Garvan bequest charter

At Garvan, we’re accelerating the medical discoveries. With your support, it’s within reach.

Making the decision to leave a bequest to support vital medical research is one that we want you to feel happy with. That’s why we make the following promises to our bequestors:

1. We will always respect your privacy. We recognise and appreciate that your Will is completely personal to you.

2. We also realise that, rightly, your family and loved ones will always come first.

3. Because we are committed to making a difference to people’s health, we always encourage people to leave something to Garvan. But we recognise that it’s your decision and you need to make it in your own time.

4. You can tell us that you’ve left a gift if you want to, and we’d love to hear – but you don’t need to and we won't keep asking.

5. If you do choose to tell us, we will give you the choice about how we talk to you in the future about our research.

6. We will give you and your family as much choice as we can about how and where your gift will be used to make a difference to the health of future generations.

7. We will use your gift carefully and cost effectively so that it has the greatest impact for our research.

8. We will give you the opportunity to be connected with the work we do, that is made possible by gifts like yours.

9. At any time, you have the absolute right to change your mind about a gift in your Will to the Garvan.

10. We will handle whatever gift you leave us efficiently – and also with care, sensitivity and respect.

For more information about leaving a gift in your Will to the Garvan Institute of Medical Research, please visit our website at garvan.org.au/bequest or call us on 02 9295 8559 or email bequests@garvan.com.au
Please enjoy getting to know a small selection of our Partners for the Future, and why they are supporting medical research that will benefit all mankind beyond their lifetimes by leaving a bequest in their Wills.

Ms Claire Greaves
“I think the greatest gift anyone can give is the gift of good health. When you leave a bequest in your Will to the Garvan Institute, you facilitate the gift of good health, whether it is a gift to ‘somebody’ or society generally.”

Mr Rick Stevens
“Every time I visit Garvan, I am reminded of what an amazing place it is. What really strikes me is the age range of the scientists. It is encouraging to know that the future of medical research will be in good hands, and that I am playing a small part.”

Mr & Mrs Gabriel and Joan Farago
“We asked ourselves, what could possibly be more important than supporting cutting-edge medical research which will benefit generations to come? The answer was obvious and we became Garvan bequestors.”

Mr Peter Olive
“My parents and grandparents passed the baton of a better life on to me and I feel it’s my duty to continue this and give back to others. That’s why I have included Garvan Institute in my Will. It’s reassuring to think that something I’ve accumulated throughout my lifetime can bring benefit to humanity as a whole.”

Mr William Walker
Mr Walker is a passionate supporter of Garvan’s work and recently reached an exciting milestone: his 102nd Birthday! “Statistics show that people are living longer, thanks to medical research. By remembering Garvan in my Will, I feel I am making a contribution to the increasing longevity of my fellow man.”

Ms Roberta Withnall
“The closeness of Garvan and The Kinghorn Cancer Centre has provided me with the opportunity to attend seminars, obtain literature, and keep up with the latest research developments. I am pleased to say that spending time at the Institute, and seeing the inspiring and important work being carried out by Garvan’s gifted researchers have confirmed to me that including a bequest to Garvan in my Will was a sound decision.”

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