

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL



Will you leave a gift
in your Will to ensure
Locklan's future?





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Jean Pitkin - Northcott Bequestor

“Knowing firsthand the dedication and enthusiasm of Northcott’s staff, and the very real changes they make in the lives of people with disabilities, it wasn’t difficult to make the decision to include Northcott in my Will to help ensure that these essential services continue into the future.

I have supported Northcott for many years now and I really believe in their mission to build a truly inclusive society. Enabling children with disabilities to become part of that society, through Northcott’s efforts to provide education and career opportunities, is why I wanted to continue my support by remembering them in my Will. I believe that it is really important that people like myself contribute to the ongoing provision of services to people with disabilities.

Many people put off making their Wills, but I urge you to think about it. You just never know what’s around the corner, so why not do it now? And don’t forget Northcott!”

What does Northcott Disability Services do?

Northcott Disability Services (formerly known as the NSW Society for Crippled Children) is the largest provider of services to people with disabilities and their families in NSW and the ACT and we've been doing this for over 80 years.

However, we constantly need to extend the breadth of our services to meet the enormous need that exists. That means funding more services, generating more opportunities and creating more choice for people with disabilities.

It's all thanks to donors like you that people with disabilities can be part of an inclusive society.

Just like Jean, you too can ensure people with disabilities get the best support possible

Northcott offers over 100 different services and works with over 10,000 people with disabilities, their families and carers statewide. It's all thanks to donors like you that we can offer so much support including:

- **Early childhood support services** such as therapy, learning playgroups and transition to school services - helping children with a disability to be included in society from an early age.
- **Family support services** including assistance in accessing resources, parent support groups, home modification assistance and respite – helping families to meet the challenges of disability with full support.
- **Residential accommodation** for young people and adults who want to learn to live independently – helping them to develop life skills and self-confidence.
- **Employment services and community participation programs** – helping people with disabilities to make a valuable contribution to society and giving them the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Locklan Everson (age 5) Northcott Client

"A year ago Locklan was stuck in a body that wouldn't work properly. He was four years old, he wasn't toilet trained, he was struggling to communicate, and his behaviour was terrible - he was out of control. We didn't know what to do. Locklan was struggling and so were we."

Life for Locklan Everson and his grandparents, Sharon and Neil was very different a year ago.

"Once we were in touch with Northcott, Locklan was then diagnosed with autism, dysphagia (difficulty swallowing) and dyspraxia and since our first conversation with Northcott, we've had so much help from them.

I don't know where we would be without Northcott and in particular our Case Manager, Ashley, she's our angel. Northcott have worked with Locklan to improve his communication skills and his behaviour so that now we know what to do if he's upset and he needs to calm down."

Things have improved so much that Locklan will be going to school this year. Through Northcott's Transition to School Program, Locklan's therapists liaise with the school to make sure that there are no problems when Locklan starts school.



Locklan enjoying playtime



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Sharon Everson, Locklan’s Grandmother

“One time I took scissors and cut my arm. I was so frustrated with everything. Ever since I met Jade everything is different. He has taught me how not to be frustrated. I’m very grateful to have him.”



Zoe and her mentor, Jade near her home in Ettalong



Zoe Dorsett (age 18) Northcott Client

The difference that Northcott's Leaving Care Mentoring Program for young people has made to 18-year-old Zoe, who has an intellectual disability, is very clear. 18 months ago she had no self-confidence, she was struggling to communicate, she was going to drop out of school and most worryingly, she was self-harming.

"I couldn't look people in the face and I couldn't explain myself properly at school if there was a problem. One teacher called me stupid, that really upset me. I didn't know how I could make anything better."

Fast forward 18 months and Zoe is a happy, chatty, young adult. This incredible transformation is all down to the work that Zoe's mentor, Jade Strongman, and Zoe herself have put in together. Zoe has just celebrated graduating from High School, where she gained an award for English, she has a job and is looking forward to learning how to live independently. The future is bright and full of choices for Zoe.



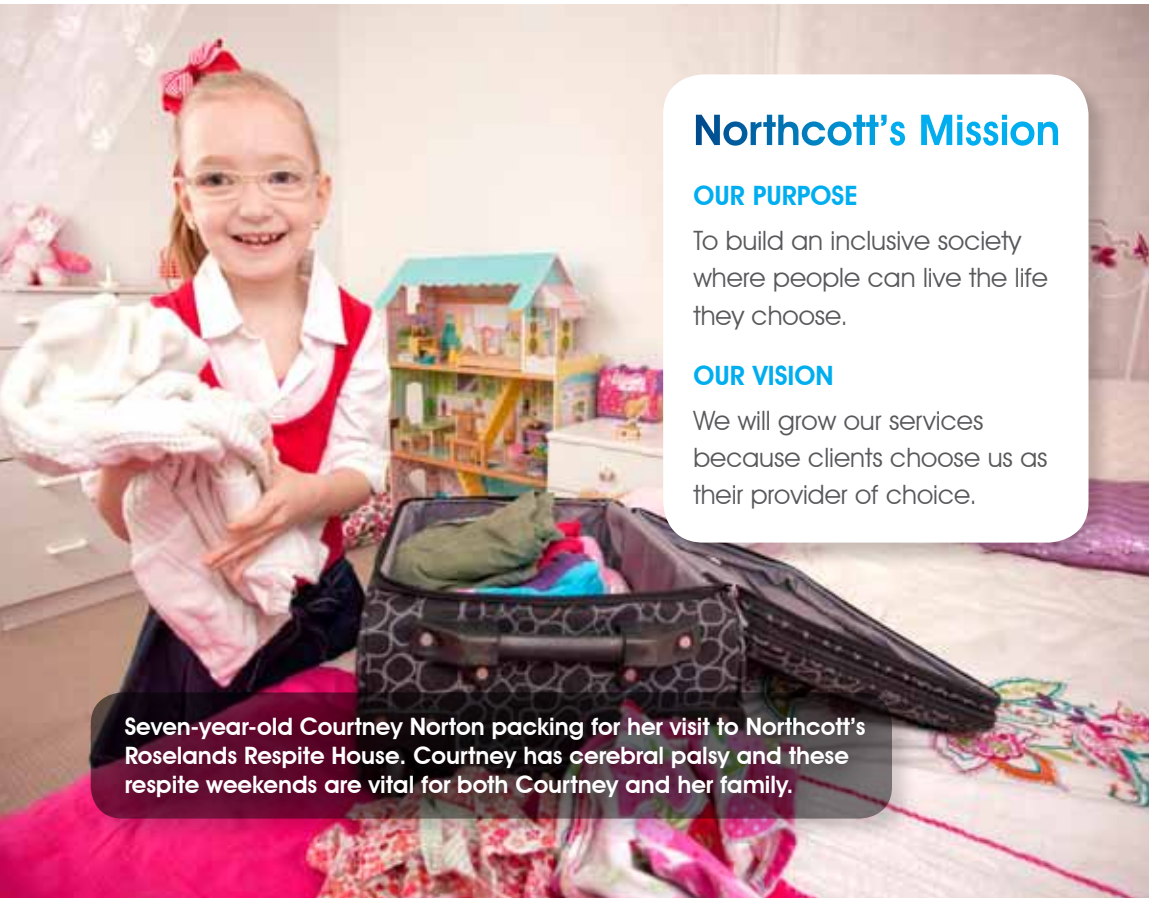
Five Facts You Might Not Know About Disability

- One in five people in Australia have a disability ^[1]
- Australians with a disability have the poorest quality of life in the developed world ^[1]
- Every week, five more Australians sustain a spinal cord injury and 10 to 15 sustain a severe traumatic brain injury ^[1]
- A disability can be physical, intellectual, sensory, acquired or degenerative: one of these things, some of these things or all of these things ^[2]
- The disability rate increases steadily with age – anyone can acquire a disability at any time ^[3]

[1] From the PWC report 'Disability Expectations – Investing in a better life, a stronger Australia'

[2] From the WHO report on disability

[3] From the Australian Bureau of Statistics – Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings



Northcott's Mission

OUR PURPOSE

To build an inclusive society where people can live the life they choose.

OUR VISION

We will grow our services because clients choose us as their provider of choice.

Seven-year-old Courtney Norton packing for her visit to Northcott's Roselands Respite House. Courtney has cerebral palsy and these respite weekends are vital for both Courtney and her family.

Your Legacy for the Future

Northcott invites you to help ensure that we continue to meet the enormous need that exists well into the future.

By remembering Northcott in your Will, you have the opportunity to change the lives of children and adults living with a disability. We rely heavily on the generosity of supporters like you and whatever the size of your gift, it will make a difference to people with disabilities, enabling them to develop their skills so that they can achieve their goals and dreams.

The May Gibbs Legacy

SNUGGLEPOT AND CUDDLEPIE

One of the most substantial bequests to Northcott has been from May Gibbs, the creator of the Gumnut Babies, Snugglepote and Cuddlepie.

May's first Australian children's book was published in 1918 and featured the adventures of the two Gumnut Babies. May Gibbs died in 1969, but her legacy to children with physical disabilities lives on. She bequeathed 50% of the copyright (profit on sales), from the designs of her bush baby characters to Northcott.

Because of May Gibbs' legacy, Northcott has been able to assist thousands of children with disabilities and their families throughout NSW and the ACT.



HOW TO LEAVE A BEQUEST TO NORTHCOTT IN YOUR WILL

Leaving a gift to Northcott in your Will, or in an amendment to your existing Will, is easy to arrange. Through the generosity of such a gift, you will be helping to continue the provision of vital services to people with a disability, their families and carers far into the future.

It is strongly recommended that you seek legal advice either through your solicitor or the NSW Trustee & Guardian when drawing up your Will, as it is important that your wishes are properly expressed and that the correct legal wording is used.

TYPES OF BEQUESTS

- Residual Bequest:** a percentage gift of your estate after your other gifts, taxes and debts have been fulfilled.
- Specific Gift Bequest:** a legacy of a specific dollar amount.
- Specific Item of Value:** this could be an art collection, shares, insurance policies, and so on.

FOR A BEQUEST TO NORTHCOTT THE WORDING IS:

"I give and bequeath to Northcott Disability Services (a percentage or specific share) of the residue of my estate; or (a set dollar amount); or (specific item of value) for general use* and I declare that the receipt of the Company Secretary or other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my trustees for the said bequest."

* Or if you prefer to support a specific service, please let us know.

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I Would Like To Know More About Leaving A Gift In My Will

If you are considering leaving Northcott a gift in your Will, or would simply like more information, please complete this form, tear it off from the rest of the leaflet and moisten the edges to make it a secure reply paid envelope.

- I would like you to contact me to discuss leaving a gift in my Will
- Please send me more information about leaving a gift in my Will
- I have already arranged to leave a gift in my Will to Northcott – we greatly appreciate this support and would like to thank you personally

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YOUR DETAILS

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Address _____

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Email _____



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If you prefer, you can contact our Donor Liaison Coordinator on **02 9890 0518**



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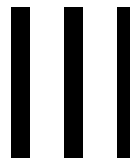
Or you can email our Donor Liaison Coordinator at **fund@northcott.com.au**

The information you provide will remain strictly confidential. At all times your privacy will be fully respected.

Thank you for your future promise of support,
we greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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