

CODICIL TO THE WILL OF \_\_\_\_\_  
DATED \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give and bequeath

the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (or) \_\_\_\_\_ % of my estate (or) the residue of my estate,  
(or) property or assets as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

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I declare that the receipt of WorldVision of New Zealand Trust Board shall be full and sufficient discharge to my Trustee(s) for such a gift and bequest.

In all other respects I confirm my will.

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of two witnesses

MY SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## **LEAVING A GIFT TO WORLD VISION IN YOUR WILL**

Making a will is a very personal matter and a way to provide for those you love. Having made provision for your nearest and dearest, thank you for considering leaving a charitable gift to World Vision New Zealand.

### **Gifts you can make**

There are different kinds of gifts you can make in your will to support World Vision's work:

- A specific amount of money
- A percentage of your estate (everything that you own and owe at the time that you die)
- Assets or property

### **If you don't have a will**

If you are over 18 then it's a good idea to have a will. If you die without a will then there are laws that determine what happens to your money and property, which might be quite different to what you would have wanted.

You can include a gift to World Vision when you make your will.

Wills are important legal documents, and you should see a lawyer or an organisation like the Public Trust to help prepare your will.

### **If you already have a will**

You can change your existing will to include a new gift to World Vision in one of two ways:

- Fill out the World Vision Codicil, or
- Create a new will

Either way, it will need to be properly signed and witnessed to make sure it is legal and instructions for this are set out below.

#### World Vision Codicil

A codicil is an "add-on" to an existing will that can change or add new things to the original text.

To make a new gift to World Vision, simply:

- Fill out your full legal name in the spaces provided
- Enter the details of your gift, be as specific as you can
- Put a line through the other types of gift (you and your witnesses will need to initial each line you draw)
- Sign and witness the codicil
- Send the Notification of Gift to World Vision

#### Creating a new will

It is not enough just to write new information into an existing will, or cross out anything you no longer want in your will. All changes need to be properly signed

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and witnessed, and sometimes the best and easiest way to do this is to write a new will to avoid any confusion.

### **Signing and witnessing your will or codicil**

You will need two witnesses, both over the age of 18. Witnesses cannot be your spouse or anyone you have left something to in your will.

Your witnesses must know that they are witnessing a will, but they don't need to know or see what is in the will or codicil.

- Use a blue or black ink or ballpoint pen
- Print the date in the spaces provided
- You and your witnesses must all sign in front of each other and watch each other sign
- Sign your name (make sure your signature matches your full legal name), initial anything you have crossed out and any extra pages, and fill in your personal details
- Your witnesses then sign, initial anything you have crossed out and any extra pages, and fill in their personal details

### **Storing and updating your will and codicil**

Keep all the pages of your will together, including any codicils, in a safe place – many lawyers and trust organisations store wills for free. Don't pin, staple or fasten anything else to your will, keep it in a separate labelled envelope.

Things change during life, and it is important to keep your will up to date.

For example:

- If you get married this automatically revokes any existing will (unless the will says it is made in contemplation of that marriage)
- If you sell or give away an asset during your lifetime this revokes anything you have done with it in your will
- The size of your estate may increase or decrease considerably, and inflation may affect the value of gifts

### **General advice**

This brochure is provided as general information only, and is not legal advice. Wills are important legal documents, and you should see a lawyer or trust organisation if you have any questions, or want to make sure that any changes to your will are legally valid.

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