



YOU CAN MAKE  
– A DIFFERENCE –  
Your gift will  
provide care and  
support for those  
in need



# Your gift will change people's lives

The first Blue Care Nurse, Sister Olive Smith, started caring for people in their homes in West End, Brisbane in 1953. Sister Olive made a life-changing impact on many older and vulnerable people and the news of this wonderful service quickly spread. In a few short years, the Blue Nurses expanded across Queensland, funded by donations and gifts in Wills.

Blue Care is now the largest provider of services and care for older people in Queensland. Our carers touch the lives of thousands of people. Like Sister Olive they quickly become important members of their new families.

Gifts in Wills to Blue Care continue to make a real difference to people's lives every day.

They help us create beautiful spaces, fund vital equipment and invest in innovative programs that improve the care of the people we love.

Many people leave a gift in their Will to Blue Care so that others can receive the care they deserve when they need it the most. They want older people to have the opportunity to live their lives their way, in all its fullness, in their later years.

A gift in your Will to Blue Care will ensure people in our care and their loved ones have peace of mind that they are safe and are receiving professional, compassionate care, whether it be in their own homes or in a supportive environment in our care.



– YOUR GIFT –



Will reach over  
**60 communities**  
throughout Queensland





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Helps us to provide assistance to  
**tens of thousands**  
of people each year

## Ensuring people's care later in life

Blue Care is one of Queensland's longest running and most loved charities. As a not-for-profit organisation, Blue Care provides services and care to tens of thousands of Queenslanders every year, with much of it thanks to the generosity of people like you. That community support has continued to grow and the legacy of Sister Olive lives on. And the need to assist and care for an increasing number of older and vulnerable people is still growing.

Every gift is vital to help our Blue Care carers continue to support people later in life. If they feel vulnerable or if their ability to live independently is affected by a life-changing event, accident or health condition, Blue Care will always be there.

## How your gift will make a difference

Gifts in Wills enable Blue Care to provide exceptional care now and into the future. They support older, sick and vulnerable people to live their lives with purpose and dignity and assist people who wish to remain in their own homes.

Gifts in Wills also help people who need a higher level of support such as specialised dementia care, respite or palliative care.

In the following pages, you'll meet Doreen, Fran and David. Doreen is thankful that the gift in her Will is going to help more people like Fran. Fran's husband David has the peace of mind that her new home and the care she receives are supported by people like Doreen.

# How your gift will help

A gift in your Will to Blue Care will ensure more people receive the care and support they need, when they need it the most.

Your gift will also help us create new spaces, fund vital medical equipment and develop life-changing programs that:

- Improve quality of life by better supporting behaviours, improving comfort and reducing the use of medication.
- Support people to enjoy more meaningful, memorable experiences.
- Programs like *Play Up* that stimulates older people by reinforcing positive memories and connections in a way which integrates with their clinical care to improve communication and reduce agitation and depression for people living with dementia.
- Support people living with memory-loss by improving their environment, assisting with memory and encouraging independence.
- Create spaces in our facilities such as sensory gardens, village greens and family support spaces.
- Support palliative care and respite care.
- Provide critical in-home care for people who wish to stay in their own homes.



We provide approximately  
**3 million visits**  
to people in  
need each year





YOUR GIFT will help  
Blue Care take care  
of **thousands** of  
people every year



## Who your gift will help

David's heart broke the day Fran, his beautiful wife of 43 years, was diagnosed with dementia. As her symptoms worsened, David finally had to admit he was no longer able to care for his beloved wife. With David's support, Fran came to Blue Care. Our first priority was to get to know Fran and understand her life story and her interests so we could support her to live her life her way. Fran was once a nurse herself so our specialised dementia care program includes activities that encourage her natural tendency to care for people. This makes her feel valued and involved. David visits Fran daily and also became a member of one of our partner support groups for family members so he could connect with others like him who have loved ones sharing Fran's new home.

## Leaving a gift in your Will

People remember Blue Care in their Will because they care about how we look after older people and they may be grateful for how they or their loved ones were cared for in times of need. They also know that Blue Care is an organisation they can trust to look after their gift and ensure it is used in the best possible way.

### **Doreen**

Doreen has been supporting Blue Care for 60 years. She wanted to help people like David and Fran and has left a gift in her Will so that Blue Care can always provide the wonderful care that she was so grateful her family received.

# How to leave a gift in your Will

A Will is important to ensure your estate is distributed to the people and organisations you care about the most.

After you have provided for your loved ones, please consider leaving a gift in your Will to Blue Care knowing that you can make a difference to older people when they need it the most.

You may consider leaving a gift in your Will to Blue Care comprising of:

- **the whole of your estate;**
- **a percentage of your estate;**
- **the residue of your estate; or**
- **a specific gift.**

## Recommended wording

I give (specify the type of gift) to .  
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q.) represented by Blue Care (ABN: 96 010 643 909) ("Blue Care") or any successor of it, to be applied for its general purposes. I declare the receipt of an authorised officer of Blue Care will be sufficient discharge of the bequest to my Executor / Trustee.



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YEARS

For more than sixty years,  
Blue Care has supported  
people to live independently  
in their local community.





## Who to Contact

If you are considering leaving a gift in your Will to Blue Care or would like further information or support to organise getting your Will finalised, please contact our Planned Giving Manager for a confidential discussion on **1800 001 953** or **07 3253 4650** or email **[plannedgiving@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:plannedgiving@ucareqld.com.au)**.

If you have included a gift in your Will to Blue Care, we would be grateful if you would kindly let us know. We often receive unexpected gifts and would love to have the opportunity to say thank you and talk to you about how we can acknowledge your kind and generous support.