

A background image with a red tint showing a white van with "ROSIES Friends on the Street" and a logo on its side. A group of people, some wearing "Rosies" t-shirts, are gathered around the van. A person in a wheelchair is visible on the left. The scene is outdoors at night with streetlights.

# A GUIDE FOR YOUR WILL

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Your lasting wish for Rosies -Friends on the Street

# WELCOME



*A gift in your will can change lives, this booklet will show you how.*

*By leaving a gift in your Will to Rosies—Friends on the Street, you will ensure that Rosies remains on the street and in the communities where we are needed most, sharing friendship and connection and supporting those who are experiencing homelessness, hardship, disadvantage or social isolation.*

On behalf of our patrons, volunteers and all of the Rosies Community, thank you so much for considering a gift in your Will for Rosies—Friends on the street. Our volunteers impact the lives of those who are struggling every day on the street, ensuring that no one that we meet feels unloved, unsupported or alone. Leaving a gift in your Will is the best way to ensure that your compassion, care and love for those who are in need lives on through our work long into the future.

Our volunteers are dedicated to extending the hand of friendship to all those who attend outreach. Whether it be a hot cuppa, a warm smile, a much-needed conversation or a cozy blanket, their commitment to our friends is always present. As is the case with our Will supporters - this commitment to Rosies and the people we meet on the street creates a life-changing partnership. It would be a privilege to welcome you to the family.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jayne Shallcross".

Jayne Shallcross  
CEO, Rosies - Friends on the Street



## SHARING FRIENDSHIP





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# A LEGACY OF GIVING

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After more than a decade of service to our friends on the street, Mike and Linda hung up their red shirts and moved south to be closer to family. Although no longer able to volunteer with Rosies, it was important for the couple to stay connected to the organisation that had been such a large part of their lives - leaving a gift in their Will was an easy way to do that.

“Rosies was an important experience for us, and we know that there are ongoing costs like vans, vehicle maintenance, etc to keep it going. In the early days we struggled to get resources for outreach, but we felt like we could help with that. By leaving a gift in our Will we can make sure that Rosies lasts into the future or helps to build a new branch in an area that needs Rosies” Mike said.

For the couple it was important that the organisation they helped build was taken care of and after consulting their lawyer, they decided to leave a percentage of their estate to Rosies. “One of the things we decided when we wrote the Will was that if we left a certain amount, you don’t really know what that amount will mean when you do pass. A percentage was a better way to leave our gift and to make sure that it was really worthwhile for Rosies” Mike said.

Linda continued, “We have seen firsthand what Rosies can do - it was easy to leave a gift in our Will. The ministry of presence is so rare these days, Rosies provides practical support to our friends on the street, and we want them to be able to do so for a long time.”



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# ROSIES SAVED ME: JOAN'S STORY

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“Maddie saved my life,” those were the first words a patron spoke to volunteers when she arrived at outreach. The patron, Joan\*, wanted to make sure that Maddie knew how grateful she was for the extra support and encouragement Maddie gave her the previous evening.

Maddie noticed that Joan was off by herself and not looking well and went over to check on her. Joan confided in Maddie that she had major surgery the day before and was in a significant amount of pain and was really worried about her ability to recover well outside of hospital. The team later learned that Joan was sleeping rough and living with cancer - thankfully Maddie and the team were there when Joan needed support and their care and compassion helped Joan have the confidence to accept help when offered by the Micah nurses.

Four weeks later Joan returned to outreach and was keen to find Maddie and thank her. Joan recounted to one volunteer, “Maddie saved my life. I had an issue after my surgery and if she hadn’t kept encouraging me to talk to Micah and get help, I don’t know what would have happened if I had slept rough that night. I don’t think I’d be here today without Maddie’s kindness.”

For Maddison, the act of sitting and chatting with a stranger, offering a kind word, a friendly face and some assistance was business as usual, just part of her role as a Rosies volunteer. For Joan, that support was life changing.

\*Name changed for patron privacy



## REACH OUT TOGETHER

# ABOUT ROSIES

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Since 1987, Rosies has offered friendship and unconditional acceptance to those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or are experiencing hardship, social isolation or loneliness. Just as you would offer a cup of tea or coffee to a friend who was visiting your home, we do the same for our friends on the street.

In addition to our friends who are struggling with homelessness, many of the individuals that come to visit us on outreach have housing or jobs but are still having trouble making ends meet, or simply lack a support system. At Rosies we welcome all of our friends with open arms and friendly smiles- you'd be amazed what a cuppa and a chat

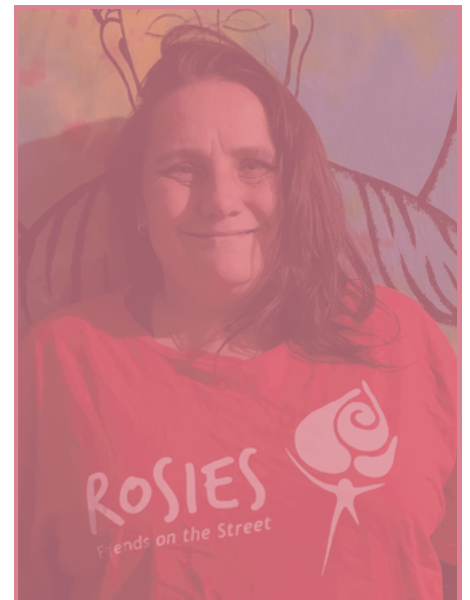


can do to improve someone's self-worth and build confidence. From our humble beginnings at Schoolies on the Gold Coast to the Rosies that we know and love today, our 1,500 volunteers share friendship somewhere across the state every night of the year. Teams of volunteers go out into local communities to spend time with our patrons, greeting them by name and often remembering their coffee

orders - it's the little things that our volunteers do that lets our patrons know that someone is looking out for them and cares about them, that they are valued.

Lis is a former patron and current Brisbane City volunteer remembers how a small gesture can mean so much, "When I used to come to Rosies I always like how the volunteers would remember that I only drank cold milo even when it was freezing out. The volunteer would see me coming and make me a cold milo without even asking and it made me feel special that someone would remember a little detail like that. I try and take the opportunity to do that for our regular patrons so that they know that someone cares about them and thinks they are special."

She continued "The Rosies people never judge. That was why I was always comfortable going there and why I wanted to volunteer with them."



## SHARING FRIENDSHIP

# GOOD COMPANY: JAKE'S STORY

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“It was the highlight of a dark time. Something I will never forget and will always be grateful for.” That’s what 20-something Jake Moss feels when he looks back on the six months he spent attending Rosies’ outreaches at the Sunshine Coast branch.

“I can honestly say attending their outreaches twice a week made a ginormous difference in my life for a little over six months,” he said.

The artist, who has been writing, painting and creating “all sorts of things” for as long as he can remember, said he first heard about Rosies when a disabled pensioner visited his art studio in 2019, telling him about the Sunshine Coast outreach.

“As I’m keen to connect with people, he suggested I drop by. I started attending and having dinner with patrons and conversing with volunteers,” he said.

Jake was grateful for the support and kindness the volunteers offered, which helped to create a great sense of community with their patrons. “Speaking from personal experience the best thing you can offer someone who is socially isolated is good company and Rosies’ volunteers gave me that in droves.”



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# THE SANDRA HAZEL SOCIETY

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It was Sandra Hazel, an active member of her local and church community, that the Oblates turned to for counsel on setting up the first schoolies outreach in 1987. Sandra played an intrinsic part in getting Rosies off the ground here in Queensland. It was under her guidance as well as that of Fr Paul Costello OMI and Fr Peter Daly OMI that Rosies continued to grow after the initial outreach week.

Sandra went on to coordinate and train Rosies volunteers and every year, she and Fr Peter Daly OMI acted as the spiritual advisors of the group and would spend two weeks leading the outreach team at Dhalanbah, the Youth Development Centre where our full time volunteers lived as a part of the youth mission.



When Rosies expanded into Brisbane, Sandra opened her home and team meetings were held at the Hazel house. Sandra Hazel brought the Rosies mission and charism to life with a strong faith and quiet commitment and gave tirelessly throughout her involvement with us.

As a tribute to Sandra and to ensure that her legacy of love and friendship lives on, we have named our Gift in Wills program in memory of her.

This program and its members will help provide long term financial security for Rosies, our volunteers, and the Queenslanders we support every day.

Sometimes our own personal circumstances do not allow for us to volunteer, or limits the ability to donate right now. A gift in your Will is a way that you can make a difference, now and into the future.

A gift in your Will helps to provide us with a consistent and reliable income, thereby ensuring our presence on the streets, in courts and in prisons for many years to come.

By joining the program, your gift will go on giving to those in need, just like Sandra did.

Members of the program will receive an envelope of rose seedlings as a symbol of beauty that blooms when something or someone is loved and cared for.



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# A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

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A bequest, a gift in your Will, is a very special way to support Rosies.

Your bequest to Rosies will make a lasting impact to the lives of those who are marginalised within our community - especially those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, struggling with hardship or socially isolated.

If you would like to make a gift in your Will to Rosies, please talk to your solicitor, contact us, or take advantage of our free online Will service provided by our friends at Gathered Here.

Your enquiry will be confidential and without obligation.

## WAYS TO GIVE

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After you have looked after your loved ones, a gift in your Will can make a life-changing difference for our friends on the street.

Here are two ways to include a gift in your Will to Rosies - Friends on the Street:

- **Residual:** You may choose to leave a percentage of the residue of your estate as a gift to Rosies.
- **Pecuniary gift:** You may nominate a specific sum of money in your Will.



## REACH OUT TOGETHER

# WILL WORDING

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Should you decide to include a gift to Rosies - Friends on the Street in your Will, please use the following wording to ensure that your wishes are fulfilled:

*I give and bequeath to Rosies Youth Mission Inc. (ABN: 68 041 152 768) presently of 109 North Road, Wynnum QLD 4178 to be applied for its general charitable purposes to assist those in need and **INSERT DETAILS OF THE GIFT** free from all duties and testamentary expenses. I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors or trustees for the same.*

# THANK YOU

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We want to honour your commitment to our work in your lifetime, and to show you our appreciation for your generosity towards Rosies - Friends on the Street.

To enable us to do this, please let us know if you have included a gift in your Will to Rosies so that we can thank you.

If you have any questions or wish to have an obligation free and confidential discussion about how you can ensure the future of Rosies, please call our Engagement Manager, **Lacey Hennessy Overton** on **07 3396 4267** or email **[overtonl@rosies.org.au](mailto:overtonl@rosies.org.au)**



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