



# A Gift for Otago



*Presbyterian Support*  
Otago

## Otago's charity

Presbyterian Support Otago has been caring for children and families in Otago since 1906.

We are Otago's charity.

Every year our Family Works team supports more than 5500 people in need to make lasting, positive change in their lives.

Many of our Family Works services are for children. Services like the Buddy Programme, Growing Taller and YouthGrow make a real difference in young people's lives. They help children to build confidence, feel treasured and learn new skills to help them create a brighter future for themselves.

Every year our Enliven team supports over 800 older people in our residential care homes and hundreds more through our meals on wheels, community support and companionship services.

Since opening Ross Home, our first aged care home, in 1918 we have grown to meet the increasing demand for elder care in Otago. All our services depend on donor and volunteer support.

We are passionate about our work and our vision for a fair, just and caring Otago community. With your help, Presbyterian Support Otago will be helping people for decades to come.

**“Keep doing what you're doing. You helped me see the light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you for the part you have played in making a positive difference to my family”**

Teresa\*, Family Works client

*\* name and image changed*





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### **Do you share our vision for a fair, just and caring Otago community?**

Do you hope for a community where children feel safe, are well fed and nurtured to fulfil their potential? Do you see second chances for people who have faced challenging life circumstances? Do you want genuine companionship and care for older people?

If you picture a community where people of all ages and circumstances feel happy and safe, then we share your vision for the future.

A gift to Presbyterian Support Otago in your Will (a bequest) can make a real difference to the lives of people in need in Otago, today and into the future.



**“I do it because I can, and I do it because Presbyterian Support are such a worthy cause — they do fantastic work within the community that we live in.”**

Barbara, donor & volunteer

## How your gift helps

Many of our services rely on donations and bequests. These are programmes that meet community needs, make a real difference in people's lives and fulfil our mission for positive change. Two such programmes are:

### **The Buddy Programme**

Since its inception in 1992, the Buddy Programme has helped more than 1300 vulnerable children in Otago.

The programme pairs a child in need with a caring adult for one-on-one time.

For these children, the Buddy Programme provides a refuge. It allows them to simply be kids again while gaining confidence, decision-making skills and independence.

Training and support for our volunteer Adult Buddies is funded entirely by donations, grants and bequests.

### **Visiting Volunteers**

Many older people live alone. As friends and family move away, and mobility becomes difficult, loneliness and isolation can creep into an older person's life. Our Visiting Volunteers programme aims to bring companionship and meaningful activity into the lives of our elders.

**Your gift will help us continue making a difference in people's lives, today and into the future.**

**"You can't imagine how important a visiting volunteer is to someone like me. I'm so grateful to Jan for making time to see me each week. She brings a lot of joy into my life"**

Leonie, Mosgiel





## A history of giving

The minutes of the very first Presbyterian Support Otago annual general meeting, 30 September 1907, record our first bequest, £500.

“A little seed of good intention was growing in a good man’s soul” state the minutes.

That good man was Francis Henderson. Francis made the gift “for the establishment of an orphanage under the control of the Presbytery of Dunedin.” This bequest became the foundation for Presbyterian Support’s first children’s home in Clyde Street, Dunedin.

More recent gifts continue to support our work in different ways. In 1978 Hannah Ewart left a gift in her Will to support building an aged care home in Mosgiel, her home town. With additional fundraising and some of our own trust money, Presbyterian Support Otago opened Taieri Court care home, Mosgiel, in 1980.

In 2015, we received a bequest from John Angus. John was passionate about the wellbeing and care of children. His gift allowed us to extend our Growing Taller programme for vulnerable children in Central Otago.

Like Francis, Hannah and John you can make difference in the lives of Otago’s vulnerable children and families. No matter the amount, a gift left in your Will helps us work for a healthier, happier Otago community.

“John and I discussed the gift and I feel it is simply an extension of his life’s work. I am pleased that his gift will be put to good use, in accordance with his wishes”

Sally Angus (wife)



# Making a Will

**A carefully considered and up-to-date Will ensures your estate is distributed in accordance with your wishes.**

Your Will is an expression of love and concern for your family, friends and for the work of charitable organisations you care about.

Whether you have few possessions or many, you should have a current Will so that your wishes are fulfilled.

You can change your Will during your lifetime as family circumstances or your wishes change. Simple changes can be made by a codicil (amendment) to your Will.

A Will is a legal document, so you should seek advice from a lawyer, trustee company, or the Public Trust Office. A legal practitioner will ensure your intentions are clear and your wishes carried out.

You can remember Presbyterian Support Otago in your Will in a number of ways.

## **1. A specific gift**

You can choose to leave a specific amount of money, real estate or any gift you wish to nominate.

## **2. A percentage**

You can leave a nominated percentage or fraction of your total estate.

## **3. A residual gift**

After providing for your family, you can nominate that you want to leave part, or all of what's left of your estate to us.

# Words matter

When you make a Will, or add to an existing Will (a codicil) you need to be clear as to what your wishes are. To support our work, we suggest the following language:

“I give to Presbyterian Support Otago ‘a percentage of my estate’, or: ‘the residue of my estate’, or: ‘the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_’, for general purposes. I declare that the receipt of the Chief Executive, or other proper officer, will be sufficient receipt and discharge for my trustees”.

You may nominate a preferred purpose for your gift if you wish. For example:

“I express the wish that this gift be used to assist work with children and young people.”

If you would like to nominate Presbyterian Support Otago as a beneficiary in your Will, or you have already done so, please call us to discuss your wishes, (03) 477 7115.



# Checklist

**Below are some things to consider when thinking about your Will.**

This list will help you get started. It is not a substitute for legal advice and you should talk with a professional to ensure your Will is correct and enforceable.

## **Who will be your executor?**

An executor is someone you trust to carry out the terms of your Will and pay your beneficiaries. An executor can be a family member, friend, solicitor or trustee company.

## **Who are your beneficiaries?**

These are the people and organisations you wish to give to. These people and organisations need to be named in your Will along with what you wish them to receive.

## **What do you own?**

Draw up a list of your assets such as property, savings, vehicles, investments, life insurance, superannuation etc. You may be surprised at how much you have.

## **What do you owe?**

Consider your mortgage, loans, credit card, hire purchase and other debts. These will need to be settled before your estate is distributed to your beneficiaries.

## **Any special items?**

You may wish to give things like family heirlooms, jewellery and personal items to specific family members or friends.

## **What will Presbyterian Support Otago do with my gift?**

If you nominate Presbyterian Support in your Will, your gift will help us continue to support vulnerable children and families in Otago. However, if you have a specific purpose for your gift, please put it in writing or call our office, (03) 477 7115, to discuss.

**All gifts and donations are received with gratitude and respect, and managed responsibly.**

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