

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

These are some of the most common questions people have about making a gift by will to the Arts Centre.

### **I know the Arts Centre was badly damaged in the earthquakes. What state is it in now?**

All of the 23 buildings were damaged in the quakes, some of them very badly. However from the outset we were determined to rebuild and repair this crown jewel of Christchurch, and fantastic progress has been made. To find out what has been done you can visit [these pages](#) on our website.

You are welcome to [contact our Fundraising Manager Susan Henson](#) who can show you what has been done, and what remains to be tackled. She can also tell you our exciting plans for the future.

### **Why is leaving a gift in my will so important to the Arts Centre of Christchurch?**

Gifts in wills are an important part of the income of the Arts Centre. Gifts from people like you help fund a number of projects and activities, from making sure the buildings are accessible and useable through to helping fund exciting arts, educational and cultural programmes. When you leave a gift in your will, you provide a critical source of funding for the Arts Centre to continue its important work, long into the future. You can feel confident your gift will be used to enhance the lives of many Cantabrians, other New Zealanders and visitors to Christchurch.

### **What will my family get out of my including the Arts Centre of Christchurch in my will?**

By including the Arts Centre as well as your family in your will, you will be helping to build a more culturally rich community for your own children and grandchildren. They will appreciate this when they go to a show, visit an exhibition, take a class or even just have a coffee or a stroll around the Arts Centre in the future. You will have a sense of having left a legacy of enduring value to Christchurch and to them.

### **What sort of gift in a will is most useful to the Arts Centre of Christchurch?**

Every gift in a will, regardless of type or size, is gratefully accepted. If you want to have the greatest impact then all or a share of the residue of your estate would probably achieve this, but you have to balance your family's needs with how you want to help us. Your solicitor would be a good person to discuss this with, but if you would like to talk to us or have any questions about the type or amount of your gift, or would like to direct the gift towards a specific purpose, please feel free to [contact the Arts Centre](#) for a confidential discussion. Your gift options are also explained in this information sheet.

### **Can you guarantee you will not spend it on administration?**

Inevitably there are costs associated with running any enterprise, and they are unavoidable. Whether any of these are met using your gift depends in part on what you want us to use it for. For instance providing exhibitions inevitably involves paying someone to set them up. There are ways of protecting the value of your gift and if you would like to find out what these are please [contact us](#). Your solicitor will also be able to help you but a conversation with the Arts Centre will be a useful first step.

## Can I direct that you use my gift in a particular way?

Yes you can, but if you wish to please contact us before seeing your solicitor. We want to make sure that what you have in mind is doable. It would be a great shame if we cannot use your gift as you intended we should. Also your solicitor will need to know the right wording to put in your will and you may need to tell them who to contact at the Arts Centre to make sure it is correct.

## Can I make a gift in memory or in honour of someone?

Yes you can, and we will be able to commemorate them alongside your name on the board on which we list and thank our supporters like you.

## How do I include a gift to the Arts Centre in my will?

You will need to make a will, or if you already have one ask your solicitor to change it to include the Arts Centre. It is incredibly easy to do – the most important thing is to seek professional advice from your lawyer or financial advisor. It is handy to take along to your first meeting with them a list of the things you want in it. To help you we can give you a checklist of what you should think about. Contact us for a copy.

## I don't have a solicitor. How do I find one?

The best way to find one is to ask a family member or a friend who they have used. Otherwise the New Zealand Law Society has a list of lawyers. Alternatively your local branch can help you find one. You can find its contact details [here](#).

## What wording will my solicitor need for my will?

Your solicitor will need to know the correct legal name of the Arts Centre. It is The Arts Centre of Christchurch Trust Board, charity registration number CC21247. With this information he can express your gift appropriately. Sample wording is available on this [information sheet](#).

## Once I make a gift in my will do I need to tell the Arts Centre?

We would naturally love to hear about what you have done. That way we will have the opportunity to thank you personally and discuss how we might invest your future gift. Letting the Arts Centre know what you've done also helps us plan for the future.

## Can I remain anonymous?

Of course. You are under no obligation to notify us of your intentions. However, we do recommend letting the Arts Centre know as this will help ensure the gift is correctly worded in your will. It will also give the Arts Centre an opportunity to thank you.

