

create a  
**legacy** for  
**change**



MAKING A BEQUEST TO CHILDREN IN NEED

# imagine

## Why Act For Kids?

Imagine having your childhood taken away from you – quite probably from someone you know and should trust – through constant abuse or neglect.

Imagine living right through your critical growing years with the fear, confusion and hurt that this cruelty manifests – all no fault of your own.

Imagine carrying the burden of guilt and shame into your adulthood, as you secretly struggle to cope with the everyday dysfunction that your life has become.

Almost 46,000 kids throughout Australia don't imagine this life – for them, this is reality. But it is a dark reality that needs to be confronted, challenged and overcome.

Perhaps this storyline connects with you. Perhaps this is the story of someone you know, or it simply reaffirms to you how precious and sacred everyone's childhood should be.

We hope it inspires you to consider your legacy – a legacy for change to help tomorrow's kids.



# kids and the numbers

**355,935** REPORTS TO CHILD PROTECTION AUTHORITIES IN AUSTRALIA<sup>1</sup>

**45,714** CHILDREN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED IN AUSTRALIA<sup>1</sup>

**EVERY 12 MINUTES** A CHILD IS ABUSED OR NEGLECTED<sup>1</sup>

**46%** OF CHILDREN COMMENCING INTENSIVE FAMILY THERAPY IN 2016-2017 WERE UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE

**34,324** AUSTRALIANS ASSISTED BY ACT FOR KIDS IN 2016-2017, AN INCREASE OF 58% ON THE PREVIOUS YEAR



## A brief message of hope.

Children should play with numbers, learn about numbers and embrace numbers. They shouldn't become the numbers.

With your help, we can turn these numbers around.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Neil Carrington".

Dr Neil Carrington  
Act for Kids CEO



<sup>1</sup>Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. Child Protection Australia 2015-2016. Child Welfare Series No 66, Cat No CWS 60, Canberra. [www.aihw.gov.au](http://www.aihw.gov.au)

# the **work** we do

At Act for Kids, we have a very clear and deliberate strategy in the way we can best support the children and families we work with. We operate under our Three Pillars of Service.

## **1** PREVENTION

- Wrap-around support for families in need.
- Working with whole families to identify issues and challenges.
- Connecting with key organisations, other support services and people close to the families.
- A holistic approach tailored for each family.

## **2** THERAPY

- Intensive therapy with psychologists, speech and occupational therapists, and early education specialists.
- Sexual Abuse support counselling – trauma focussed.
- Early Education Kindy – cocooning therapy for traumatised kids.
- Safe Houses in remote North Queensland aboriginal communities.

## **3** EDUCATION

- Learn to be safe with Emmy and friends national schools-based workshops.
- Workforce Education Initiatives for Indigenous People.
- Ongoing research into child abuse and neglect.



**IT'S EASIER TO  
BUILD STRONG  
CHILDREN THAN  
TO REPAIR  
BROKEN ADULTS**

**S**ince 2014, Act for Kids has partnered with the renowned Daniel Morcombe Foundation to further spread the word about child protection, safety and welfare.

### **OUR VISION**

All kids have a safe and happy childhood, free from abuse and neglect.

### **OUR PURPOSE**

To prevent and treat child abuse and neglect.

### **OUR VALUES**

We are a professional, ethical team who is caring, courageous and collaborative.







# our footprint

Sadly, the need for our help broadens year after year, Act for Kids currently operates dedicated support centres at:

- Brisbane, through our Woolloowin and Kedron Contact Centres
- Gold Coast, at our Labrador Contact Centre and at West Burleigh
- Ipswich
- Toowoomba
- Roma
- Sunshine Coast, at Nambour and Maroochydore
- Gympie
- Maryborough
- Mackay
- Townsville – our flagship Centre of Excellence
- Cairns
- Safe Houses in the Cape York region
- Western Sydney at Blacktown
- Adelaide

## Breaking the cycle.

Everything we do at Act for Kids is done with the belief that the pattern of abuse and neglect can be broken.

Through positive intervention and support, we aim to help the suffering children of today avoid:

- entering into abusive relationships, either as perpetrator or victim.
- turning to substance and alcohol abuse.
- engaging in anti-social and criminal behaviour.
- falling victim to depression and suicide.



# Your commitment can change a child's life.

Leaving a bequest to Act for Kids is one of the most compassionate gifts you can give.

You can give a child a reason to smile and to look forward to a more positive future, while you can be content that you're making a positive difference – even after you're gone.

Your bequest means we can plan ahead with more certainty and continue to provide a better childhood for the kids and families who need it most.



# About your bequest.

Making a Will is the only way to ensure your wishes are carried out the way you want after you're gone.

Not only does a Will provide certainty for you and the loved ones you leave behind through the distribution of your estate, it also allows you to include bequests to your charities or foundations of choice if you want that to be part of your legacy.

As one of your most important legal documents, you should seek advice from a solicitor, a trustee company or the Public Trustee to prepare your Will. Professionals like these help ensure your Will is valid and meets all legal requirements. If you're unsure where to begin, we can recommend you to trusted practitioners in this area.

## Types of bequests.

### Residual Bequest

After you have made provisions for your family and other beneficiaries, the remainder of your assets are distributed to your chosen charity in accordance with your instructions.

### Whole of Estate Bequest

You may wish to leave your entire estate to one beneficiary.

### Specific or Pecuniary Bequest

You may wish to nominate a specific amount or bequest specific items to be distributed to your beneficiaries, including your chosen charity.

### Percentage Bequest

This is simply defined as leaving a percentage of your estate to your beneficiaries, including any nominated charities.

If you decide to leave a gift to Act for Kids in your Will, you may want to tell us of your decision – something we will respect in absolute confidence. To notify us of your bequest, simply go to our website at [www.actforkids.com.au/donate](http://www.actforkids.com.au/donate) and complete the online Bequest Form.

Or you can contact us by phone at **1300 228 000** or by email at [mail@actforkids.com.au](mailto:mail@actforkids.com.au)

SO MANY KIDS YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WILL  
HAVE THE CHANCE FOR A BETTER LIFE  
BECAUSE OF YOUR DECISION TO BE  
PART OF A LEGACY FOR CHANGE



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## Wording your Bequest.

If you decide to leave a bequest to Act for Kids, we suggest including one of the following clauses in your Will.

“I give free of all duties and charges the sum of [...write in words and numbers...] to Act for Kids of Level 1, 9 Gardner Close, Milton, Queensland, for its general purposes absolutely. I declare a general charitable intention.”

“I give a [...insert quantum of share or percentage, eg one-quarter share or 25%...] of my residuary estate UPON TRUST for Act for Kids of Level 1, 9 Gardner Close, Milton, Queensland, for its general purposes absolutely. I declare a general charitable intention.”

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## Stay informed.

You can find out more about the important work we do and the vital role Act for Kids plays in the wider community by visiting our website at [www.actforkids.com.au](http://www.actforkids.com.au). You can subscribe to our regular e-newsletter right from our home page footer.



# Bequest Response Form

☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Dr ☐ Other

Full Name:

Address:

Preferred  
Phone No:

☐ Home

☐ Business

☐ Mobile

Email:

- ☐ I would like more information about Act for Kids.
- ☐ I intend to leave a gift to Act for Kids, but have not yet updated my Will.
- ☐ I have left a gift to Act for Kids in my Will.
- ☐ I would like an Act for Kids representative to contact me about other options.
- ☐ Please add me to the Act for Kids e-newsletter subscriber list, using my above email address.

## Thank you for your interest

Please return this form to:

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