



Leaving a bequest to Villa Maria will make a difference to future generations

Leaving a gift in your Will to Villa Maria will help us to serve the community into the future through quality aged care, disability and education services.

At Villa Maria, we face a future of ever increasing need for our essential services. We face a future that will demand specialised services be made available to a far wider community geographically.

We depend on the ongoing support of the community to achieve our goals. Your bequest is an enduring investment that we can apply to a range of vital programs and initiatives. It will make a real difference to the lives and futures of people who have special needs, whether they are young or old.

About Villa Maria

Since 1907, Villa Maria has provided vital services and facilities for the people of Victoria.

We deliver quality and innovative disability, education and senior services that empower and enrich individuals and communities. Your caring gift will help us to confidently plan ahead to meet the needs of people in our community.

Further information

Thank you for your interest in considering a bequest to Villa Maria. To discuss your wishes further, please contact:

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Paving the way to a brighter future



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VILLA MARIA



From humble beginnings in 1907 to one of Victoria's largest providers of disability, education and senior services

Villa Maria is a not-for-profit, values-based organisation providing quality services and life enhancing opportunities for older people and people with a disability.

Every day, we put into action our values of compassion, accountability, respect and courage as we support more than 5,000 people in more than 60 programs across 42 locations.

Our vision is to create choices and build inclusive, sustainable and compassionate communities.

A living memorial

In 1907, a young, inspirational woman called Louisa Fawcner gathered together a band of volunteers to establish the Catholic Braille Writers Association that has evolved into the Villa Maria of today.

The very name 'Villa Maria', which came into being in 1948, reflects bequests by early supporters Mary O'Connor and Mary Ahearn.

The organisation took its name from Villa Maria Hostel for blind people that opened in Donald Street, Prahran in 1938 as a result of a bequest of more than £700 by Mary Ahearn and the donation of property for the hostel by Mary O'Connor.

As the needs of those in our community have changed, so have our services, moving away from specialist services for people who are blind to offering a wide range of services for older people and people with a disability.

Your bequest too, would be a living memorial; a commitment made in the past but realised in the future. It will bring lasting benefits to future generations



What we do

The services Villa Maria offers include:

- Disability Services
- Education Services
- Senior Services

Villa Maria offers services ranging from specialist education and early childhood intervention for children with disabilities or developmental delays, to community based and in-home support services for older people and people with a disability, carer respite options and residential aged care.

While much of our work is government funded, some programs and initiatives depend on donations from individuals, foundations and corporations.

Making a bequest in your Will

Making a Will ensures that your loved ones follow your wishes in distributing your estate. It also gives you the opportunity to leave bequests to organisations that you value, such as Villa Maria.

What you need to do

We encourage you to seek professional legal, estate planning and financial advice before deciding on your course of action.

Our Relationships Manager will be happy to assist you to establish a bequest for Villa Maria.

What our supporters say

For over 50 years I have followed Villa Maria's tremendous expansion and diversification into the fields of multiple disability and care of the frail aged, and I felt I would like to help in that work when I am no longer here. It was a very simple process to have a bequest inserted in my Will and it gave me great satisfaction to do so. I would strongly urge everyone who is in a position to do so, to do likewise.

Margaret Raw

My involvement with Villa Maria goes back to the 1930's when I was privileged to translate many books into Braille for the blind students at St Paul's. I have retained my interest ever since and have mentioned Villa Maria and St Paul's in my Will.

I encourage fellow donors to consider leaving a bequest to Villa Maria; this continued support is invaluable for their ongoing work for the underprivileged and aged, for whom they care.

John Rudd

My late wife Vera and myself have supported Villa Maria and St Paul's in various ways over the years. One of our contributions will be a bequest. I believe a bequest is a wonderful way to assist Villa Maria after we pass on. Therefore I have no hesitation in recommending to other donors the suggestion of a bequest in due course.

Gordon James