



## **LEAVING A BEQUEST TO THE HILLCREST AIDS CENTRE TRUST**

### **What is a Bequest?**

A bequest is a gift of money or property that you leave to a person or organisation after your death.

### **Why Should I leave a Bequest to the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust?**

Over the past 25 years, The Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust has worked tirelessly to help those impacted by HIV/AIDS and in the time, we have saved thousands of lives through our education, prevention and care and treatment programmes. However, even with the roll out of ARV medication in South Africa, there is still much work to be done. The battle against HIV/AIDS is far from over and will require a concerted and sustained effort by all involved. Leaving a bequest to the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust is one of the simplest and most effective ways you can help us realise our vision of an AIDS-free generation in South Africa.

### **Types of Bequests:**

#### **A specific sum of money**

This is the simplest form of bequest, but makes no allowance for the effects of inflation or any changes in the value of your estate. If you choose this option, you need to review your Will regularly to ensure the bequest remains relevant.

#### **Specific items**

Valuable items such as real estate, motor vehicles, antiques, art works, jewellery, etc. may be bequeathed to an organisation such as the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust.

#### **A percentage of your estate**

This ensures a fair distribution among all the beneficiaries, regardless of any influencing changes.

#### **The residue of your estate**

Whatever is left over after all taxes, liabilities and other bequests have been paid is known as the residue. You can bequeath the whole of the residue, or a percentage of it.

#### **A life insurance policy**

An existing policy, taken out years ago to safeguard a young family and no longer needed, can be ceded to the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust. Or you can take out a new policy naming us as the beneficiary.

## **How do I change my existing Will?**

Changes in tax law and your financial situation make it essential that you review your Will regularly. All that is required to update your Will is a simple Codicil, which is then attached to your Will. A Codicil is a legally binding instruction that effectively changes your Will without having to draft a new one, but it must be signed and witnessed with the same legal formalities as a Will.

## **Who is qualified to draw up a Will?**

Bankers, accountants, attorneys and financial consultants are skilled in drawing up Wills. We strongly recommend that you seek advice from a lawyer or financial advisor to ensure your wishes take effect. You can then relax, knowing that what matters to you is protected. In your Will it is important that the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust is correctly identified and that your chosen gift is described in sufficient detail. We recommend that you take the wording suggested below to your advisor for their information;

“I bequeath to the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust , registered NPO number 005-800 NPO, of 26 Old Main Road, Hillcrest, 3610, *(insert details of bequest)* and I express the wish that such estate be used for the general purposes of the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust.”

## **Can I request that my gift goes towards a specific area of your work?**

It is preferable that your Will does not specify a restriction as to how the funds should be used. Instead we ask that you allow the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust to decide how your gift will best help those impacted by HIV/AIDS, at the time it is received. Although we have long-term plans in place, HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention strategies do change over time and it is important that we are able to continue responding to the most urgent needs of those impacted by the pandemic. However, if you would like to restrict your bequest to a specific aspect of our work, please contact us to discuss this.

**For a confidential discussion and any questions you may have regarding leaving a bequest to the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust, please contact our Marketing & Fundraising Manager, Claire Hodgkinson on 031 765 5866 / [fundraising@hillaims.org.za](mailto:fundraising@hillaims.org.za).**

**Thank you in advance for your support.**

**With your help, we can make a difference!**

