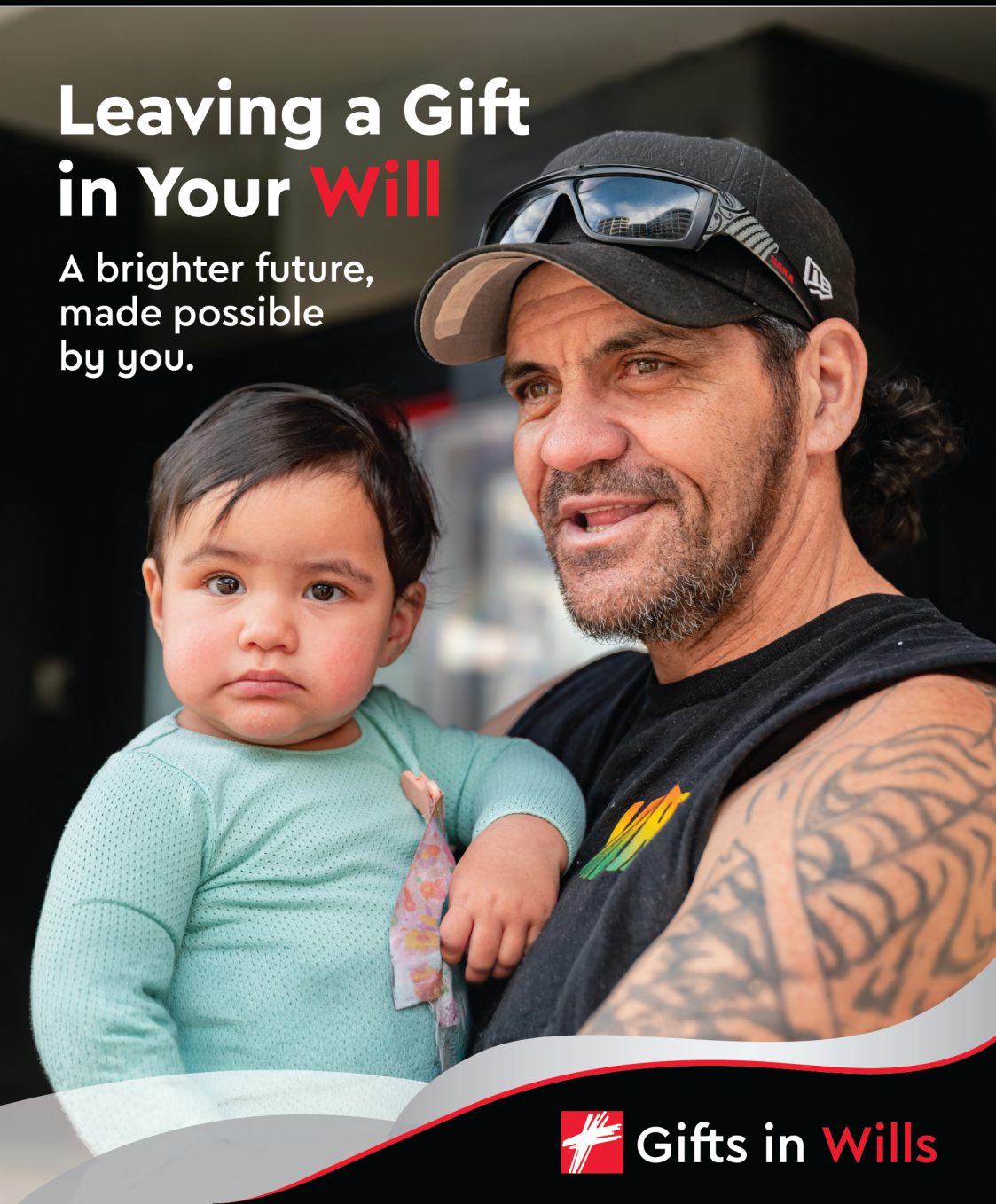
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Leaving a Gift in Your Will

A brighter future, made possible by you.



Gifts in Wills

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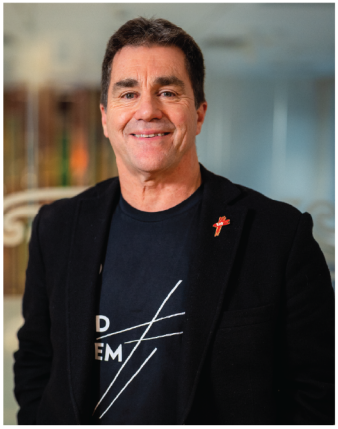
A gift that keeps giving.

Thank you for taking an interest in leaving a gift in your Will with the Wellington City Mission.

Imagine knowing that, long after you're gone, your generosity could still be helping someone through their hardest days.

A gift in your Will to the Wellington City Mission is a way to leave something meaningful behind – helping people across our community find food, shelter, connection and a pathway forward when they need it most.

Your gift becomes part of a lasting legacy of care, helping build a stronger, more compassionate Wellington for generations to come.



A message from
Rev Murray Edridge

"As I have gotten older, I've spent more time reflecting on the difference I've made throughout my life, and the legacy I'll leave behind. Ensuring the things I've worked hard for have meaning, now and into the future, feels increasingly important. Thank you for considering a gift to the Wellington City Mission in your Will."

"You can trust we will spend your legacy wisely, and know your gift will keep making a difference for the people in our community who need us most."



Who we are & what we do

For over 120 years, the Wellington City Mission has supported people and families in the Wellington region. We are open to anyone who needs assistance, regardless of circumstance or background, and we strive to deliver our services in a way that empowers and uplifts the people we serve.

Our services have grown and evolved in response to the needs of those in Wellington who are at risk or struggling.
Every day, we walk alongside people facing homelessness, food insecurity, illness, addiction, isolation, and unsafe living conditions. Even families working full-time can struggle to meet their basic needs.

Thanks to generous supporters, we're able to keep transforming lives across our city – building a community where everyone belongs and compassion shapes our shared future.



Why leave a gift in your Will to the Wellington City Mission?

Leaving a gift in your Will is an act of generosity that costs you nothing now, and keeps making a difference long after you're gone.

A gift to the Wellington City Mission will leave a lasting impact, helping us continue to provide wrap-around support to those at risk or struggling in the Wellington region.

Right now, we are responding to people with unmet and often complex needs. We are constantly developing and improving our support services to meet those needs, and advocating for those who need our help. We want to be a driving force for change in our community – to create a future where our services are no longer needed, where everyone in the Wellington region has the chance to thrive.

Your donation has the power to transform lives in our community for generations to come, paving the way for a New Zealand where there is no 'us and them'. A gift of any amount is welcome. Even 1% of your estate can make an enduring difference long into the future.

A gift in your Will helps us to:

- Offer long-term support to people rebuilding their lives
- Plan for generations to come, as we grow and adapt our services to meet future demand
- Respond quickly in times of crisis

There are different types of gifts you can leave in your Will:

- **Residuary:** a percentage of your estate after all other payments have been made. By leaving this type of gift you won't have to worry if your circumstances change.
- **Fixed sum (pecuniary gift):** you can specify the amount to be gifted.
- **Specific item:** a particular asset or item such as jewellery or property.

Where your gift goes

Every day, we walk with people facing homelessness, food insecurity, illness, addiction, isolation, and inadequate living conditions. Even families working full-time can find themselves unable to meet basic needs for their whānau.

The Wellington City Mission provides a huge range of services to those who need help. From immediate, practical support like food and warm shelter, to long-term care, advocacy and financial planning, our services are built into an integrated support network designed to restore dignity and wellbeing.

All of these services are delivered in a mana-enhancing way, contributing towards empowerment, transformation, and fullness of life for those we serve.

Thanks to generous supporters who have left a gift in their Will, we're transforming lives across our city.

Your legacy helps build a place where everyone belongs, a community with no 'us and them'.

Social Supermarket

The Social Supermarket is a food support service open to anyone in the region who is in need support. Operating like any supermarket, shoppers can select items from a wide variety of products – from fresh food, to everyday household essentials – at no cost to them.



Community & Peer Support

Our Support Workers offer personalised care to meet each person's needs. With expertise in different areas, our team includes counsellors, financial mentors, addiction specialists and peer support workers. In 2025, **4,703 people** had sessions with our team.



Kua Mākona i Whakamaru (Crisis Recovery Café)

Our Crisis Recovery Café is a safe, supportive space for anyone experiencing a crisis, emotional distress or thoughts of suicide. Open between 11am-11pm, Thursday to Sunday, it provides an alternative that compliments traditional mental health services, easing pressure on clinical emergency care.

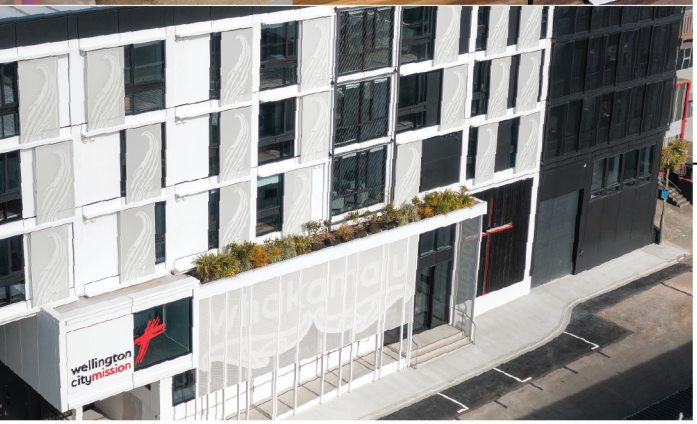












Free Dental Clinic at Whakamaru

The Whakamaru Dental Clinic offers free, trauma-informed dental care to eligible manuhiri. Delivered by Ora Toa dentists, the service provides accessible dental care for people who may otherwise have to go without.

Housing

Our housing sites across the region are designed to offer pathways toward independence. Residents at each of our transitional housing sites can access safe accommodation while receiving wrap-around support to help them move into permanent housing and achieve their goals.

Whakamaru

Home to 35 transitional housing apartments and many of the support services listed on this page, Whakamaru is our community hub for Wellington. As well as koha kai and coffee at Craig & Gail's café, manuhiri can access immediate, practical support like free showers, laundry and our team of support workers.



How to leave a gift in your Will to us

Once you've discussed your wishes with your loved ones, you might like to include a gift in your Will to us - a gift of any size helps us continue our work.

There are different ways you can go about writing your Will, including many online Will platforms.

We partner with both **Footprint** and **EveryWill** to give you options when considering an online Will. Both are reputable platforms that are quick and easy to use.

When you factor us into your Will using one of the platforms and links below, it's totally free to create a one-off, standalone online Will.

Footprint
Your Will. Your Story. It's that simple.

partners.myfootprint.co.nz/wellington-city-mission

everywill by Gathered Here

everywill.co.nz/c/wellingtoncitymission-nz

Before you make or update your Will, we encourage you to talk to your loved ones. We also recommend getting independent legal advice through your lawyer, or visiting your chosen online Will platform.

Want to prepare your own Will with your lawyer, or using another online platform?

Here are all of the key details you will need to provide:

Account details & key info:
Name of Account: The Wellington City Mission (Anglican) Trust Board
Account Number: 03-0547-0296036-17
Bank: Westpac Cobham Court South, Porirua, New Zealand

Our Registered Charity Number: CC21786
Our Registered Address: PO Box 7200, Newtown, Wellington

Once you have made your donation through Internet Banking please **email us (donations@wcm.org.nz)** with your name, address and donation amount so we can send you a receipt as soon as possible.



Suggested wording for your Will

"I give to the Wellington City Mission (Anglican) Trust Board (CC21786), PO Box 7200, Newtown, Wellington 6242 the residue of my estate (or .....% of my estate, or the sum of $.....) for its general purposes and declare the receipt of the Chair other authorised officer shall be full and sufficient discharge for my trustees."

Already left us a gift?

If you've already left a gift or are intending to leave a gift to the Mission, we'd love to hear from you.

We're here to help

Leaving a gift in a Will is a big decision. We are happy to answer any questions you have about leaving a gift to the Wellington City Mission, including more details about our work and what impact any gift will have.



A Brighter Future, Made Possible by You

Alison and Richard are two long-term donors, who have also included a generous gift to the Mission in their Wills.

We asked them to share why they chose to support us.

"I worked as a GP for 40 years," **Alison started.** "In the UK, all of that was in inner-city practices, so I saw a lot of homelessness, substance misuse, and dependence. For most people, the basis of those challenges went back to some sort of adverse life event, usually (but not always) in childhood.

"Those experiences have always made me aware that my life's been pretty fortunate, really. I had good luck being born where I was, having my parents, and getting a good education. And because we're not terribly extravagant people, we have enough for what we need and want and feel like anything extra we have can go towards something useful."

"We really like how the Mission always treats people with such respect. These people are so resilient and incredible really. It's good to think that they are being honoured and recognised. I really take my hat off to everyone who does the mahi to get themselves straight, because I'm not sure I could do it if I were in their shoes."

"People oversimplify homelessness and other complex situations," **Richard said.** "There can be so much more going on for someone, from poor health to drug-related issues, trauma, and broken-down relationships with families. People with skills and talents can be knocked sideways for whatever reason. Some of us can get through that more easily than others, which may be because we have good support in times of distress."

"But that's also why we love coming to visit Whakamaru. You see the great respect for everyone here, and it's non-judgemental. Everybody is made to feel welcome."

Alison added, "We feel very connected to this place. There's a sense of shared ownership, and it gives me a really good feeling contributing to it. You know that the money you donate is going towards something really practical and constructive, and that the Mission is a permanent thing that's with people for the long term. It's a place and need that will outlive us, and that's why we've included the Mission in our Wills."

Thank you so much, Richard and Alison, for trusting the Mission with your gifts! You are enabling the Mission to plan into the future, and giving so many people in our community the care they need to transform their lives.



Your Gift, Changing Lives

Since moving into one of our Transitional Housing sites, Denis has transformed his life. He now works with us as a Peer Support Worker.

"I had a hard upbringing, with a lot of heavy violence around me. I felt safer on the street than I did at home, and I ended up joining a gang. All the beliefs from that lifestyle got embedded into my head, and glorifying negative behaviours was normal. I was living a life of crime and drug addiction, and I started going in and out of jail. I didn't know it at the time, but I was masking a lot of trauma, and I was too ashamed to ask for help.

"In 2015, my daughter was born. I thought that would change me straight away, but it didn't. I couldn't just snap out of it, my issues were deep within my core and I was stuck in addiction and selfishness. But the seed was planted in me. I wanted to be better for her.

"It wasn't until I had a near-death experience that I realised I'd hit rock bottom, and I needed to wake up and change my life. I fully committed to rehab for the first time. I stopped bottling everything up, and started taking ownership and humbling myself.

"Moving to the Mission's Te Pā Pori was massive, and it's changed who I am. You see how showing people a little bit of love can go a long way. I started wanting to help other people feel good about themselves, too. I took the opportunity to help run programmes and serve as a mentor for the other manuhiri. I found new qualities that I didn't know were inside me, and I learnt how to be my authentic self.

Thanks to the advocacy and support of my awesome kaiarahi, Alisha, I've now moved into my own two-bedroom flat in town! Having that moment of getting to ask my daughter which room she wanted was really special. The Mission even donated a bed and drawers so she could be here straight away.

"Most importantly my daughter is thriving. Being with her is a big drive for me, and it keeps me sober and moving forward. I'm proud that I've become a good role model for her, because I never want her to experience any of the emotions I did when I was little."

Since this interview in 2025, Denis. In early 2026, he even started working for the Mission as a Peer Support Worker! In his role, Denis leans on his own life experiences to connect with manuhiri in our café. He acts as a bridge to our many support services within the building. Our many donors make stories like Denis' possible.

Questions & Answers

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Do I need to be wealthy to leave a gift?
No, gifts of any size are greatly appreciated. Small percentages add up to significant outcomes and can contribute to lasting change for people at risk or struggling in Wellington.

What is the best type of gift to leave the Mission?
A residuary gift is popular as it ensures your loved ones are looked after first and its value doesn't diminish with time. But it's your choice and all gifts are very welcome!

Can I change my mind later?
Yes. You can change your mind and update your will at any time with a simple amendment (codicil). Your lawyer or online will platform will be able to give advice.

Should I tell my family about my decision?
Yes, we recommend open conversations with your loved ones about your intentions. This avoids surprises and helps them celebrate your lasting gift.

Do I have to tell you if I choose to leave a gift?
We would love to hear from you if you have included a gift in your Will for the Mission, but we also understand if you want to remain anonymous.

Will my gift be kept confidential?
Yes, we'll always respect your privacy and hold your details securely and in the strictest confidence.

We're here to help

Please get in touch if you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will to the Wellington City Mission.

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