

Give the Gift of a Meaningful Life

You can bring meaning, purpose
and joy to the lives of people
with intellectual disabilities –
through a gift in your Will.



IHC has always been about **community, compassion, and fairness.**

For more than 70 years, IHC has helped people with intellectual disabilities live rich, full lives. Lives where they can be a part of their communities, experience what makes them happy, and be safe from unjust treatment.

By including IHC in your Will, you will give the gift of a meaningful life to many future New Zealanders like Stefano, who you'll read about on the next page.

You will help IHC continue to open up possibilities for people with intellectual disabilities and keep advocating for the rights and services they need in our fast-changing world.

With a gift in your Will, you'll make sure IHC is always here to support people like Stefano and their families, whatever their future challenges.

**I've left a gift in my Will and
would love you to join me.**

Thank you so much,

Janine Stewart

General Manager
IHC Programmes





Why I've left a gift in my Will

“Our son Stefano is an absolute delight.

He needs a lot of support just to get out of bed but he always wakes up with a grin on his face.

Stefano had trouble breathing when he was born, which led to both intellectual and physical disability.

Throughout Stefano's life, IHC has helped us with information, practical support and a feeling of not being alone.

IHC has been there for people like Stefano and their families for more than 70 years.

I've left a gift in my Will to IHC to help make sure they are around for the next 70 years and beyond.”

- Barbara Rocco



I love this photo of Stefano. He was about 7 years old and he loved us reading stories to him.

IHC was such an important part of our family life back then, as it still is for us and for so many families around New Zealand today.

Will you play a role in the future fight for fairness?

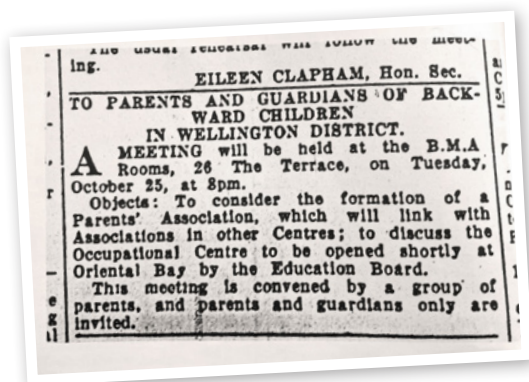
IHC began in 1949, when Margaret and Hal Anyon took action to give their son Keith the life he deserved.

Because Keith was born with Down syndrome, he was denied the chance to learn or be part of society.

After seven years of fighting for Keith's right to an education, Margaret and Hal still had no response from the government. So they formed the Intellectually Handicapped Children's Parent's Association.

That was the start of IHC, the pioneering charity that still works tirelessly so New Zealanders with intellectual disabilities can live with meaning, choice and opportunity.

By including IHC in your Will, you will help create a kinder, fairer, more inclusive society for people like Keith in the future.



Newspaper notice of IHC's first meeting, 1949.



Keith Anyon learning shoe cobbling in the early 1950s.

How to leave a gift in your Will

Deciding on who will benefit from your Will is one of the most important and personal decisions you will make.

But the steps are very simple.

1. Speak to your loved ones

We encourage you to talk to your loved ones about your decision to leave a gift to IHC so they understand the importance of this gift to you and the difference you can make in so many lives.

It's important to remember you can provide for the people you love – and still leave a life-changing gift to IHC.

2. Visit your solicitor

Most Wills are prepared by a solicitor or trustee company, who will advise you on what you need to consider when making your Will.

You'll need to tell them who you want to benefit from your Will and who will act as your executors.

Here is some wording your lawyer may wish to use:

"I give the gift of _____
(your lawyer will complete this) to
IHC New Zealand Incorporated
(registered charity number CC22478),
for its general purposes, and I declare
that a receipt given by the Chief Executive
or other authorised officer shall be an
absolute discharge to my Trustees."



My name is Lisa Marshall and I have been working with Janine on Gifts in Wills for more than a year.

Like Janine, I've left a gift to IHC in my Will to help build a better future for people with intellectual disabilities and their families.

It's the best way I have to make sure IHC can keep tearing down barriers and helping people like Stefano live with more opportunity, choices and freedom in the decades to come.

You don't have to leave a lot to make a significant difference. A gift in your Will of any size will help continue IHC's powerful work for people with intellectual disabilities for long into the future.

Please get in touch if you would like to have a confidential, no obligation chat about leaving a gift in your Will to IHC.

I'd love to answer any questions you have and talk to you about the meaningful impact you can make.

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Thank you for your consideration