I Will... Will you?
Our Achievements

Over the years, Baker IDI researchers have been responsible for many ground-breaking advances including:

- Development of a world-first treatment for severe and resistant high blood pressure
- Proving that exercise can lower blood pressure
- Developing blood thinning drugs as preventative treatment for heart attack, deep vein thrombosis and stroke
- Developing a method to repair heart valves without surgery
- Defining the difference between type 1 and type 2 diabetes.
For the past 85 years Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute has been at the forefront of medical research into cardiovascular disease, diabetes and related disorders.

In this time, our researchers have been responsible for many ground-breaking advances and discoveries, many of which have led to early diagnosis, improved treatments and prevention of these devastating diseases.

Achieving a medical breakthrough is a huge undertaking that requires the investment of both time and financial resources. To ensure we can continue to make these vital discoveries in the future, we rely on the foresight and kindness of people who believe in our mission to reduce death, disability and suffering caused by heart disease and diabetes.

It is due to the vision of our first benefactors Thomas and Alice Baker and Eleanor Shaw that we are now a world renowned medical research facility. We invite you to continue this wonderful tradition of supporting our life-saving research by leaving a bequest to Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute.

Choosing to support us in this special way will enable our scientists to deepen their understanding of heart disease and diabetes and develop treatments and solutions that could make a real difference to the lives of your loved ones and future generations.
Leaving a gift in your Will gives you the opportunity to make a much greater contribution than you may otherwise be able to make during your lifetime.

In 2008, a major bequest enabled Baker IDI to fund several vital areas of research, including the development of a world-first blood test to accurately predict who is at higher risk of a sudden and life-threatening heart attack.

This simple test has the potential to identify who will develop unstable coronary artery disease, and enables more targeted and effective patient treatment. The foresight of this bequest means our vital research could help to save the lives of millions of Australians living with heart disease.

By making a bequest, you will help us shape advances in medical science and develop solutions that might one day impact the life of your family and friends. Whatever the size, every bequest is important to us, helping us plan our future with confidence and security.
I Will make a difference...
“My own interest in Baker IDI and general medical research was initially one of self interest. My father’s family had a long history of cardiac problems with a number of deaths at an early age. Based on my genes there was a high probability that I would also have heart problems. I did, and believe my ability to survive an emergency triple by-pass in 1985, and several cardiac arrests a decade later was due significantly to me benefiting from the cumulative knowledge and skills derived from research at Baker IDI and similar organisations. Everyone’s life span and general health has been subsequently improved by the knowledge and skills acquired.

I have been a friend of Baker IDI for some time and have bequeathed part of my estate to them. I know this bequest will help fund additional research, benefiting others and hopefully helping them to be as lucky as I have been. By leaving a bequest you too can help save someone you love.”

- John Eastment
“Research is very near and dear to my heart, as I have had a by-pass and more recently a pacemaker fitted. Both these procedures have enabled me to live a longer and more productive life.

I feel very blessed and have shown my gratitude by supporting Baker IDI with donations four times a year. Receiving newsletters keeps me abreast of all the latest discoveries and treatments. I have also advised Baker IDI that I have left a gift in my Will to ensure that the vital work and ground-breaking advances in cardiovascular disease and diabetes continues.”

- Edna Davis
I Will make a bequest...
Including Baker IDI in your Will is an easy process. You can either include the bequest when you prepare your Will or simply add a CODICIL to your existing Will. To ensure your wishes are legally binding, we recommend you seek the advice of a solicitor.

Types of bequests

Residual gift: When all the other gifts in your Will have been made and every expense to finalise your estate has been paid, the remainder is known as your residual estate.

A residual gift is the best type of gift you can leave to Baker IDI because it will retain its value over time.

A percentage or proportion of your estate.

Assets: This could include shares, life insurance, property, proceeds of a bank account.

A pecuniary gift: This is a gift of a set amount of money.

The wording to use when making a bequest to Baker IDI

If you would like to include Baker IDI in your Will, here is an example of wording you can use:

“I devise and bequeath to Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute, ABN 98 131 762 948, the whole of my estate or (…) percent of my estate, or the residue of my estate free of all duties and deductions and I direct that the receipt of an authorised officer of Baker IDI shall be deemed proof of payment.”

Your bequest will be applied to our research priorities at the discretion of our Director at the time.

Alternatively, you may choose to nominate that your gift be used for a specific purpose or area of personal interest.
I Will join a special group of people...

When you include Baker IDI in your Will, you join a committed group of people who have chosen to support us in a very special way.

Our bequestors are thoughtful and generous individuals who care about the health and well being of future generations.

If you have made the decision to include Baker IDI in your Will, please let us know. We would like to keep you up to date with our research, invite you to special Baker IDI functions and acknowledge your wonderful generosity.

All the information received by Baker IDI will be treated in the strictest confidence and we will respect your wishes if you choose to remain anonymous.
I Will make the greatest gift...

By leaving a bequest to Baker IDI you will contribute to life-saving research every day whilst giving the greatest gift of all to millions of Australians who have been touched by heart disease and diabetes.

Your legacy will provide hope to 1.4 million Australians living with diabetes and 3.6 million Australians living with cardiovascular disease. Giving hope to improve their quality of life. Hope that one day there will be a cure. Hope to protect our future generations.

Viv looks forward to speaking with you personally about how you can make a bequest to Baker IDI and how your gift can make a lasting difference to our research.

Please feel free to contact Viv for a confidential conversation or to arrange a visit.

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