



By including a gift in
your Will, you can help
secure a strong future
for Aspect and bring
our vision to life.

**Together we can
create a world that
works for everyone.**



A world where Autistic
people can live their life,
their way, **every single day.**

A message from our CEO



I can't thank you enough for considering the extraordinary step of leaving a gift in your Will.

It's clear to me that you understand our passion for celebrating the unique perspectives and talents of individuals on the autism spectrum.

With the support of people just like you we really can create a world that works for everyone.

By including a gift in your Will you'll guarantee a strong future for Aspect.

A future where Aspect continues to innovate, empower and advocate for a world that embraces all aspects of autism.

Together our commitment can turn this vision into a lived reality for current and future generations to come.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you're not just supporting Aspect; you're championing a future where Autistic people are met with opportunities that recognise their potential, celebrate their differences, and provide them with the autonomy to lead fulfilling lives.

On behalf of everyone at Aspect, thank you for considering this powerful commitment. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of Autistic individuals and the broader community.

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink that reads "Jacqui Borland". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'J' and 'B'.

Jacqui Borland,
Chief Executive Officer.

Our milestones



1966: The Autistic Children's Association of NSW is formed by a small group of committed parents who found that existing services did not support the needs of their children on the autism spectrum. The group is led by Dr Andrew Vern Barnett and his wife Margaret, whose daughter Susan was Autistic.



1992: Since the early 1990s, Aspect has prioritised research to support Autistic people in achieving their goals. Today, our research team, Aspect Research Centre for Autism Practice (ARCAP), collaborates with Autistic individuals, families, and practitioners to find solutions that enhance the everyday lives of individuals on the autism spectrum.



2024: Aspect has grown to supporting over 4,700 students and participants. Aspect Education has expanded to nine autism-specific schools and over 100 satellite classes. Over the course of a year, Aspect will interact with around 700,000 individuals through services, fundraising, enquiries, newsletters, podcasts, social media and website.

Securing a strong future

As you consider your decision to leave a gift in your Will, it's important to realise that doing so provides a unique opportunity to extend your impact far beyond the present day.

A gift in your Will to Aspect isn't a donation. It's a beacon of hope, an opportunity to build on the progress already made since our humble beginnings in 1966.

Gifts in Wills are incredibly important to us. Every gift, both big and small, comes together to bring initiatives and programs to life that otherwise wouldn't exist.

So much of our work receives absolutely no government funding. Previous Gifts in Wills have been directly responsible for projects such as; building a new school campus in South East Sydney, and the refurbishment of our very first Aspect school, which is now the gold standard of all schools created in the future.

Gifts in Wills funding was also responsible for building a new life skills kitchen at one of our Adult Centre's in Victoria. In addition to this, we conduct research into areas that are important to Autistic people such as the Self-Compassion Project for Autistic Adults and Experiences of Autistic Women in Pregnancy and Early Parenthood.

Since 1990 Gifts in Wills have contributed over \$8m in additional funding for Aspect.

Each gift plays a part in bringing the future hopes and dreams of so many families and communities to life.

Our impact

With your kind help, we can undertake major projects that receive little to no government funding such as:



Aspect Education

- Building new autism-specific schools
- Designing and tailoring classrooms and autism-friendly playgrounds that best support children on the autism spectrum
- Offering specialised programs at our schools for Indigenous students as well as programs designed specifically for Autistic girls



Autism Friendly

- Helping to create environments that genuinely support and include all Autistic people



ARCAP

- Conducting research projects around areas important to Autistic people



Autism Assessments

- Providing access to assessments for vulnerable communities that could not otherwise afford one



Adult Community Services

- Redeveloping and/or enhancing our Adult Community Services sites
- Supporting our adult participants by offering innovative programs that match their strengths and interests



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How do we make it possible?



Education

Dynamic, individualised learning underpinned by a caring and nurturing approach via nine autism-specific schools across NSW and SA, and over 100 satellite classes based in mainstream, primary and high schools.

The result? Education to more than 1,240 Autistic students aged 4–17 every single year.

The Benefit? We understand autism like no other school.



Assessments

Diagnostic assessments for children and adults to identify developmental difficulties and determine what strategies and supports will assist a person to achieve their goals and reach their full potential.

The result? Access to the right autism-specific services, supports and funding.

The benefit? We open up opportunities for Autistic individuals through greater understanding.

Aspect uses 55 years of evidence-based practice to provide Autistic people with opportunities to realise their own unique potential.





Aspect Therapy

Person-centred, family-focused solutions which are flexible, responsive and evidence-informed. Includes early childhood supports, speech pathology, occupational therapy, psychology, positive behaviour support and telehealth services, and so much more.

The result? We support and empower individuals to be active participants in their communities.

The benefit? We work in partnership with individuals, their families and support networks to achieve their goals.



Adult Community Services

Places where everyone belongs. We all need a place where we feel good and that helps us thrive and grow in our own time and space.

The result? Our community centres offer a broad range of fun day programs for Autistic adults.

The benefit? Our adult participants feel comfortable and safe being in a group environment that very quickly feels like a home away from home.



Autism Friendly

We believe we can be more inclusive by becoming more aware of the different and diverse ways each of us engages with our world.

The result? Aspect's Autism Friendly team partner with organisations to create environments which genuinely support and include Autistic people.

The benefit? Autism Friendly is run in partnership with our Autistic employees who bring their invaluable professional expertise and lived experience at all stages.



Research

Identifying the evidence for how we can best support people on the autism spectrum, and their families and carers, to realise their goals and aspirations.

The result? Accelerate timely solutions that improve the everyday lives of people on the autism spectrum.

The benefit? Applying the latest knowledge and evidence available, and evaluating our services and programs for best practice.

For more information about our services and how we make it all possible scan the QR code or visit aspect.org.au/how-can-we-help





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"Leo enjoys learning and particularly loves numbers. When he understands a concept he enjoys practicing it"

**– Leo's teacher
Katherine**

Leo is thriving!

Leo's mum Diane explains what a difference an early diagnosis can make.

"To hear the word "autism" from a professional just blew me and my husband away. I didn't know much about autism; I did a lot of research to educate myself to provide the best support for our son."

When Leo began therapy, his development grew immensely. His speech improved, word by word, then slowly into short sentences.

I noticed an immediate change in Leo, even by the first week of attending an Aspect School."

"An early diagnosis helped Leo to be the boy he is today"

**– Leo's mum
Diane**

Early assessments for children like Leo are essential. In 2023 we carried out over 1,000 assessments.

Although Leo is thriving, he will need specialised support through various stages of his life.

Together we can secure a strong future for Aspect which means families like Leo's will always have someone to turn to.



Supporter Profile

– Emily



Emily has already left a gift in her Will and was kind enough to share why she was willing to make such a commitment.

There are so many worthy causes to support. Why Aspect?

I personally feel like Aspect has a lot of integrity and credibility in the space they work in. As they are engaged in research this backs up a lot of the practices and services they offer. I think it's a way I can help them achieve their mission which I care about.

It's also a way of me saying thank you for the work they do and hopefully ensure their ongoing sustainability.

When you decided to leave a gift in your Will how did that make you feel?

It makes me feel good. I want to leave the world in a better place in whatever way I'm capable of and I think that doing something

like leaving a gift in your Will is a chance to have a greater impact on an organisation through giving a more significant contribution.

Why should others follow your lead and leave a gift in their Will?

What I like about Aspect is that they are so encouraging and support the strengths and aspirations of ALL people on the autism spectrum.

If you know anything about autism, you know that it's a remarkably diverse cohort of people that are impacted. Some need a little help, and others need 24/7 care. What I like about Aspect is that they try and support everyone no matter what their needs are.



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- Emily



**Together we can
provide world class education
to more than 1,300 Autistic
students every single year.**

Things you should know

Your Will is much more than a legal document.

It is a profound and personal tribute to what you care about most in life.

Leaving a gift in your Will to Aspect is a way to turn your values in life into a legacy you can be proud of. A legacy that will guarantee a strong future for Aspect for generations to come.

Once you have taken care of the people you love, a gift in your Will of any size will make a significant difference to securing a strong future for Aspect.

You can also decide to direct your gift to a specific area of our work if that is of particular importance to you.

Types of Gifts

Typical gifts in a Will can include:

Residual

A residual gift is a percentage of your estate or a percentage of what remains after your loved ones and wishes have been taken care of.

Specific

A specific monetary amount by simply stating the dollar amount that you wish to leave to Aspect.

An Asset

You may wish to make a gift of a specific asset, for example real estate, shares or you can decide to make Aspect the beneficiary of a life insurance or superannuation policy.

I'd like to leave a gift in my Will. How do I do that?

If you have decided to leave a gift in your Will – that's incredible and thankfully it's not a difficult process.

Please take this suggested wording to your solicitor when you create your first Will or if you plan to update an existing Will.

*I bequeath to Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)
(ABN 12 000 637 267), The residuary of my entire estate
OR Percent of the residue of my estate OR The sum of \$ to be
applied for general purposes (OR a specific purpose to be stated).*

*The receipt of the Chief Executive Officer or other proper officer of
Aspect will be a complete discharge to my Trustee for this gift and
my Trustee will not be bound to see to the application of this gift.*

Is there another way?

There is. You can easily create a Will online without leaving your home. We have partnered with Safewill which offers an opportunity to create a low-cost Will in around 30 minutes. You will be guided through each step and the process includes a review by an Australian solicitor.



To get started visit
safewill.com/aspect
or scan the QR code.



Our commitment to you.

We will promise to:



Respect your need to provide for your loved ones first.



Ask how you want your extraordinary gift to be acknowledged.



Keep your preferences and personal information confidential.



Honour your wishes if you change your mind.



Offer you choice and control about how your gift will be spent.



We'll invite you to join us at special events for like-minded people.



Use your gift to make the most impact possible.





For further information on how to leave a gift in your Will to Aspect, please contact Nadine Eulgem, our Gifts in Wills Manager on:



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