

The power



Alex, aged 7

of a promise.



promise to create a world where
no-one on the autism
spectrum is left behind.

A promise for tailored education

One of the aims of Autism Spectrum Australia, also known as Aspect, is to provide education that helps every child fulfil their unique potential, and develop confidence and skills that can be taken into every part of their life.

Our Aspect schools celebrate the strengths and interests of children with autism everyday, through encouragement, engagement, learning and understanding.

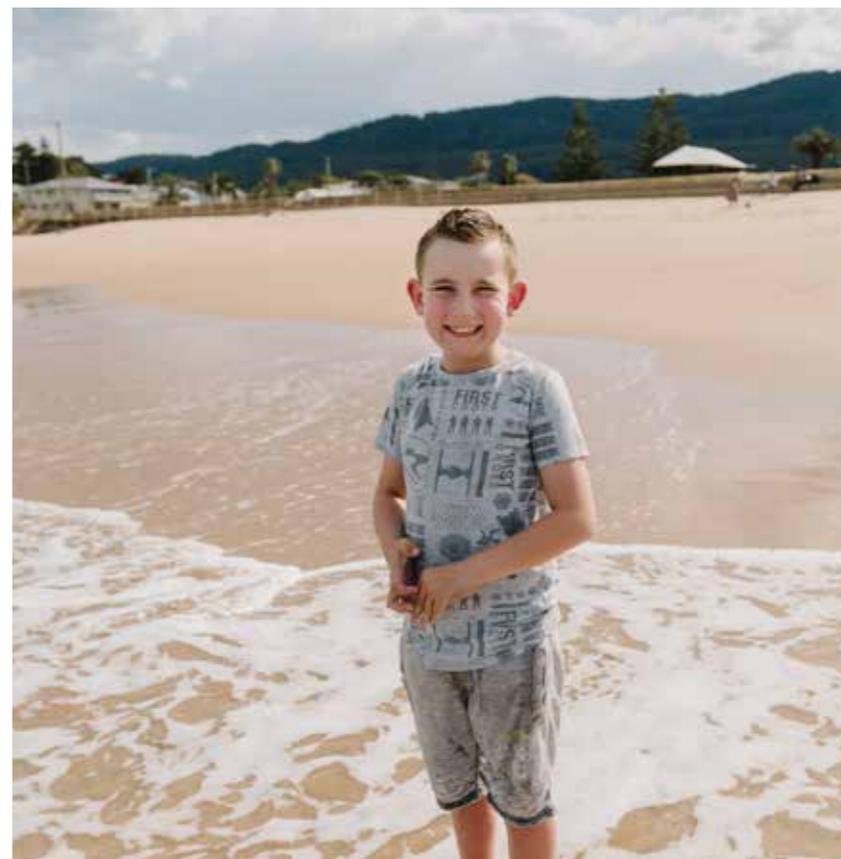
When Liam started at his Aspect school he was in his own world, unable to communicate or connect, even with his parents. He couldn't speak or concentrate for long, and was easily distressed by noise. But the program and resources in his Aspect classroom helped him overcome these barriers and develop the skills to live his best life.

Noise-cancelling ear muffs kept Liam calm so he could concentrate for longer in class. iPads, interactive whiteboards, visual aids and storyboards together with the specialised program provided by his teachers helped Liam learn to communicate, express his needs and better understand his emotions. These achievements have transformed Liam's life and helped his personality to shine.

As his mum, Vicky said *"I fear that without Aspect, Liam would still be in his own world and we would not have been able to reach in and see how amazing, funny and loving he is."*

Your gift can help to provide our classrooms with the vital equipment and teaching tools that can change the world for children like Liam. Your generosity will help not just one child but many - for generations to come.

Liam saw his world open with the help of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)



A promise for progress

Gifts from Wills are treated in a very special way by Aspect. Unless you tell us otherwise, all gifts are dedicated to major projects with a lasting impact. This ensures your gift will benefit people on the spectrum for generations to come.

Gifts from Wills have allowed us to establish brand new services, pilot ground breaking approaches and reach new geographic areas. In 2019, donations from Wills have made it possible for us to build a brand new school.

A gift to Aspect in your Will is a gift that will continue to transform lives.

**A promise
that lasts
beyond
a lifetime**



Meet Sarah, a proud member of our Promise Program.

Sarah Pieters decided to make a promise that will last beyond her lifetime - a promise to improve the world for people on the autism spectrum.

Sarah has been aware of Aspect's work for as long as she can remember. As a child, she lived down the road from the first ever Aspect School and even remembers attending the school's first fete. But her personal passion for creating a more autism-friendly world was sparked when she got a job with Aspect.

"I started to read about autism and I was fascinated by it," Sarah says. "People I met with autism had a different way of seeing the world, and our world just isn't shaped to work for them. I felt really passionate about the need to change things to remove that disadvantage."

Sarah's determination to improve the lives of people on the autism spectrum grew. It led to her making the choice to leave a gift in her Will to Aspect.

"Aspect has transformed so many lives and it's so wonderful to see the faces of the families and children," said Sarah.

"I think it's one of the great joys of life to be able to help people who need a hand...Yet I know there is so much more to do, which is why I've left a gift in my Will and why I continue to support Aspect today. I know how important what they do is."

"Leaving a gift in your Will is an opportunity to make sure that the things you're passionate about during your life continue to live on once you're gone."

- Sarah Pieters.

How to leave a gift in your Will

Leaving a gift in your Will is a meaningful promise, and a significant commitment. Here are some of the questions we are frequently asked, to help answer your own.

FAQ

What is a gift in a Will or bequest?

A gift in a Will is a sum of money, items of property, or possessions left in your Will to individuals, groups, organisations and/or charities.

Why leave a gift to Aspect in my Will?

Leaving a gift in your will costs you nothing in your lifetime. But once you have provided for your loved ones leaving a gift to Aspect will profoundly impact the lives of people living on the spectrum for generations. These gifts have enabled Aspect to support people on the spectrum in ways that would not have been possible without such generosity.

What kind of gift can I leave?

There are a number of different ways you can include Aspect in your Will and it is up to you which type of gift best suits your personal needs. The three main types of bequest are:

Residuary: You can make a gift of the residue (or remainder), or a percentage of the residue, of your estate once family members and specific expenses or debts have been taken care of. What's left is called the 'Residuary Estate'.

Specific: You may wish to make a gift of a specific item, group of items or asset, for example real estate, shares or bonds, or an item of particular value, such as jewellery or a collection of artworks.

Pecuniary: You can make a specific bequest by simply stating the dollar amount in your Will that you wish to leave to Aspect.

Is there a minimum amount I need to donate?

No - gifts in Wills can be of any value, big or small. You don't have to be wealthy to leave a gift in your Will to Aspect. We are grateful for all gifts we receive because every donation helps to improve the lives and opportunities of people on the autism spectrum.

How will Aspect use my gift?

Unless you specify otherwise, each gift is very carefully invested by Aspect and its Board to be used on major projects that will endure for decades - like new schools, major building renovations and establishing new ways to help children and adults on the spectrum. We ensure that every gift is used where it is needed most and where the benefits for people on the autism spectrum will be greatest.

How do I go about leaving a gift in my Will to Aspect?

Your Will is an important legal document, and we recommend that you get help from a professional solicitor, trustee company or the Public Trustee. To make the process as easy as possible, we can assist you and your solicitor by providing suggested wording. Please get in touch to request a copy of our gift in wills booklet.

If you would like more information on how to leave a gift for Aspect in your Will please contact Laura on 1800 288 476 or email fundraising@autismspectrum.org.au.

A promise that continues to change lives

With the help of generous people like you, Aspect has been supporting people on the autism spectrum, their families and carers for over 50 years.

Our tailored learning environments allow children growing up on the spectrum to build their strengths, explore their interests and develop life-long skills. And our adult services support adults on the spectrum to build independence and succeed in the wider community.

By investing in continued research, innovation, and more autism-friendly environments, your gift will help to ensure people on the autism spectrum have the best opportunities to overcome their barriers and achieve their goals. This is how we can make sure that no-one on the autism spectrum is left behind. This is the power of your promise.

Please

**join our Promise Program
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