



**LEAVE YOUR
LEGACY OF
LOVE FOR OUR
COMMUNITY**



**WAYSIDE
CHAPEL**



A message from

Rev Jon Owen



Many arrive at our doors on their toughest days, while others come seeking perspective on life. Here, all are met with love and acceptance. This is the kind of space and place where moments of transformation can occur. When our visitors leave feeling met rather than worked on, many start taking the first tentative steps forward on their journey to health and healing.

In a society of quick fixes, our six decades of experience has taught us that it takes love, time and consistency to help people to once again believe that they have deep value and a contribution to make to our world.

A gift in your Will can play such a big part in making sure our community continues to flourish. Your extraordinary kindness can enable us to walk with people for the long term. Without these significant acts of generosity, we simply couldn't continue to extend our care and compassion into the lives of as many visitors as we do.

Remembering Wayside in your Will is a gift to an unknown future. While we don't know what the future holds, your legacy will give us the strength to overcome any challenges that we encounter.

Thank you for considering leaving a legacy of love to Wayside Chapel.

Rev Jon Owen

Pastor & CEO of Wayside Chapel

Creating community with no 'us and them'

Wayside Chapel has provided unconditional love, care and support to the most marginalised people on and around the streets of Sydney since 1964.

Our mission is to create a community with no 'us and them', and address the underlying issues of inequality, wellbeing, and loneliness in our society. From our centres in Kings Cross and Bondi and through outreach teams, we offer a range of support services that place dignity, respect, and love at the heart of what we do.



Your Impact

In an average year, generous people like you help Wayside to make a big impact for our community:



250

Visitors supported each day



70,853

Low-cost meals served



37,917

Clothes, underwear and blankets provided



4,389

Instances of outreach support delivered by van and foot



10,122

Hot showers and toiletries provided



23,512

Instances of care coordination

Real stories from the heart

Discover a legacy of love through the eyes of those who have found solace and support at Wayside Chapel.

“Wayside is like home. When I was younger, I used to get pushed from place-to-place and service-to-service, but Wayside cemented me and helped with a lot of things. Even today they are still helping me.”

- Dale

“There’s too much hate in the world and there are so many people that need love. And they offer it at Wayside. They don’t judge – they just give.”

- Lisa

“What Wayside has given to me over the last 30 years is stability. I’ve been studying art a while, got two diplomas and now I’m going to get my degree with the help of Wayside.”

- Danielle

“I don’t know where I’d be without Wayside. They really had heart when it came to dealing with me at my worst. My care coordinators were there every step of the way, and now they’ve helped me get housing. I’ve never had keys to open my own door until now.”

- James

“Where I live, it’s very lonely. I come to Wayside to be around people. I like the free breakfast, the very reasonable lunches and I like the computers as I can’t get internet where I live. But it’s mostly the people I come for – the staff, vollies and other visitors, they’re good people. It’s somewhere good to go.”

- Robin





How your legacy of love can change lives in the future

Since 1964, Wayside Chapel has played an important part in the lives of many people who have found themselves in crisis with nowhere else to turn.

Offering a place where everyone is welcome with open arms and open hearts has helped people move towards health and happiness.

Your lasting gift will help to provide ongoing support and wrap-around care from nourishing meals, and hot showers, to assistance with securing housing, legal services and employment, to help people get back on their feet.

Gifts in Wills also allow us to address the diverse and ever-changing needs of our community by funding innovative programs, like our Wayside Healthcare service and Women's Space, that ensure visitors can access culturally safe and trauma-informed care.

Most of all, your gift will help build a sense of connection for people who feel lonely and excluded by the rest of society. By providing a safe place for people to visit, you'll be breaking down the barriers that divide us, and creating a community of no 'us and them' for future generations.

Including a gift in your Will can help create a future for people who have nowhere else to turn. Even 1% of your estate can make a difference, and ensure you're also providing for your loved ones.

The Wayside Chapel



“I can’t ignore someone who needs help. I was that person once, and people helped me.”

– Josh

Josh’s story

In the depths of despair, Josh found hope, love and community at Wayside Chapel.

At 18, tragedy upended Josh’s life.

Overwhelmed by his father’s sudden death, he found solace in the tunnels of St. James train station in Sydney, near his dad’s workplace. Every day, he scanned the countless faces walking by, hoping that it was all a mistake, and he would see his father once again. Drugs became his refuge, escalating his shame and keeping him on the streets.

But over time, Josh grew the courage to turn to Wayside for love and support. We offered him hot showers, clean clothes, and eventually helped him find secure housing and full-time work. He started to form connections with the Wayside community. One step at a time, Josh worked hard to transform his life.

“Wayside was like a home, when you couldn’t go home,” says Josh. “I felt worthless, but then realised people do care.”

With the support of Wayside, Josh has worked hard to transform his life. He is now clean from drugs, has a full-time job and has a home with his loving family. He couldn’t be happier with how far he has come and excited to be on a path to a better future.

With a heart to help always on display, Josh is a proud member of the Wayside community. From delivering blankets to rough sleepers and helping out at community centres around Kings Cross, Josh has found a purpose and connection that he’d been seeking for many years.



“I feel a strong sense of importance and worth in helping others.”

– Robyn

Robyn’s story

A long-time supporter, Robyn has chosen to remember Wayside Chapel in her Will.

Inspired by the resilience of people who find themselves isolated from society, Robyn was drawn to Wayside’s vision of love over hate.

My journey with Wayside began when I heard the former CEO and Pastor Rev Graham Long speaking on the radio. Hearing stories about people who are vulnerable and finding the beauty in each of them really resonated with me. That’s when I knew I wanted to be a part of this extraordinary place.

I love Wayside because it is a place so full of love. The kindness and respect that staff and volunteers give to everyone who passes through the doors is so admirable. There is truly no ‘us and them’. Everyone who walks in is not just welcomed but deeply understood and supported, even in their most challenging moments.

I’ve been fortunate in my life, and I realise that under different circumstances, I could be on the other side, needing Wayside’s helping hand. That’s why I feel a strong sense of importance and worth in helping others.

When the time came to revise my Will, the decision to include a gift to Wayside Chapel was not just easy but also incredibly fulfilling. Yes, it may sound cliché, but the act of giving truly enriches me far more than I could ever give back. Knowing that my support for Wayside will continue to make a difference, even when I am no longer present, brings me immeasurable comfort and joy.



“Mistakes and hurt can be opportunities with the right support. That’s what Wayside does, and I want my last gift to help someone in that way.”

– Graham

Graham’s story

Wayside Grandfather Graham Long has left a gift in his Will for future generations (Former Pastor & CEO, 2004-2018)

It’s a rare thing to know you are the right person in the right place at the right time and when I began at Wayside in 2004, I knew this – and yet I knew it in a way that the mission was bigger, greater and more central, than me.

During these years I was fully alive, loving the work, the people we served and the people who came alongside to help. In 2004, our buildings were dilapidated and in a large part, condemned. While I couldn’t see our future path, I had a strong sense of our destiny. I didn’t know much about fundraising, governance or management but I knew our city, state and country needed Wayside; and skilled people, good people, agreed that it must not be allowed to drift into history.

Everything we know about ourselves has come as a gift from someone else. Others provided for us, others sacrificed for us, others saw potential in us, others believed in us. Our very bodies we discovered as a gift from others. Others taught us, others modelled discipline, passion and the value of hard work. Our achievements are like the baton in a relay race.

I’ve tried in my life to invest in others and as I approach the end of my life, I ponder how I might use my estate as an investment for others. I’d like to use my last gift to prove there is life after death. When I’m gone, I’d love to think I was helping to provide an opportunity for someone who never had my advantages.

Making a lasting impact is easy

Here's how

1 Speak with your loved ones

Talk to those closest to you about your decision to leave a gift in your Will to charity. Doing so means you trust the organisation and believe in the vital work they do. Wayside Chapel would be honoured to be held in such high regard.

2 Choose your legacy

There are many ways you can leave a gift to Wayside Chapel in your Will, which include:

- **Residual bequest:**
Pass on the remainder of your estate after other legacies have been fulfilled.
- **Specific bequest:**
Specify the percentage share or dollar amount you'd like Wayside Chapel to receive.

Many of our supporters have chosen to leave a percentage or residual rather than a fixed dollar

amount as the gift retains its value over time, keeping up with inflation and eliminating the need for you to update your Will later on.

3 Use the correct wording

Please see below the Gift in Will wording with all gift options. You can delete the invalid gift types.

I give to UCA – Wayside Chapel as operator of a PBI (ABN 77 406 918 553) free of all taxes and other deductions.

(Choose applicable)

1. _____ % share of my estate
2. A gift of \$ _____
3. _____ % of the residue of my estate
4. _____ % of my superannuation (name of superannuation company, account name and account number). Please notify your

superannuation of this decision as you may need to complete additional forms with them.

5. _____ % of my crypto currency account (Crypto company name, full account name, account number, login and password should be held securely with your solicitor or executor) for its general charitable purposes, and the authorised receipt given on behalf of UCA – Wayside Chapel as operator of a PBI shall be sufficient discharge to my trustee or executor.

4 Write and legalise your Will

If you already have a Will in place, you will need to prepare a simple codicil to update your wishes. If you do not have a Will, you will need to include a bequest when your Will is prepared. A solicitor,

lawyer or estate planner can assist you to do this under your direction. Your Will is not legal until it is signed and witnessed by two people. You can change your Will and your beneficiaries at any time.

5 Please let us know

Your Will is a deeply personal matter, but if you let us know about your gift to Wayside Chapel, we can express our gratitude and keep you updated on our community work. No need to disclose the amount—just a heads-up is enough. Reach out to Samantha Meisner-Lemon, our Key Relationships Manager, at 0452 337 963 or email giftinwill@thewaysidechapel.com for more info.



“This will be a place for visitors to feel the closeness and connection of their loved ones. A place that will hold the quietness and the contemplation.”

– Aunty Nancy Long

A Love that Flies High

Every Gift in Will, regardless of its size, sparks a legacy of love, capable of nurturing a community with no ‘us and them’.

People who choose to remember Wayside in their Will are diverse but united in their generosity and a shared vision of a more inclusive future. These gifts directly support and uplift the Wayside community – those facing crises, battling addiction, struggling with mental health and experiencing homelessness – offering them love and care.

When you include Wayside in your Will, you join an extraordinary circle of supporters, driven by the profound conviction of love over hate. As a gesture of our deep gratitude, we’ve introduced *The Wings of Our Angels*, an exquisite memorial sculpture located in the rooftop garden at Wayside Kings Cross. This beautiful artwork created by Joel Adler and Aunty Nancy Long, honours the incredible individuals who have considered us in their legacies, as well as all those who have ever walked through our doors. It serves as a poignant tribute to our community members – celebrating their resilience, honouring their struggles, and remembering those we’ve sadly lost.

As a valued part of our community, we’ll keep you updated on our vital work, plus you’ll receive invites to special events, where we celebrate the impact we create together.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why leave a gift in my Will to Wayside Chapel?

We rely on the kindness of people like you to help us continue our work, as government funding only covers 12% of our costs.

How do I make or change my Will?

We would strongly advise the use of a solicitor to obtain expert advice and ensure accuracy. We also advise that you consult a solicitor when writing or making changes to an existing Will.

Can I make a gift in my Will to more than one charity?

Yes, your solicitor can arrange this for you.

Do I need to leave my entire estate to Wayside Chapel?

No, a gift of any size will make a significant impact on the programs and services we provide for our community.

What type of gift would Wayside Chapel prefer?

Whilst any gift is greatly appreciated, a residual legacy or a percentage are the preferred options because they automatically keep up with inflation, eliminating the need for you to update your Will later on.

Why should I let you know that I have left you a gift in my Will?

We would love the opportunity to thank you personally for your future support, and keep you updated on the great work happening at Wayside. You can let us know about your decision by calling or emailing us. Alternatively, you may like to ask your solicitor to notify us on your behalf. Confidentiality of your advice will be respected at all times.

What if I want my gift to remain anonymous?

We would still love to thank you privately, however, we respect all our supporters' wishes and your details will be held in strictest confidence. You will control the level of contact that you receive from us.

I have already made my Will - is it too late for me to leave a gift in my Will to Wayside Chapel?

Not at all. Changing your Will and adding a gift to Wayside Chapel is easy - all you have to do is make a 'codicil' (or a document that amends a previously executed Will). When you next see your solicitor, just take a copy of our wording with you and they can simply update your existing Will for you.

Our promise to you

- We acknowledge the significance of your wish to leave a gift to Wayside Chapel.
- We understand that loved ones come first, and we encourage you to discuss your intention with them before finalising your Will.
- We will always respect your privacy. Any information you give us regarding your Will shall be held in strict confidence and shall not be publicly disclosed without your express permission.
- We'd love to hear whether you've included Wayside Chapel in your Will, but you don't have to tell us if you don't want to.
- If you do decide to tell us that you intend to leave a gift, we'll keep you updated on our work, in the ways that you prefer.
- We will ensure your gift is used in the most effective way.



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