

A gift in your Will

for future generations
of the Himalaya



Thank you from our CEO

We are incredibly honoured that you are exploring leaving a gift in your Will to the Australian Himalayan Foundation. This is one of the most effective ways you can help ensure a better quality of life for future generations in the Himalaya.

Now, more than ever, quality education, better healthcare and environmental sustainability are crucial to supporting these remote communities with the foundations they need to thrive.

I know that making a Will is incredibly personal and requires thoughtful reflection. The fact that you are considering leaving a legacy of brighter futures for the people of the Himalaya means so much.

Thanks to the generosity of supporters and donors like you, we are able to guarantee the impact and sustainability of our programs for years to come.

I hope this booklet is helpful and answers all of your questions. Please don't hesitate to reach out for a confidential conversation about leaving a gift in your Will on (02) 9438 1822 or info@ahf.org.au

With gratitude,



Andrew Judge

Chief Executive Officer
Australian Himalayan Foundation



Why gifts in Wills are so important

Gifts in Wills open up incredible possibilities for the poorest communities that reap benefits for generations to come. Legacy funding allows us to think and plan long-term, to be more strategic, and to deliver sustained programs that deeply impact the quality of life for remote Himalayan families today and for years to come.

“Leaving a

Will gives me the reassurance that vital work with vulnerable Himalayan communities will go on and my long-term legacy of support will continue.”

Christine Gee AM

Supporter and Founding Director
Australian Himalayan Foundation



How your legacy gift can help

Your generous commitment will improve the quality of life for families living in the remote parts of Nepal, Bhutan and the Indian Himalaya.

Better education

You'll help equip children with the kind of education that can lift whole families out of poverty. Our projects have a particular focus on the education and training of women and girls who are often left behind.

Environmental sustainability

You'll support our partnerships with Himalayan communities for local wildlife conservation, such as protection of the snow leopard, and adaptation to the effects of climate change. You'll help us work with schools and community groups on activities to protect the environment and build community resilience.

Improved healthcare services

You'll provide communities with readily available healthcare and ensure women can give birth safely with the appropriate support. Our primary healthcare program focuses on maternal and child health to respond to some of the key issues of high infant and maternal mortality in the mountains.



Important things to know



We urge you to look after your loved ones first

First and foremost, we want you to make sure you have taken care of your family and friends in your Will. After doing this, if you feel you might like to help future generations of remote Himalayan communities by contributing a gift in your Will, we would be so grateful.

Every bequest has an impact

No matter the size of your gift, remembering the Australian Himalayan Foundation in your Will helps us continue to work with communities to improve education, health services, and environmental sustainability. Smaller gifts are combined to fund our work well into the future and larger gifts can establish a new program or service.

“

...hand-washing facility supported by this project has helped us stay healthy with convenient hygiene corner.”

Smriti and Subash, Grade 8 students
- Namuna school



Your options for leaving a gift in your Will

There are three types of gifts you can choose from:

1 Residuary bequest

After taking care of family and friends, you can leave all or a percentage of the remainder of your estate to the Australian Himalayan Foundation.

2 Estate percentage

Leave a nominated portion or fixed percentage of your estate to the Australian Himalayan Foundation. This will remain inflation-proof and you'll be less likely to need to update your Will in the future.

3 Specific bequest

Leave a specific sum of money or a specified item, such as artwork, jewellery, property, antiques or shares, to the Australian Himalayan Foundation.

How to word your Will

If you already have a Will and would like to add a gift to the Australian Himalayan Foundation, you can speak to your solicitor about adding a codicil – a short legal amendment. We have prepared some wording for your solicitor:

"I give to the Australian Himalayan Foundation (ABN: 81 099 510 255) for its general purposes the sum of \$..... (or portion of or residue of my estate), and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other Proper Officer of the AHF shall be sufficient discharge of my executor and trustee".

Important things to know

The Australian Himalayan Foundation is a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) and is fully tax exempt. However, the AHF is unable to give tax advice and you should consult your tax adviser or accountant as to the tax implications, if any, of a gift from your estate to the AHF. You should also note that, although a Will does not have to be made by a solicitor, we recommend you consult a solicitor in regard to the making and execution of a Will to ensure your wishes are given proper legal effect.

Our promise to you

1. We appreciate that your Will is very personal to you. We will always respect your privacy and treat your information confidentially. However, once admitted to probate a Will is generally a publicly accessible document.
2. We recognise it's your decision to leave a gift in your Will and you need to decide in your own time.
3. We would love to know if you have left a gift in your Will to the Australian Himalayan Foundation, but we understand if you would prefer not to tell us.
4. If you do choose to tell us, we will give you the choice about how you would like your gift acknowledged and how we talk to you in the future about our work.
5. We will use your gift carefully and cost effectively so that it has the greatest impact for people across the remote Himalaya.
6. We will give you the opportunity to be connected with our work that is made possible by gifts like yours.
7. At any time, you have the absolute right to change your mind about a gift in your Will to the Australian Himalayan Foundation.
8. We will honour your legacy gift with care, sensitivity and respect.



“This moment was one of the most precious for me because the scholarship became a strong foundation of support (to) continue my education as my parents were struggling for bearing education expenses.”

Scholarship student from the Himalaya

What to do next

We would love to hear from you, and we are here to answer any questions you may have.

If you'd like to have a confidential discussion with a member of our team, please get in contact with us.

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