

YOUR WILL  
A GIFT OF A LIFETIME



# Your Will Your Family

and The Salvation Army



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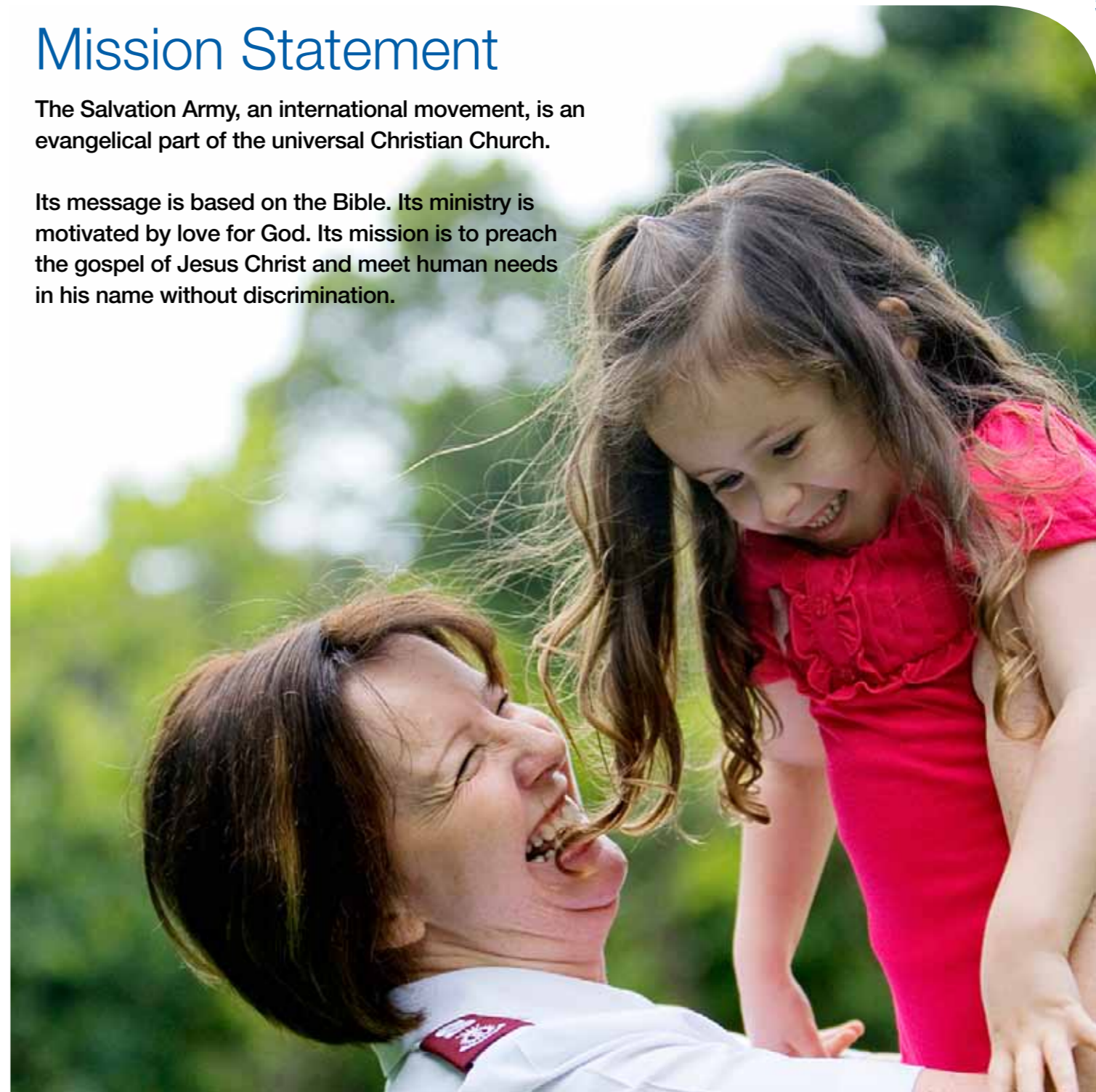
*"While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight; while children go hungry, as they do now I'll fight; while men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight; while there is a drunkard left, while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I'll fight, I'll fight to the very end!"*

**General William Booth 1829 – 1912**  
**Founder of The Salvation Army**

# Mission Statement

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church.

Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by love for God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs in his name without discrimination.



# Your Will

Many people don't like to think about death, particularly their own. In fact some feel that if they don't prepare for that possibility, it won't happen.

Most of us are familiar with the reasons to have a valid Will, but around 1 in 2 Australians just never get around to it.

Sadly, we all know that an accident or an illness can occur at any time to anyone. Death is one of the few certainties of this world and when it occurs a Will can help make things easier for those you care about.

## Everyone needs a Will

Everyone needs a Will to ensure that their spouse or partner, children, dependant persons, or other people for whom they care for are properly provided for and assets are distributed according to the wishes of the Will maker.

Everyone should carefully review their Will from time to time, particularly if their circumstances change.

## Making your Will

When it comes to making a Will, you owe it to yourself and those you care about to make sure that:

- It is precisely worded and accurately reflects your wishes.
- The administration will be professionally carried out.
- All aspects of your assets and all persons for whom you should provide are carefully considered.

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**Always seek professional legal assistance when preparing your Will**  
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## Ensuring that your Will is valid

You should take legal advice to ensure that your Will is validly executed and that you have adequately provided for those people for whom you should provide. Your Will may be challenged if this is not done. If you wish to exclude a person for whom you should make provision you should make the reasons for such exclusion clear in your Will in case it is later challenged.



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**Wills are often simple, quick and can be inexpensive to make**  
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## A Will allows you to:

- Name the Executor/s you would like to carry out your wishes as you intend them.
- Make arrangements for the guardianship of minors, naming people whom you know will bring your children up with the values you hold.
- Give your estate (divided as you choose) to family, friends and/or charitable organisations.
- State your wishes as to whether you prefer to be buried or cremated and any other instructions, such as organ donation.
- Nominate whom you wish to conduct your funeral service. The Salvation Army can assist, if you so desire.

## Who should prepare your Will?

### **Your Solicitor, State or Public Trustee, or Trustee Company.**

In this way, you ensure your Will is valid and does what you want it to do. To ensure your Will remains current, have it checked by your Solicitor, State or Public Trustee or Trustee Company every few years. Any change in your circumstances could make it necessary to update your Will.

If you do not have a Solicitor or Trustee Company, The Salvation Army may be able to assist you with a referral in your local area.

## How do you determine your estate?

You can only deal with assets which are owned by you or in which you have an interest and you should consider the effect of any debts or encumbrances you have on the distribution of your assets.

You should take professional advice when dealing with your superannuation or a trust, company or business in which you may be involved.



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**Always there through the years listening to those in need**

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Always there through the years  
working with needy Australian families

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## What is an Executor?

An executor is someone you appoint in your Will to ensure that the terms of your Will are carried out. Your Executor should be:

- Reliable and trustworthy.
- Preferably with business or estate administration experience.
- Available and willing to act.
- Someone who is likely to survive you (ie. should not be significantly older than you).

## Guardianship

If you have minor age children (under 18 years) thought should be given to appointing a guardian/s to look after them should anything happen to you. You should ensure that the guardian/s you appoint are comfortable with this arrangement. Decisions concerning guardianship of your children may be made by others including the Courts, but the wishes stated in your Will will be given proper consideration.

## How your Will can help others

**When preparing your Will, your immediate family should be the first ones you consider when dividing up your estate.**

However for some people, giving through their estate will be the only time they are able to give a significant gift to an organisation they have respected all their lives.

You may wish to consider a bequest to The Salvation Army, enabling them to help those who are hurting and experiencing difficult circumstances.

Sharing what you have with others is one of life's greatest joys. A bequest to The Salvation Army also offers an opportunity to provide a lasting memorial to your generosity well into the future.

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**Your Will lets  
you help others**

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## Honoured Friends

The people we refer to as Honoured Friends are those who have advised us they have included The Salvation Army in their Will. We are honoured to call these very generous people friends. Through their bequests, the work of The Salvation Army will continue well into the future. Honoured Friends are recognised with a certificate in recognition of their generosity, and from time to time are invited to events to learn more about The Salvation Army's work and social programs.



— John and Lorraine Bates

*Supporting the work of The Salvation Army is all about “having a social conscience and being able to help when you are in a position to.” Lorraine Bates together with husband John know from personal experience that there are “too many young people in the community with mental health issues – a major cause of youth homelessness in Australia today. The Salvation Army is always there to provide the support and services to make a positive impact on the future of so many of these young people.” And that’s the reason The Salvation Army is one of the nominated charities to benefit from their Will. “We know that they will use our bequest in a way that will make a difference.”*



— Rita Burnell

*“As a young girl my mother instilled in me the values of caring, giving and supporting the community” says Rita Burnell. “Back in my earlier days in the UK and South Africa I was told by my parents and grandparents that whenever there was a disaster the Salvos were always there – just as they are here in Australia. The Salvation Army has a conscience and can be relied upon, and through my Will I’m able to help continue their work amongst the homeless and those who are socially disadvantaged.”*

## How you can leave a bequest to The Salvation Army

**The Salvation Army is grateful to receive a specific bequest, your entire estate or a percentage of the residue of your estate.**

Thus if your estate grows or is depleted by inflation or unforeseen circumstances, those you care about will not be disadvantaged.

Here are some options if you decide to leave a bequest to The Salvation Army, after making provision for those you love.

4. If you wish, **you can leave the whole or part of the residue** of your estate to The Salvation Army after other personal beneficiaries have been considered.

1. You can **give a specific amount of money**, although this does not allow for changes in your circumstances or inflation.

5. **Particular items** such as shares, paintings or property can be left to The Salvation Army.

2. **Your gift to The Salvation Army can take effect after the death of your spouse.** In this way, your spouse retains your estate for life.

6. If you wish, you can make a bequest to The Salvation Army through a **perpetual trust** that will provide ongoing financial support.

3. **You can leave your entire estate or any percentage you choose** to The Salvation Army.

7. The Salvation Army can in certain circumstances be nominated as the **sole beneficiary of your life insurance policy.**



# Suggested Wording for a bequest to The Salvation Army

A copy of our suggested wording for a bequest to The Salvation Army is provided as an inclusion in the pocket at the end of this booklet for your assistance in the preparation of your Will.

Should your circumstances require a more specific bequest clause or if you would like to discuss the wording of your bequest with a representative from The Salvation Army please see the inside back cover of this booklet for contact details for your State or Territory.

**Wills and Bequests**  
**National Freecall Number**  
**1800 337 082**

## Storage and Safe-keeping of your Will

It is always advisable to keep the original copy of your Will in a secure place such as with your Solicitor or trusted professional advisor. Make sure you retain a copy detailing the exact place of the original Will so that your Executor will have easy access to it after your death. Your Executor/s and at least one beneficiary should be informed as to its whereabouts.

Including The Salvation Army in your Will means continued resources, so that they can continue to be there where they are needed most – at the point of greatest human need



“Always there through the years lending a hand in times of disaster”

## Does your Will ever need changing or updating?

On occasions, Wills should be reviewed as family and financial circumstances change. Circumstances such as:

- Marriage, separation, divorce
- Births and deaths in the family
- Major illness
- Bankruptcy
- Retirement

You may feel the need, for instance, to change the guardianship arrangements you have made for your children. A new Will is generally required to properly take such matters into account.



“ Always there through the years supporting the Australian Defence Forces ”

## By including The Salvation Army in your Will, you offer a gift of hope to future generations of Australians

Bequests made to The Salvation Army are the major source of funding for capital development projects, such as homeless centres, emergency accommodation, aged care facilities, and rehabilitation and community centres.

Most importantly, when you choose to include The Salvation Army in your Will, you play a significant role in changing people's lives for the better.

The Salvation Army has always been there to assist the forgotten ones in our community – the aged, families in crisis, the homeless, women and children threatened by domestic violence, the sick and those in prison.

**The Salvation Army works year round to help Australians in need.** There is an ever-increasing demand on our services each year. The proportion of homeless families and youth is increasing at an alarming rate. The Salvation Army is one of Australia's largest providers of services for the homeless, ranging from early intervention programs, emergency shelters and youth refuges, to longer term housing.

## By including The Salvation Army in your Will, you offer the precious gift of shelter

The Salvation Army works to address the wider homeless youth issues through a range of services from activities at our community centres, to programs for youth at risk from drugs or abuse. Every Australian child needs to be offered hope, love and an opportunity to fulfil their potential as active and healthy members of our community.

## By remembering The Salvation Army in your Will, you can help protect our most precious resource – our children

The Salvation Army Family Support Services assists those in immediate need, with food, clothing, and urgent expenses. After immediate material aid is given there is often a deeper need for counselling, rehabilitation, and training services to bring about long-term solutions.

**Your support will help provide greater resources for more trained counsellors, to achieve long-term stability.**

The Salvation Army has provided accommodation and care for older Australians for more than 90 years. Services range from facility-based residential care, to programs which assist the elderly remain in their own houses. Your support will enable The Salvation Army to continue to provide an environment of dignity, care and respect for our disadvantaged frail and aged population.

*The Salvation Army Darwin Corps, NT,  
Church & Community Centre*



*Barrington Lodge,  
Hobart, TAS*



*Seaforth Gardens,  
Perth, WA*



The drug culture in Australia destroys an increasing number of young lives every day. Through its Bridge Drug and Alcohol Network, The Salvation Army provides a wide range of drug and alcohol rehabilitation services including withdrawal programs, counselling and referral, home-based programs, residential treatment services, support groups, social and living skills development.

Bridge Centre, Hobart, TAS



Whitmore House, Drug & Alcohol Outreach & Transitional Support Program, SA



Flying Padre visiting remote communities



Flagstaff Crisis Accommodation Centre, Melbourne, VIC



Including The Salvation Army in your Will can change not only the lives of individuals suffering addiction, but have a flow-on effect to their family, their community and beyond



“ Always there through the years assisting Australians in crisis ”

**The Salvation Army has always been there** at the front-line during times of war and disaster.

Salvation Army Emergency Services personnel are highly trained, prepared and ready to move at a moments notice to any emergency. Working closely with police, fire brigade and ambulance, their key role is to provide meals and offer emotional support, especially to the emergency services and volunteer personnel. Salvation Army chaplains also work alongside offering comfort and counselling.

Disaster and tragedy do not discriminate – they can strike anyone, anywhere, anytime.

“Christianity with its sleeves rolled up” has always been the character of The Salvation Army. During times of fire, flood and other natural and man-made disasters – supporting victims of catastrophe and providing meals to emergency workers –

**The Salvation Army is always there.**

Centennial Court, SA helping individuals with intellectual disabilities cope in society



The Salvation Army Heathridge Corps, WA, Church and Community Centre



Collaroy Centre, NSW



Canberra Community Welfare Centre, ACT



Foster House, Sydney, NSW



Riverview Gardens Aged Care Services, Qld



Capricorn Region, Qld



Alice Springs Men's Hostel, NT



Algate House, Broken Hill, NSW



Gateways, VIC providing emergency shelter



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**After being trapped and freezing for 65 hours, I understand how dramatically life can change. After Thredbo, my family and I were supported through difficult times by The Salvation Army.**

**To say thanks, I've included the Salvos in my Will and I invite you to join me. A bequest ensures their vital work will continue beyond your lifetime.**

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**Stuart Diver**

## Detach and place in post

If you require further information or wish to discuss making a bequest in more detail, please complete the coupon and send it to The Salvation Army. All communications will of course be treated in the strictest confidence.

### Please tick

- I would like to personally discuss making a bequest to The Salvation Army in my Will.
- I have already included The Salvation Army in my Will.
- Please send me details of the recognition group "Honoured Friends."

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other:

Given Name:

Family Name :

Address:

Postcode :

Telephone No. :

Please address to:

**The Director, Wills & Bequests  
The Salvation Army  
PO Box 9888  
In your capital city**



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**You can be sure your Will achieves something positive and lasting when you include The Salvation Army in your Will. Why not do it today? You will then be helping others in need well into the future.**  
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## All enquiries will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Should you require any further information about including The Salvation Army in your Will, please contact the State Wills and Bequests Representative in your capital city or visit [salvationarmy.org.au/wills](https://salvationarmy.org.au/wills)

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