



A vision for a compassionate world where all are valued and supported to live joyful, meaningful and sustainable lives.



Our Mission

We build bridges between people who care and people who need. Our projects support families, children and the elderly in regional communities in Australia and overseas to live joyful, meaningful and sustainable lives. We provide services, facilities and safe spaces through social enterprises and public donations. We collaborate widely, supporting other charities and fostering donors' trust through professionalism and transparency.

Our Local Network

Since 1981, Dharma Care has built networks in regional communities in northern New South Wales to identify the needs of those who are doing it tough. We can then marshal the financial and human resources to provide help. We fill a gap in support to regional communities that is not always well serviced by city-based charities.



Bushfires 2020 – Kyogle Shire, Australia

“Last year was a year from hell for us ... we lost so much due to the drought and then we had the bush fires. Words cannot describe the way we felt, even as I write this email, I get teary eyed because nobody can understand the constant feeling of hopelessness that comes with the realization that everything you have worked so hard for all of your life was slowly being ripped from you. Again, we can't thank you enough and please pass on our very heartfelt gratitude to all of your kind-hearted and generous donors.”

Our Global Network

Dharma Care is an associate member of Susila Dharma Australia (SDA) and Susila Dharma International Association (SDIA). This international network gives us tremendous reach and opportunities to support well-credentialed projects around the world.



SDIA is a network of charitable organisations in 24 countries. It has consultative status with the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and the UN's Children's Fund (UNICEF). SDIA is ranked 282 among the top 500 NGOs in the world (NGO Advisor, 2019). <https://www.susiladharm.org/>



The Srey Lak Program for Girls. What 12 years of safe accommodation, healthy diet and quality education can do for a vulnerable girl who once lived off scraps at a Phnom Penh tip in Cambodia.



Crop planting, health and education through football, and education for the disadvantaged in Indonesia.

The Value of Your Bequest

Dharma Care is not reliant on government funding. Over 30 years we have sought self-reliance through social enterprise and the generosity of our donors. We cannot meet our objectives on our own – nor do we want to. We want to work with others and would love your support. One of the most effective ways to help us help others is through a bequest – a gift in your Will.

If you would like to discuss your bequest with Dharma Care, we will ensure your privacy is respected and information you provide will remain confidential in accordance with Dharma Care's Confidentiality and Privacy Policies. We will work with you to ensure the intention behind your bequest is clearly understood and implemented.

Making a Bequest

Here are a few simple tips that will help you and help us.

- Do some homework. Visit the NSW Govt Guide to Will Making at: <https://legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/rest-assured-legal-guide-wills-estates-planning-ahead-and-funerals>
- See a solicitor to ensure your Will is well drafted.
- If you have a Will, add a codicil to your Will in order to make a bequest to Dharma Care.
- Choose the type of bequest:
 - A residuary bequest is the gifting of what remains of your estate after you have made provision for family or friends. This type of bequest will ensure the value of your gift

- keeps up with inflation over the time between when you make your Will and when it comes into effect.
- Leaving a percentage of your estate. This allows you to decide what proportion of your total estate you would like to leave to Dharma Care. A percentage gift will also keep up with inflation.
- A pecuniary bequest is a fixed sum of money. This type of bequest means your gift will diminish in value over time due to inflation.
- The easiest bequest for your executor and for Dharma Care is money (i.e. not property, shares, etc.). This avoids potential delays, legal costs, management issues and complications with other forms of assets.
- It is best to make your bequest to “general purposes” so we can respond to needs that cannot be foreseen at the time your Will is made. This gives us maximum flexibility to respond.
- Having said that, please contact the CEO of Dharma Care on 0438 300 450, or at info@dharmacare.org.au, if you have a particular area that is close to your heart, or if you have any questions.

Recommended Wording

“I give and bequeath to Dharma Care Inc., an association registered in New South Wales, of 51 Gurrinyah Drive, Stokers Siding NSW 2484:

- the residue, or
- [.....] percent of my whole estate, or
- [.....] percent of the residue, or
- the specific sum of \$[.....]

free of all duties and testamentary expenses for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of that organisation shall be sufficient discharge to my executors for this bequest.”

Dharma Care Information

You will also need the following information about Dharma Care Inc. in the preparation of your Will:

- Dharma Care is an incorporated association registered in New South Wales, Australia (Reg. No. Y09248-15, est. 9 Feb. 1990).
- Dharma Care’s ABN: 46 531 585 050.
- Dharma Care is a charity (Subtype: Public Benevolent Institution) registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).
- Dharma Care has ATO Deductible Gift Recipient status (DGR900388360 issued 24 Jul 2000) and has Public Fundraising Approval in each Australian State.

Thank you for considering a bequest to Dharma Care.

