

In 2001, 100,000 Dalits gathered in New Delhi to appeal for the equal rights and privileges that they had been denied for 3,000 years. Their cry was simple: **“Give us freedom from caste bondage and untouchability, and give our children equal opportunities to determine their own personal identity and destiny.”** DFN and our Good Shepherd Schools were founded in response to this plea.



Who is Dignity Freedom Network?

With the help of our partners, we strive to:

- ✓ Provide quality education to Dalit and vulnerable children.
- ✓ Impart to these children an appreciation of their human worth and dignity, spiritual renewal and social equality, giving each child an opportunity to know that they are created by a God who loves them.
- ✓ Provide skills and vocational training for Dalit women, enabling them to achieve economic independence.
- ✓ Develop public health education and disease prevention.
- ✓ Increase awareness of the plight of the Jogini women and girls around the nation.

Thank you!



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Leave a gift
in your Will

Provide a lasting legacy that
will impact the lives of marginalised
women and girls in India



Transforming Lives

For more than 50 years Good Shepherd/OMIF have been transforming lives and communities across India. With 103 schools, more than 26,000 mainly Dalit and marginalised children provided with education, health care, economic development projects and more, DFN and Good Shepherd/OMIF are impacting the lives of millions of vulnerable people across India.

In particular, DFN Australia is working to bring the abhorrent Jogini practice to an end, a practice whereby girls are dedicated to the temple goddess, and trapped in a life of ritualised sexual abuse. Juginis suffer depression, health issues, HIV and AIDS, alcoholism and stigmatisation.

What your gift can do

- ✓ Continue and expand our work to see the practice of Jogini eliminated.
- ✓ Give education and the promise of a bright future to 1,000's of vulnerable children.
- ✓ Continue the work of our shelter where the most at-risk girls are housed.
- ✓ Support our Jogini Village Workers to expand into more villages.
- ✓ Provide health care, counselling and vocational training for abused women.

Bequests and Wills

A bequest is a gift made in a last Will and testament. After you have provided for your family and friends, we invite you to consider leaving a bequest to enable DFN to continue helping vulnerable women and girls in India.

How to leave a bequest

We recommend that you contact your solicitor, accountant or financial advisor for professional advice on making or changing your Will.

Recommended wording

We suggest that you add the following wording to your Will:

I give to Dignity Freedom Network Australia ABN 84 610 263 404 the sum of \$ _____ (or _____ % of my residuary estate) to be applied for its charitable purposes. I declare the receipt of the Secretary or other officer will be sufficient discharge to my Executors who will not be bound to see the application of this gift.

Please let us know

If you have chosen to make DFN a beneficiary in your Will, we would love to hear so we can recognise your generosity and thank you personally.

If you wish, we will keep you informed about our work and events.

The Bequest Process

The process of including DFN in your Will is straightforward. You can also nominate how you would like your bequest to be used.

- 1 The first step is to decide which type of bequest you would like to include.

Residuary – the remainder of the Estate after specific gifts have been disbursed.

Percentage – a percentage of the residue or the entire Estate.

Pecuniary – a specific gift of cash.

Specific asset – this could be real estate, shares, bonds or other items of value (works of art, jewellery etc.).

- 2 The second step is to ensure the correct wording is used in your Will.

It's advisable to seek legal advice when preparing a Will to ensure your plans are valid.

We can help you with this process and suggest a solicitor.

- 3 If you would like to speak to one of our team, please email Jonathan Rodwell at jonathan@dfn.org.au or phone 1800 949 774.

Your gift will provide freedom for marginalised women and girls.

