

# INFORMATION FOR SOLICITORS & EXECUTORS

Thank you for assisting with a gift in a Will to Ronald McDonald House Charities®

Ronald McDonald House Charities® Australia is an independent charity that supports seriously ill children and their families. We rely on generous donations from the community to continue our vital accommodation, support and education programs for families who need us most.

## How can you help?

This information guide provides general information about our charity including suggested wording clauses, registration details and information we need if you are administering an Estate.

Although three-quarters of Australians support a charity during their lifetime, less than 10% include a charitable gift in their Will. If you or your colleagues are involved in writing Wills, you can help secure the future of charities by asking your clients to consider including charitable gifts in their Wills, once they have taken care of their loved ones.

If you have any questions about our Charity or would like to help us share the importance of having a conversation with the families during the Estate Planning process, please let us know.

## Our Details

### Ronald McDonald House Charities ("RMHC")

Head Office: 21-29 Central Avenue, Thornleigh NSW 2120

Telephone: 1300 307 642 (ask for the "Gift in Wills" Team please)

Direct Email: [leaveagift@rmhc.org.au](mailto:leaveagift@rmhc.org.au)

Legal Entity: **Ronald McDonald House Charities Pty Ltd** ACN: 003 000 806

as Trustee for: **Ronald McDonald House Charities Trust** ABN: 26 037 589 412

Ronald McDonald House Charities is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). We also have Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status with the Australian Tax Office for eligible Tax deductible donations. Please let us know if you need a copy of our Certificates.



### We are also Members of the:

Fundraising Institute of Australia and Include a Charity Program.



## Administering an Estate

If your client has left a bequest or gift in their Will to RMHC, we would love to hear from you as soon as possible so we can extend our condolences and our gratitude to the surviving family members and friends.

Would you kindly forward us the following details:

- Full name of the Willmaker and last known address;
- The date of death; and
- A copy of the Will.

We would love to say thank you to your client for their generous gift and find out their reasons for thinking of us. If you could facilitate this communication or accept a card (should they wish to remain anonymous), we would be most grateful.



## Suggested wording for your Will

A gift can be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities for general or specific purposes. However, we ask that you keep your gift general to ensure the charity can direct the funds to where they are needed most into the future.

Depending on your clients intentions, you may wish to use one of the following clauses to leave a gift in a Will.

### General purpose gift:

"I give...

*[please select from one of the following options for your type of gift and delete those that are not relevant]*

- ... my entire estate
- ... XX percentage of my estate
- ... the rest and residue of my estate
- ... XX percentage of the residue of my estate
- ... the sum of \$XX
- ... XX from my portfolio of shares
- ... XX description of a specific item.....

..... to Ronald McDonald House Charities Trust (ABN 26 037 589 412) operating as Ronald McDonald House Charities Australia of 21-29 Central Avenue, Thornleigh, NSW 2120, free of all duties, for the general purposes of such entity.

I declare that a receipt from the Treasurer or other proper officer of Ronald McDonald House Charities to the Executor(s) of this Will, will be evidence that the Executor(s) has discharged his/her/their duties in accordance with this clause."

Alternatively, you may wish to use:

"I GIVE AND BEQUEATH (\$ add amount) from my estate, free of all duties, to RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES TRUST (ABN 26 037 589 412) of 21 -29 Central Avenue, Thornleigh in the State of New South Wales for its general purpose. I DECLARE that the receipt of its treasurer or other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my Trustees or Executor.

IN THE EVENT that RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES TRUST has ceased to exist or has changed its name or has amalgamated with another organisation, my gift to them shall not fail but my Executor(s) shall pay it to the organisation that they consider most nearly fulfils the objects that I intend to benefit"

If your client would like to leave a specific gift to a certain Chapter or for a gift for a specific purpose, please contact us for additional wording.



## Get in touch

Call us on **1300 307 642**  
and ask for our "Gift in Wills" Team

You can contact our Gift in Wills team direct by email at [leaveagift@rmhc.org.au](mailto:leaveagift@rmhc.org.au) and see [www.rmhc.org.au/leave-a-gift](http://www.rmhc.org.au/leave-a-gift) for more information



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