



# Gifts in Wills



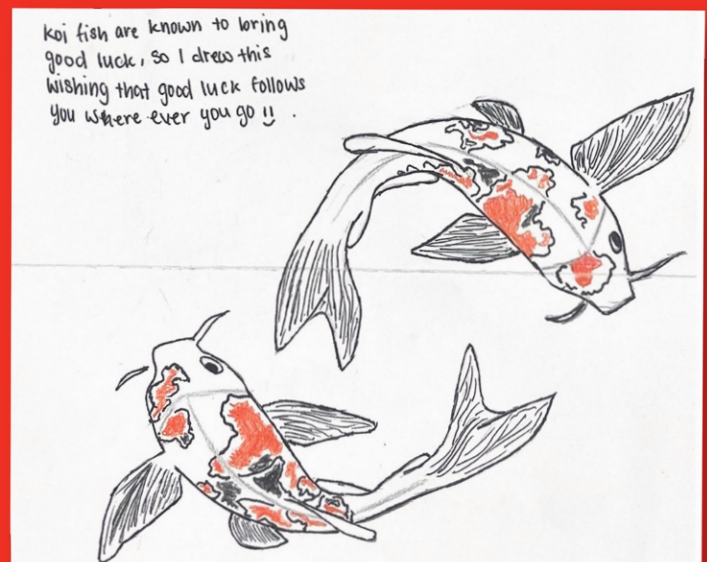
**Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to Variety.**  
Your legacy can help create brighter futures for Kiwi kids in need.



Thanks a lot from the bottom of my heart. Keep doing what you're doing. You had help me be able to have clothes, many shoes and sports equip. I couldn't afford. Many thanks for your support and everything.



You're the BEST!  
Thank you for supporting me!!! you!



I just wanted to say how much im grateful for all the opportunities you've given me and i dont know where i ~~was~~ would be right now with out you and the help you've given me so i just wanted to say ~~th~~ from the bottom of my heart:  
Thank you ♡  
and i hope you have an amazing rest of you day.

I just want to say a big thankyou  
If it wasnt for you I dont think I would be at school.





## Leave a gift in your Will

■ An incredible way to support Kiwi kids beyond your lifetime.

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**Variety depends on the generosity of people like you to help thousands of Kiwi kids in need to thrive.**

Every day across New Zealand, Variety – the Children’s Charity supports Kiwi kids living in poverty. By including a gift to Variety in your Will, you’ll help create lasting change for children in need – ensuring future generations have access to the essentials they deserve: school uniforms, stationery, education opportunities, medical and mobility equipment, and more. Your support will be truly life-changing – not just for children, but for their whānau as well.

## You don’t need to be wealthy to make a difference

Leaving a gift in your Will is not about wealth – it’s about the lasting impact you can make. Together, we can transform lives. Your gift can help provide the everyday essentials Kiwi kids need to learn, grow, belong, and thrive. We promise to honour your kindness by directing your gift to where it’s needed most, so your generosity can live on and leave a lasting legacy for future generations. Every gift matters – most gifts are between \$2,000 and \$10,000 and we steward each gift carefully to make a real difference.



# Why leave a gift in your Will to Variety?

- 30+ year history of supporting children across New Zealand.
- Your generosity becomes a meaningful way to pass on your values and compassion to future generations.
- A lasting impact in NZ: Your gift stays local, helping Kiwi kids throughout New Zealand.

## How your gift will help – meeting immediate needs

A gift in your Will can provide life-changing support to children living in poverty across New Zealand.

Your legacy will help meet the essential needs of children – whether that's access to vital medical and mobility equipment, diagnoses and therapy, safe beds and warm bedding, or the tools they need to succeed in school and life. Your support can be a turning point for families facing immense stress and uncertainty, offering hope and stability when it's needed most.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you are extending a hand to some of the most vulnerable Kiwi kids in our communities.



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## **Mila's story**

**Mila is alive today because someone like you chose to help.  
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Tracey and Steven are first-time parents to their beautiful daughter Mila. At just 16 months old, Mila was diagnosed with a severe form of epilepsy. Her seizures, including nocturnal-tonic seizures, strike suddenly and without warning, often while she sleeps.

After urgent medical consultations with both Starship and Waikato Hospital, Tracey and Steven were told that Mila was at high risk of SUDEP – Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy. It was every parent's worst fear: the possibility of losing their baby girl in the middle of the night.

### **Could you imagine being told your baby might pass away in the night?**

To give Mila the best possible care, the young family moved towns to be closer to emergency services. It came at a huge financial cost, and they quickly found themselves struggling to afford the one device that could keep her safe

– a specialised seizure detection mat, costing \$1500.

Thanks to the generosity of donors who support Variety, Tracey and Steven were able to receive this life-saving piece of equipment for Mila.

Since then, the mat has detected eight seizures. Eight moments that might have ended very differently without that early warning.

**"This mat is helping Mila live," Tracey told us. "As first-time parents, we're able to get a better night's sleep knowing we have this support."**

Mila's journey is ongoing. Her seizures affect her strength, her development, and her vision. But because someone made the choice to give, she now has a safer start in life, and her parents have the support they so urgently needed.

## Message from Elizabeth

"When people tell me they are thinking about leaving a gift in their Will to Variety, I say go for it... absolutely do it. You've got the opportunity to do something wonderful for kids who need your help. I've been supporting Variety for several years and in that time, I made up my mind to leave a gift in my Will to ensure I provide ongoing assistance to the children of New Zealand long after I've gone. When I think about it, I feel good about being able to help children.

"I hate inequality. Everything should be fair and equitable. But it doesn't happen.

A friend originally told me about Variety and its work providing support to children living in poverty. I questioned her at length. 'If it's good enough for her, it's good enough for me!'

"I'm a great believer in following gut instinct and I know leaving a gift in my Will to Variety is the right thing to do. Adding a gift to Variety in my Will was simple Very easy."

**Elizabeth**  
from Manawatu



## There are four main types of gifts

Your legal adviser can help you choose the one that best fits your circumstances:

1. **Residuary gift** – the remainder of your estate after debts and specific gifts have been distributed.
2. **Percentage gift** – a nominated fraction of your estate (e.g. 5%).
3. **Specific sum or asset** – a fixed amount of money or particular asset such as shares or property.
4. **Specified bequest** – a particular item of value, such as stocks, shares, property or art is gifted in your Will.

We recommend you speak with a solicitor or qualified advisor when updating or writing your Will.





### Here is suggested wording you can include:

"I bequeath [ \_\_\_% of my residual Estate / the sum of \$\_\_\_ (choose one option)] to Variety – the Children's Charity Incorporated New Zealand for its general purposes. A receipt from an authorised officer of Variety is sufficient release for the executors of the Estate without seeing to the final distribution of the funds."

Providing this wording to your lawyer makes the process straightforward and ensures your wishes are clear.

## Key information for executors & solicitors

- **Legal name:** Variety – the Children's Charity Incorporated
- **Charity registration:** CC24039 (NZ Charities Services)
- **Postal address:** PO Box 17276, Greenlane, Auckland 1546
- **Physical address:** 300 Great South Road, Greenlane, Auckland 1051
- **Phone:** 022 421 4297
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- **Website:** [variety.org.nz/whats-on/gift-in-your-will](https://variety.org.nz/whats-on/gift-in-your-will)

# How to include Variety in your Will

Variety has partnered with **Gathered Here**, to help you write your Will online – completely free of charge – and create a meaningful legacy for children living in poverty.

Even a small portion of what’s left after taking care of your loved ones can make a big difference for Kiwi kids in need.

With Gathered Here, you can create a simple online Will in as little as **10 minutes**, from the comfort of your own home. You’ll also enjoy **free, unlimited updates** for life, so your Will can grow and change as you do.

No payment is required – just the chance to leave a gift that transforms lives.

Whether big or small, every bequest helps drive real and lasting change for children across New Zealand.

Having an up-to-date Will is one of the most important steps you can take to care

for your loved ones and ensure your values continue to make an impact.





To learn more about the difference your gift could make, please get in touch with Meagan at [meagan@variety.org.nz](mailto:meagan@variety.org.nz) or **022 421 4297**.

Gathered Here is Australia and New Zealand’s top-rated Will-writing platform, making it easier than ever for caring people like you to create a legacy that matters.



[wills.gatheredhere.com/nz/c/variety-nz](https://wills.gatheredhere.com/nz/c/variety-nz)

## The difference your legacy could make

	<b>\$2,000</b>	Full school uniforms and stationery for four children.
	<b>\$5,000</b>	Computers for 10–12 children who are at school.
	<b>\$10,000</b>	Specialist tutoring and academic support for 20 children falling behind in school.
	<b>Residuary gift</b> (or 1–5% of your estate)	Sustainable fund to respond wherever the need is greatest.





## Frequently asked questions

### Do I need to rewrite my whole Will?

Usually not. Your lawyer can simply add a codicil containing the wording above. If you are writing your Will through the platform, Gathered Here, you will have to rewrite your Will. This process is so simple, and takes 10 minutes.

### Can I change my mind?

Absolutely. Your Will is entirely yours, and you can amend it at any time.

### Will my gift be kept confidential?

Yes. We respect your privacy and will only acknowledge your gift publicly with your permission.

### What if I have a Family Trust?

Most Trusts must be wound up within 80 years, so you can still leave a legacy by including Variety as a final beneficiary or through your personal Will.

### Why tell Variety?

Knowing about your intention helps us plan for future programmes and, most importantly, thank you during your lifetime.

## We promise to:

- Respect that your decision is private and personal, and treat it as such
- Recognise and understand that your family and loved ones come first in your Will
- Not put you under any pressure. This is your decision to make, on your time and consideration
- Understand that circumstances change and that you may change your mind about leaving a gift in your Will to Variety
- Keep your personal data safe and never pass it on to third parties
- Make sure any gift in your Will to Variety will be handled with utmost respect, and used to accomplish our mission of giving children in need across New Zealand the childhood they deserve
- Use your gift carefully to ensure it achieves the greatest possible impact for the children we will be working with
- You can view Gathered Here's privacy policy [here](https://info.gatheredhere.com/privacy-policy-nz) to learn how your data will be protected when creating your Will through their platform:

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## Helping the next generation of Kiwi Kids

By leaving a gift in your Will, you'll help to ensure no child in New Zealand is left behind. For many of our supporters, leaving a gift in their Will is the most generous and enduring act of their lives. It reflects a lifetime of care – and ensures your kindness lives on for future generations of Kiwi kids. Let your values continue.



## We're here to help

Leaving a gift in your Will is a personal decision. If you're considering it, we'd love to have a confidential, no-obligation conversation with you.

If you'd like to discuss your legacy, please contact **Meagan Rice, Philanthropy Executive**.

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# Thank you

Thank you for considering this powerful way to care for Kiwi kids – today, tomorrow and for generations to come.





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