



HELP SECURE THE ARTS CENTRE AS A SPECIAL PLACE FOREVER WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

**EVERY GIFT THAT IS LEFT TO THE ARTS CENTRE
WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A LASTING WAY.
WHAT COULD A GIFT IN YOUR WILL DO?**

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FOR 140 YEARS THE ARTS CENTRE SITE HAS BEEN A SPECIAL PLACE IN CHRISTCHURCH, MOST RECENTLY AS A CENTRE FOR ARTS, CULTURE AND EDUCATION. A PLACE WHERE HISTORY IS LIVED AND MEMORIES ARE MADE.

You can help it remain wonderful for everyone who visits with a gift in your will.

The Arts Centre is one of the foundations of modern-day Christchurch. For almost 100 years it was a centre of learning as home to the University of Canterbury and two of our leading schools.

It later re-emerged as a vibrant centre of arts, culture and creativity. This is the Arts Centre we know and love today and which we want to preserve for future generations.

You can help protect and support the Arts Centre with a gift in your will.

Many people like to make a gift to a charity in their will. In the case of the Arts Centre it is because it is special to them. Perhaps they have precious memories of events that happened there. Maybe they were students on the campus, got engaged in the Quad, were married in the Great Hall or have frequently attended events like concerts, festivals, exhibitions and the markets. Or they simply enjoyed the beauty of the place.



Other people value the Arts Centre as a significant part of the heritage of Christchurch and want to help preserve some of the few remaining Gothic Revival buildings in the city. They recognise the importance of preserving a sense of place for future generations – especially after the earthquakes.

There are those who show their appreciation of the effort put into the huge restoration project by leaving a gift in their will to enable the Arts Centre to thrive long into the future.

You can help secure the Arts Centre as a special place for your children, grandchildren and friends to enjoy by leaving one of the greatest gifts you can make - a legacy in your will to the Arts Centre.



**“BY PROVIDING
ADVANCED NOTIFICATION
TO THE ARTS CENTRE
THAT I’M LEAVING A GIFT
IN MY WILL, I’M PLAYING
MY PART IN ENSURING
THE FUTURE OF ARTS AND
CULTURE IN THE HEART
OF THE CITY.”**

– JEN CRAWFORD, FORMER CHAIR OF
THE ARTS CENTRE OF CHRISTCHURCH TRUST BOARD

WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO PUT THE ARTS CENTRE IN YOUR WILL?

It is not only the wealthy who make gifts to charity in their wills. Everyday people do so in their thousands every year, and find it a rewarding experience. Here are some of the benefits of gifting and the reasons why people decide to make a gift.

PERPETUATE YOUR VALUES AND BELIEFS

It will give you a quiet sense of satisfaction knowing that you are expressing your values and beliefs in a very powerful way. Often through gifts in wills our supporters can have more financial impact than they could during their lifetimes, while also providing for loved ones.

Your gift will enable the Arts Centre to continue enriching people's lives. It will be able to go on hosting theatre, live performances, music, weddings, graduations, festivals, exhibits and craft. We appreciate gifts of any size.

ENRICH LIVES

The Arts Centre will continue making a difference in the lives you leave behind, as an internationally renowned centre for arts, culture and education.

GIVING BACK

Perhaps you had an amazing experience at the Arts Centre at an art class, a live performance or a world-class concert. A gift in your will is a great way to ensure that another person has the same chance to experience something special at the Arts Centre.

FOR THE FUTURE

The future funding of the Arts Centre is not absolutely guaranteed. It does not receive central or local government funding. You can make a difference. A gift in your will can help contribute to the future sustainability of the Arts Centre, ensuring that the benefits continue in the future, for your friends and family.

WE WILL HONOUR YOUR GIFT

We express our gratitude to those who make a gift to the Arts Centre in their wills by recording their names on a Roll of Honour we have on public display.

If your gift is in memory or in honour of someone, we will also record their names. If you can tell us why this person was special to you we would love to know.

100% OF EVERY LEGACY WILL GO DIRECTLY TO CARING FOR THE ARTS CENTRE IN THE FUTURE.

IN 2014, PEOPLE LEFT \$157 MILLION TO CHARITY IN NEW ZEALAND. THE GIFTS RANGED FROM LARGE TO QUITE SMALL. THE AVERAGE BEQUEST WAS \$42,000, MEANING NEARLY 4000 INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED A SPECIAL CAUSE IN THEIR WILL.

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HOW TO HELP THE ARTS CENTRE WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Everyone should have a will. It gives peace of mind to know that what you have will go to the people and the charities you want it to. It also prevents distress for your loved ones in their time of grief. The law doesn't allow them to second guess what you might have liked to happen to what you own. It will quite likely dictate that what you have is distributed in ways you would not necessarily agree with.

You can take control of the situation now by making a will. Or by changing the one you already have to include charities like the Arts Centre of Christchurch Trust. It is very easy. All you need to do is tell your solicitor what you want to happen and they do the rest.

We can help you get your thoughts straight on making or changing a will with our information pack. It includes a useful checklist for you to complete before your solicitor's appointment so you don't forget anything important.

GIFTS FOR A SPECIFIC ASPECT OF THE ARTS CENTRE

If you choose to make a gift for a specific activity carried out at the Arts Centre such as funding a young stonemason, or for preserving a particular space such as the Great Hall, you can do so. Please contact us first though, to make sure that your vision can be achieved and the correct wording in your will is supplied to your solicitor.



THE ARTS CENTRE HAS BEEN AN ICONIC SITE FOR 140 YEARS. WILL YOU HELP PROTECT IT FOR THE NEXT 140?

TO FIND OUT MORE

If you would like an information pack mailed to you or would like to discuss leaving a gift to the Arts Centre, please contact our Fundraising Manager at (03) 366 0989 or email fundraising@artscentre.org.nz

We would love to hear from you if you do wish to leave a gift in your will in order to thank you.

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