




**Imagine... a world
where all kids
are able to thrive**

**Your love and compassion
can create that world.**



variety
the children's charity





**Leaving a Gift in
your Will to Variety –
The Children’s Charity
(NSW/ACT) is the
most powerful Gift
you can give.**

THANK YOU

for caring about Australia’s most vulnerable kids.

People just like you - wonderful, generous people who want a brighter future for our most vulnerable kids - have made the profound decision to include a Gift in their Will to Variety – The Children’s Charity (NSW/ACT), to shape that future.

You can change young lives

You have the power to make an impact and touch the lives of kids from all corners of Australia.

Leaving a Gift in your Will to Variety - The Children’s Charity (NSW/ACT) has far-reaching benefits. It is a wonderful way to ensure that kids who are sick, experiencing disadvantage or living with a disability can join in and are supported to be the best they can be.

Your legacy will unlock the potential of the most deserving kids and go a long way in promoting inclusion, well-being, and independence. It will allow kids to gain practical access to the community for essential medical appointments, education, and extracurricular activities. It will provide hope to know that someone cares.

The benefits are endless. Your precious Gift will make a significant impact on learning, social interactions, and mobility, as well as bring joy to families through Variety programs, experiences, and events.

Thank you for considering including a Gift in your Will to Variety – The Children’s Charity (NSW/ACT). Your love and compassion can change young, vulnerable lives forever.

With much love

**The team at Variety – The Children’s Charity
(NSW/ACT)**

(on behalf of each and every one of the exceptional and beautiful children and families we support)



Your impact will last forever

Have you always cared deeply about vulnerable children? Have you supported us by donating, volunteering, or attending events like the Variety Bash? Perhaps your family has received assistance, and you want to give back. Or maybe you simply believe in what we do and why it matters. Whatever your connection, we know you have a big heart and care about children living with illness, disability, or disadvantage. By leaving a Gift in your Will to Variety – The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT), you can create a lasting legacy of love and support for generations to come.

Perhaps you just know what we do and why it's so important! Whatever the reason, we know you have a big heart and care about the livelihood of kids living with sickness, disability or experiencing disadvantage. There's one precious, beautiful way to make your heart feel even fuller, ensuring your love lives on forever.

That's why we invite you today, as a wonderful supporter, to make your mark and join other generous people who have left a Gift in their Will to Variety – The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT).

"My caring role is, at times, the hardest yet the most meaningful role. It is fuelled by an immense love and an unwavering belief in my child's potential. Strong community support increases motivation, enhances wellbeing and reduces feelings of isolation for carers."

Jamie

Mum of Ari, Variety beneficiary
(pictured above).

The gift that keeps on giving

"I'm lucky to have two healthy children, but many people don't. Variety's funds go directly to the children. I love seeing kids faces when they get the support they need.

I encourage my friends to leave a gift in their wills. I certainly have. Knowing that when you are not here, the good work of Variety will continue is very comforting.

I can only encourage everybody to do two things. Firstly I encourage everybody to make a Will to ensure that your family is looked after and secondly to consider leaving a gift in your Will to Variety.

It's very simple to do. The wording is very straightforward, and any solicitor can help you out.

Every dollar counts to help the kids!"

Peter

(who has included a gift to Variety in his Will)



Each Gift will help kids who are sick, experiencing disadvantage or living with a disability have more opportunities to get a fair go - no matter what life throws at them. With incredible community support, Variety – The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT) provides life-changing grants for equipment, programs, scholarships, and experiences.

A Gift in your Will to Variety – The Children's Charity NSW/ACT allows us to be there to:

- Let kids get out and about in the community by providing mobility equipment like wheelchairs and walking aids.
- Make life that little easier by funding expensive medical equipment and devices.
- Help kids access extra-curricular activities in their community.
- Bring joy to kids in need and their families through Variety programs, experiences, and events such as Christmas parties.
- Provide disability inclusion workshops aimed at building understanding, acceptance and empathy for children living with disability.
- Empower kids with a demonstrated talent to chase their dreams through scholarships.

People like you make a difference. We are so grateful to you for changing young, vulnerable lives.



How a Gift in your Will can help Kids in Need

Imagine if your child needed round-the-clock care that you just couldn't afford. Or an expensive piece of medical equipment to help them walk or talk. Where would you turn for help?

For children who are sick, experiencing disadvantage, or living with a disability, Variety –The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT) - is the place to go. Each year, thousands of these children and their families turn to Variety for support when they need it most. And many more are waiting patiently for caring people like you to help them.

Variety is where families find help when government assistance isn't available when they can't afford specialist care and equipment for their child, and when there's nowhere else to turn.

Daisy's story

Daisy, a caring and thoughtful student at Anson Street School in Orange, NSW, has faced many challenges due to a neurodegenerative condition that affects her mobility, speech and cognitive abilities.

Anson Street School reached out to Variety - The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT) for help. Thanks to the generosity of many donors and supporters like you, we were able to grant the school a Variety Sunshine Coach. Daisy now has greater opportunities to engage with her school and community.

A Variety Sunshine Coach is a specially modified, 22 seater vehicle designed to transport children who are living with medical conditions or disabilities. With wheelchair accessibility built in, the coach allows students like Daisy to participate in excursions, extracurricular activities, and local community events.

School Principal Melanie has seen firsthand the impact of the coach on students.

"If you came to our school and saw the joy this Sunshine Coach brings, you'd understand how much

of a difference it makes. It's not just a bus - it's a ticket to experiences these kids might otherwise miss out on," she says.

Daisy's father, Gareth, emphasises just how important this access is. "Isolation is a real risk for a lot of these kids, so having a way to connect with the world around them is everything. The Sunshine Coach gets Daisy out and involved, and when she comes home, she feels ten feet tall and bulletproof."

Thanks to the generosity of Variety and its supporters, Daisy and her classmates now have the freedom to explore, connect, and experience the world beyond the classroom.

More than 1400 Sunshine Coaches have been donated to schools and community organisations since Variety's inception in Australia.

Every year, we receive many applications from schools asking for a Variety Sunshine Coach. We need your generosity to make this happen.

Marwan's story

When Marwan's family was denied funding for a manual wheelchair by the NDIS, Variety stepped in with a We Move grant, covering the significant \$17,000 cost and ensuring he could stay mobile and independent.

Variety – The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT) provides We Move grants to support families like Marwan's, giving children the freedom to move and participate in everyday life.

Marwan's mother, Zeenathul, first noticed something was wrong when her son struggled with movement at just six weeks old.

"I took him to the GP, and he was immediately referred to the hospital for genetic testing and physical assessments. The very next day, we received his diagnosis - Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Type 1," she recalls.

As Marwan grows, his condition affects his muscle movement, requiring constant adjustments to keep him safe and comfortable.

"He got his first scooter at 12 months, which lasted two years before he needed a power wheelchair. While the power chair is useful, we can't take it everywhere - we don't have an accessible vehicle, so getting to the shops, hospital, or park has been a real challenge," Zeenathul explains.

For everyday outings, the family relied on a stroller, but as Marwan outgrew it, it became unsafe - especially with his scoliosis.

When their request for a manual wheelchair was declined by the NDIS, Zeenathul turned to Variety for help.

"With all the home modifications we've had to make, another big expense just wasn't possible," she says.

Thanks to Variety's We Move grant, Marwan has a manual wheelchair that fits his needs.

"The new wheelchair folds easily, is simple to transport, and works in all kinds of community settings. Best of all, Marwan can push himself - giving him freedom, independence, and the ability to move at his own pace."

"We never imagined Variety could help this much - we are beyond grateful to all the people who give to Variety!"





Ways to leave a Gift in your Will

There are three main ways to make a Gift in Will to Variety:



1. Residual legacy:

A residual legacy is a portion of your estate or the balance remaining after loved ones and expenses are provided for. A residual legacy is the best type of gift because it maintains the relative value of your gift and automatically adjusts to changes in the value of your estate. We ask our supporters to consider this kind of gift because it should not decrease in value over time.



2. Specific amount of money:

This type of gift is sometimes called a pecuniary legacy. A pecuniary legacy allows you to nominate a specific amount of money.



3. Specific items of value:

Anything of value, such as property, shares, or works of art, may be specifically named in your Will and given directly to Variety - The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT).



Not sure?

We recommend that you seek the advice of an independent solicitor or qualified legal advisor before making or revising your Will. You should also seek qualified advice before choosing executors to administer your estate.

How to leave a gift in your Will

Adding a Gift in your Will to Variety – The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT) is simple. The results are powerful, and your legacy will enhance the lives of many kids. Once you have provided for your loved ones, a Gift in your Will to Variety – The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT) can make a real difference. Here are some hints and tips to help you along the way.

Step 1: Speak to your family and loved ones

This is a personal decision for you to make, but we recommend letting your loved ones know that you're planning to leave a gift to Variety – The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT). It is better to discuss your decisions with your family to ensure they understand and support your reasons for choosing Variety – The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT) in such a powerful way.

Step 2: Decide what kind of gift to leave

Choose the type of benefit you'd like to leave. For example, a 'residual' Gift is the remainder after other Gifts and expenses have been taken care of. You can, however, decide to Gift a certain percentage of your Estate (sometimes known as a 'pecuniary' legacy) or instead nominate a set amount of your choosing. Remember that Gifts can also come in the way of property or shares - any item of value.

Step 3: Choose your executor

An executor of a Will is the person nominated to take care of your estate after you are gone. The executor's primary role is to represent you and wrap up your personal, financial, and legal affairs.

An executor can be your bank, solicitor, friends, or relatives. In the absence of a suitable executor, Variety cannot act as an executor for your estate, and we recommend you get in touch with your local Public Trustee, who will be able to help.

Step 4: Get the help of a professional

Solicitors or a public trustee are familiar with the law and will be able to help you make the most effective choices for your Will. The cost of seeing a solicitor varies depending on who you see. However, it is a small price to pay to be reassured that your wishes will be fulfilled.

Alternatively, take advantage of reputable online Will-writing services by visiting our website and checking some benefits you could get as a Variety Supporter.

Step 5: Make your Will

Your Will must be in writing (handwritten, printed or typed) and include specific wording. It must be signed and dated on every page. Your signature must be witnessed by two people who are not named as beneficiaries of your estate. They both need to sign their name on every page of your Will. Remember to list our name as **Variety - The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT)** (ABN: 38 003 354 934)

Step 6: Please let us know

Please fill in the form below to let us know if you have left a gift in your Will to Variety – The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT), or if you would like more information. By confirming your intentions, you allow us to plan our long-term programs with greater certainty, ensuring that we can continue giving Aussie kids a fair go for generations to come.

Remember that including a Gift in your Will does not affect your lifestyle today.

Use correct Will wording

It is important to word your Will correctly to ensure your intentions are followed. The suggested wording for a Gift to Variety - The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT) is set out below.

"I bequeath [___ per cent of my residual Estate / the sum of \$ _____ (choose one alternative)] to Variety - The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT), Locked Bag 2468, St Leonards, NSW 1590, to be used for any high priority needs of, or connected with, Variety - The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT) and I further declare that the receipt of the secretary, trustee or other officer of Variety NSW/ACT Incorporated is sufficient release for the executors of the Estate without seeing to the final distribution of the funds."

Our promise to you

Sensitivity, honesty, and respect

- Your Gift will be used honestly, wisely, and ethically to get to where the need is most.
- Your wishes will be honoured to the best of our ability, and we will work with all parties to handle your gift with efficiency, sensitivity, and respect.
- We will be transparent in our decisions and activities.
- We will comply with ethical principles and professional standards in the accepting and recording of your Gift.

Your Privacy

- We recognise that your Will is private and that including a Gift in your Will for us is a personal decision.
- We will maintain confidentiality by not sharing your information.
- We will honour and respect your decision regarding your chosen level of engagement.

We wholly recognise your circumstances may change. You have the absolute right to reconsider your decision to include a Gift in your Will with us at any time.

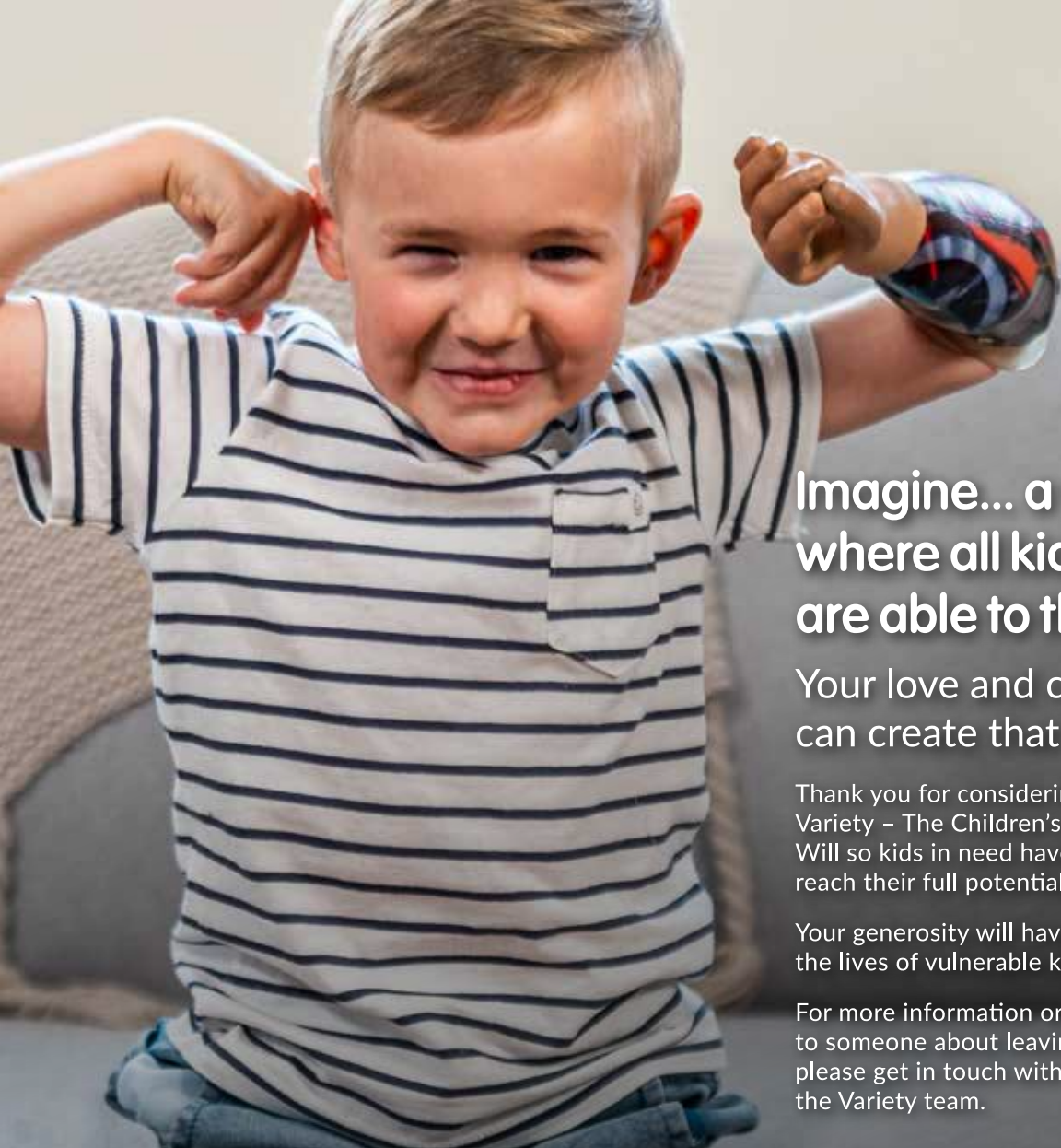
Let us know

Once you have remembered us in your Will, please let a member of our team know. We would love the opportunity to thank you. It will also help us keep you in touch with the difference your kindness and generosity will make and allow us to plan for the future.

We'd love to help you

We would love to help you every step of the way to ensure you have all the information you need.

Please email us at contactus@varietynsw.org.au or call **02 9819 1000** to speak to a member of the Variety team.



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Thank you for considering including a Gift to
Variety – The Children's Charity (NSW/ACT) in your
Will so kids in need have the chance to belong and
reach their full potential.

Your generosity will have a significant impact on
the lives of vulnerable kids, now and into the future.

For more information or to speak confidentially
to someone about leaving a Gift in your Will,
please get in touch with us to speak to a member of
the Variety team.

Stay in Touch

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