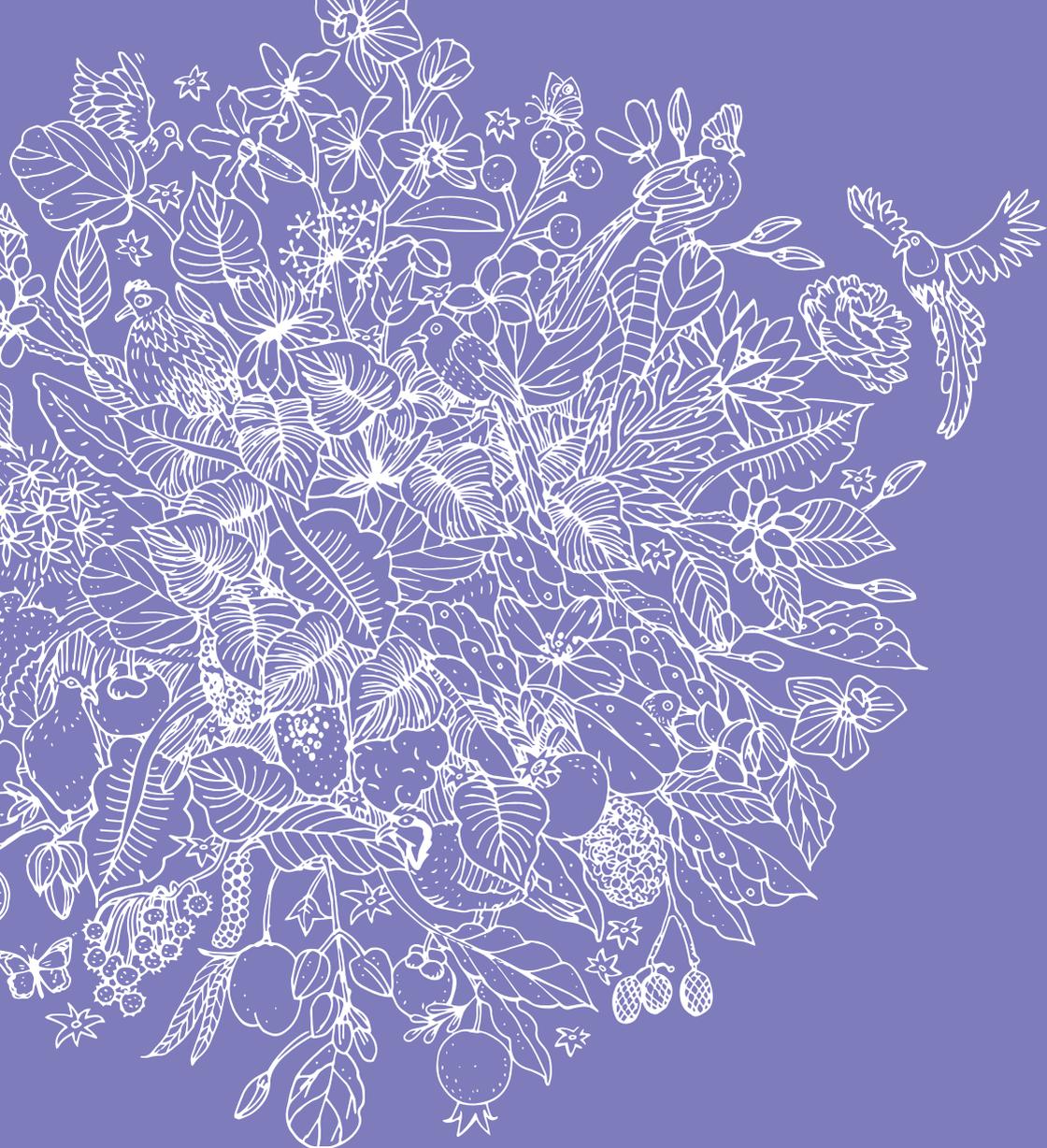




**Forever Free. Always Welcome.**

**A gift in your Will to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre  
can create a legacy capable of protecting freedom, forever.**



**“The ASRC is called by people the ‘Home of Hope’. For me, it wasn’t just a place of hope - it was a place of belief, a place where I found my strength, and I found my resilience, and my new beginnings.**

- Amida\*

\*Throughout this booklet names have been changed and stories amalgamated to protect the identity of people seeking asylum

## Who we are

**The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) is Australia’s largest human rights organisation providing support to people seeking asylum. We are an independent not-for-profit organisation whose programs support and empower people seeking asylum to maximise their own physical, mental and social well being. We champion the rights of people seeking asylum and mobilise a community of compassion to create lasting social and policy change. The ASRC movement is proudly supported by a community of committed volunteers and supporters.**

We began as a TAFE project in 2001, when Kon Karapanagiotidis, then a teacher, discovered that people seeking asylum were living in the community with virtually no basic support. This led to the creation of a student-run and community funded Foodbank which was launched from a tiny shop in Footscray with only a few boxes of food. That same year, the ASRC was established on 8 June 2001.

As an independent, community-led organisation, the ASRC is in a unique position to advocate for the human rights of people seeking asylum, free from the pressures of government or the private sector. For this reason, the ASRC has been able to take a leading position in the opposition of Australia’s asylum seeker policy, while offering alternatives to issues faced by people seeking asylum and refugees.

Today we are the largest independent human rights organisations for refugees and people seeking asylum. Our work on the frontline with people seeking asylum informs our practise and enables us to effectively advocate for and alongside people with lived experience.

We offer more than 40 holistic programs that protect people seeking asylum from persecution and destitution, support well-being and dignity, and empower people to advance their own future.

We are proudly owned and run by our community and supported by a network of more than 1,000 volunteers and 100 staff in assisting around 6,000 people seeking asylum each year.



The ASRC is born



## Message from Kon

Having the freedom to determine our own futures is a blessing many of us take for granted, but something that the ASRC strives to make possible for refugees and people seeking asylum in our community every day. Giving a gift in your will to the ASRC is a powerful, compassionate way to help us continue this important work and to ensure the future dignity, freedom and independence of people seeking asylum in our community.

The growth of this organisation and movement for human rights since 2001 is an astonishing testament to the power of community and to the shared values of justice, integrity and respect for others upon which the ASRC is founded.

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to the ASRC as an expression of your values and a legacy of freedom and welcome to future generations.

**Kon Karapanagiotidis OAM**  
Asylum Seekers Resource Centre Founder and CEO



## Our vision

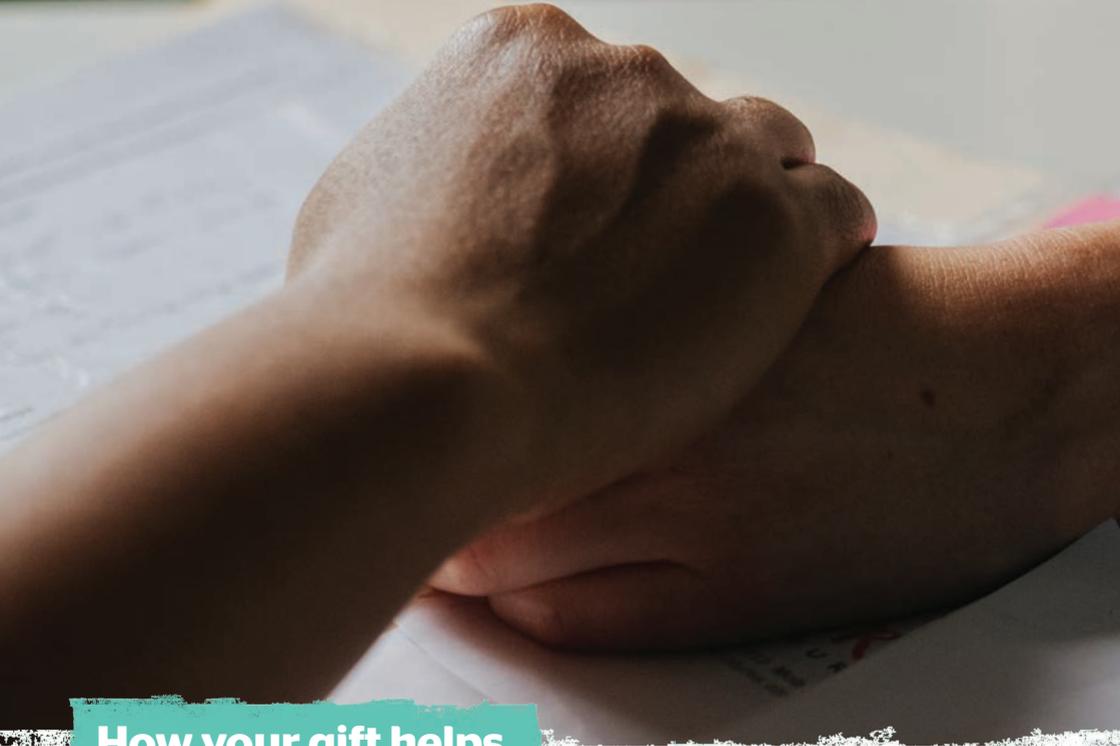
Our vision is that people seeking asylum can live safely, sustainably, independently and equally.

## Our mission

The ASRC is a place and part of a movement.

We support and empower people seeking asylum at critical junctures of their journey.

Building on our proximity to those with lived experience, we mobilise and partner for a community of compassion, justice and opportunity.

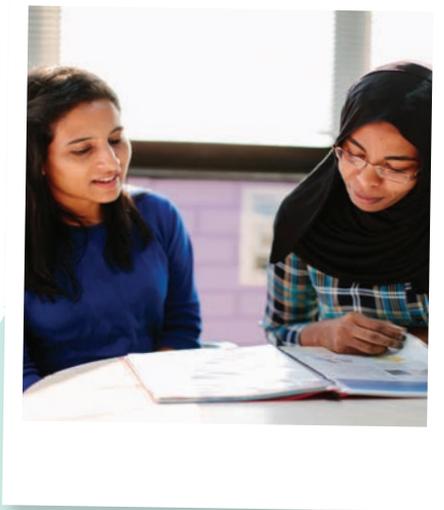


## How your gift helps

A gift in your Will of any size plays a vital role in ensuring the ASRC has the freedom to fearlessly continue to protect, support and empower people seeking asylum, so they can advance their own futures. Importantly, your gift helps the ASRC build capacity to independently advocate for people seeking asylum and drive lasting change.

**“Before I felt very alone, like no one is here to help. If you leave your country, your heart is very small. You don’t have family, relatives, no one is here. When I went to the ASRC I feel I have family, I have friends, people who care.”**

- Aheda\*



## Your gift can nourish

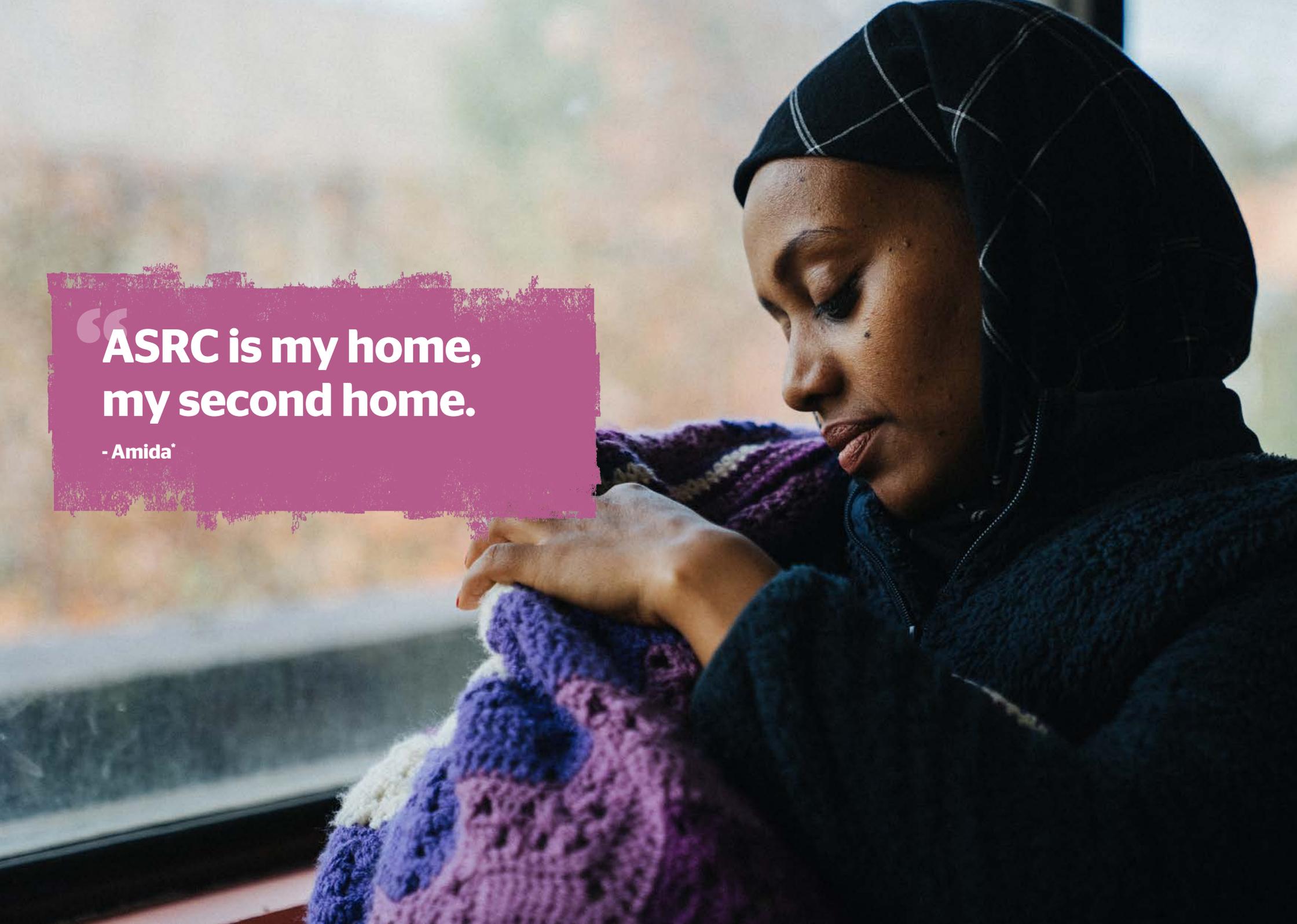
**Offer food security to more than 1,000 refugees and people seeking asylum, including families, each week through the ASRC Foodbank.**

Provide hot meals five days a week to around **240 people**, that’s over **61,250 meals** a year.



**“I come once a week for lunch and meet up with the friends I have made at the ASRC. We talk and support each other; it’s all very good for us.**

- Mahnoor\*



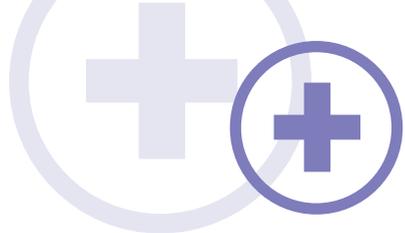
“ASRC is my home,  
my second home.

- Amida\*



## Your gift can protect

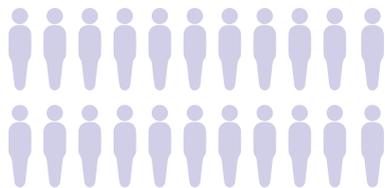
Provide a range of **primary health services**, prioritising people seeking asylum without access to Medicare.



**“I wouldn't still be here if it wasn't for counselling. I've remembered all the things you taught me and I'm using it to help other people in my new job.”**

- Ayesha\*

Provide intensive **trauma-informed support** to high-risk clients.



Provide rental **support to members who are facing homelessness**, and have exhausted all other options.



**“The support of the ASRC helped me to keep going when things seemed hopeless.”**

- Mulati\*



## Your gift can empower

Assist refugees and people seeking asylum to find **reliable work and develop career pathways** by partnering with employers to source suitable vacancies.



Help refugees and asylum seekers find **reliable work and career pathways through a mentoring program.**



**Our new Dandenong Hub - opening in early 2021** will bring together community sector organisations, each with their own areas of expertise, to provide a one-stop-shop for people seeking asylum to access services, programs and community activities that increase their well-being.



## Your gift can defend

### Actively engage in policy and law reform,

community legal education and training and outreach to detention centres.



### Advocate for people seeking asylum in onshore and offshore detention,

and provide emotional support, information about the complexities of Australia's policies, and make referrals to legal services.

### Offer holistic legal support at all stages of the refugee determination process

including expert immigration advice and representation.

**When I came to them they were so promising towards me and they were so supportive. And they were there for me, like hope for a bright future.**

- Yasmin\*

**“I’m a professional teacher back in my country, I’ve got a degree in education but I can’t teach here. I had so many troubles going through depression. This opportunity just changed me. Now I think oh, it’s bringing out that good. I feel like it’s a relief for me.**

- Beka\*



Beka\* is not alone in struggling to enter the Australian workforce while seeking asylum. In 2016 she arrived from Papua New Guinea with professional qualifications as a secondary school teacher, which are not recognised here. The barriers to employment can quickly add up, such as a lack of local experience, cultural discrimination and limited English. These contribute to extreme financial hardship and a loss of independence, purpose and identity. Due to her visa restrictions, Beka is not eligible for the TAFE course that would mean her qualifications are accepted. Beka was referred to our ASRC Cleaning social enterprise in 2017. She began cleaning homes before moving to an opportunity in commercial cleaning. A staff member at a commercial client, Western Program Alliance, observed Beka’s initiative and commitment. She was offered paid work experience in operations and, just a few weeks in, secured an ongoing full-time role in the administration team.

\* Not her real name or photo

## Become a Champion of Freedom

When you give a gift in your Will to the ASRC, you become one of our Champions of Freedom – a community of like minded fearless supporters who share a passion for the freedom and independence of people seeking asylum.

As a Champion of Freedom, you will help protect the autonomy and independence of people seeking asylum. Your gift of freedom will enable the ASRC to support and empower people to rebuild their lives in Australia.



The Government has turned its back on its material and financial responsibilities with mean spirited and cruel policies which leave refugees and asylum seekers without support and the community ignorant of what is happening. However the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre has taken up the slack. It supports asylum seekers directly and also provides a strong advocacy voice to the community and governments. I have been lucky in my life and want to make sure that this valuable work and message of humanity continues.

*Margaret Rasa*  
Champion of Freedom since 2015

As a single ageing woman, with no dependents, where to leave my legacy was on my mind. I was already a regular donor to the ASRC when I realised I could include them in my will. I grew up in a working-class family and so I have learned the importance of pride and charity in helping people keep a positive mindset. I do not know how refugees would survive in Melbourne without the support of the ASRC and I am proud to help. I sincerely hope as a nation we have moved away from needing the ASRC by the time I pass on, but if not, I will help in any way I can, and I encourage you to do the same.

*Joanna Knight*  
Champion of Freedom since 2018



## Here you'll find three helpful documents

### Your choice

You can use this form to let us know of your intention to leave a gift in your Will

### Suggested wording

You can take this form with you to your legal advisor to help you give the appropriate gift in your Will

### Frequently Asked Questions

On this form you will find the answers to some of the questions you may have. If you have any other questions, please contact us on 1300 692 772 or at [wills@asrc.org.au](mailto:wills@asrc.org.au)

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Can a gift in my will make a difference?

Absolutely. A gift in your Will of any size plays a vital role in ensuring the ASRC can continue to protect, support and empower people seeking asylum so they can advance their own futures.

## What kind of gift can I give in my Will?

There are four types of gifts you can give in your Will:

### Residual

A residual gift is a portion of your estate, or the balance remaining after your loved ones and expenses are provided for. This is the best type of gift, and one we prefer supporters to consider because it maintains the relative value of your gift and automatically adjusts to changes in the value of your estate.



Preferred Gift

### Pecuniary

A pecuniary gift allows you to give a specific amount of money to the ASRC.

### Percentage

A percentage gift allows you to choose a proportion of either the residue of your estate, or your entire estate, to the ASRC.

### Assets

An asset is considered anything of value, such as property, shares, jewellery or works of art. We would accept the property or asset with the understanding that we would seek to sell it and liquidate the assets to fund our programs. This type of gift, while valued, incurs further costs and liabilities to the ASRC.

## **The ultimate goal of the ASRC is to one day close its doors, why should I leave a gift in my Will?**

While we hope the ASRC won't be needed forever, the needs of people seeking asylum don't just end once they are granted refugee status. We promise to remain agile and innovative in addressing the needs of refugees and people seeking asylum, allowing them not just to survive, but to thrive.

## **Can I choose what my gift is used for?**

We request that gifts are left to us free of prescriptions so that the ASRC has the freedom to dedicate the gift to where it is needed most. Such a decision is made by the ASRC Management team.

## **Who should I tell about my gift in my Will?**

Once you have consulted your solicitor and included the ASRC in your will, we suggest discussing your decision with your family and loved ones. This will ensure they understand and support your reasons for choosing to help the ASRC in such a powerful way. Once you have remembered us in your Will, please let us know. You don't have to tell us, but we would love the opportunity to thank you and welcome you as a Champion of Freedom.

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# Suggested Wording

**If you already have a Will but would like to leave a bequest to the ASRC, you can do so by making a simple addition to your existing Will. Your lawyer can help you do this – this is called a ‘codicil’.**

**If you do not have a Will you can simply include the type of bequest that you want to make to the ASRC when you write a new Will.**

**Once you have chosen the type of gift you wish to give, take this slip with you and speak to your legal advisor to draft the appropriate clause. To ensure your intentions are followed, it is important to word your Will to reflect this. The suggested wordings for each type of gift are set out below:**

## **Residual**

I bequeath to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre Incorporated (ABN 64114965815) the whole of the residue of my estate to be for purposes that it shall determine, and this bequest will be free from all duties. The receipt of this bequest by any authorised officer of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre or successor organisation, shall form a valid discharge to my Executor.

## **Pecuniary or Percentage**

I bequeath to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre Incorporated (ABN 64114965815) the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ / or percentage of my estate (complete as appropriate) to be used for purposes that it shall determine, and this bequest will be free from all duties. The receipt of this bequest by any authorised officer of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre or successor organisation, shall form a valid discharge to my Executor.

## Asset

I bequeath to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre Incorporated (ABN 64114965815) property or asset / freehold/leasehold property situated at and comprised in Certificate of Title No \_\_\_\_\_ (complete as appropriate). I direct my Trustee to sell said property and I bequeath the net proceeds of the sale to Asylum Seeker Resource Centre Incorporated to be used for its work as decided by their management team The receipt of this bequest by any authorised officer of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre or successor organisation, shall form a valid discharge to my Executor.

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# Your choice

**You can use this form to let us know if you intend to remember the ASRC in your Will. Whatever you decide, we hope you feel comfortable to tell us. We respect that this is a deeply personal decision and will protect your privacy and confidentiality at all times, under our Privacy Policy.**

## Please tick the appropriate box:

- I have included a gift to ASRC in my Will, in the form of:
- |                                                   |                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residue of my estate     | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative or conditional gift |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asset/s                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Percentage of my estate         |
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- I am considering including ASRC in my Will.

Please contact me on

between the hours of  and  to discuss in confidence.

- I do not wish to be contacted again regarding a gift in my Will to ASRC

## Your details

Title:  First name:

Surname:

Spouse's name (if applicable):

Street address:

Suburb:  State:  Postcode:

DOB:  Phone:

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## Please return using the reply paid envelope included in this pack.

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**Thank you for considering giving a gift in your Will to the ASRC. You are a rare kind of generous. Together, we can fight for freedom and create a more compassionate and welcoming society for refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia.**

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\*ASRC Member names changed to protect privacy.

