in memory of you on the *Spark of Life* Star Constellation.

