

Building a better future for children and young people who are suffering as a result of abuse, neglect and violence

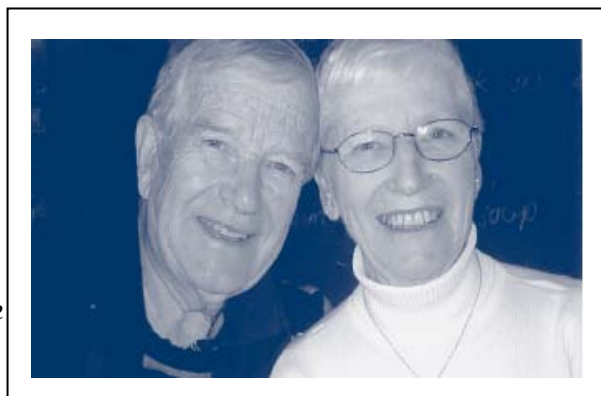
Peter and Val Freeland have included Berry Street in their Will. Val shares her thoughts on making a bequest and what Berry Street means to them.

“The children and young people of Berry Street are very close to my heart.”

By Val Freeland

I have been associated with Berry Street for many years. In the 1950's, my mother sat on the Board of Sutherland Homes which merged with Berry Street in 1994. More recently our son was on the Board of Berry Street until moving to Sydney.

Over the last four years I have been a volunteer with the Development/Community Relations Team. All of this contact with Berry Street has made me very aware of the belief of Berry Street that all children have a right to a good childhood.



We were blessed with a happy family and as we have watched our five children marry and establish themselves with their own families we decided we now have the opportunity to care for a wider group of young people in a practical way.

By making a bequest to Berry Street in our Will we are "planting a seed of hope" and helping the organisation plan for the future and assure a continuity of their vital services.

I have had the privilege of visiting a number of the programs run by Berry Street. This has given me a much wider perspective of the range of activities helping vulnerable children, young people and families. I would like to encourage you to go and visit these programs as they will give you a deeper insight into the difference your bequest would make to the kids in Berry Street's care.

As I have met the staff working in these programs I have been inspired by their dedication and commitment to the children in their care - they are a special group of people and deserve our heartfelt support. The more involved I become with Berry Street the more passionate I become. It would be wonderful if you could join me and my husband, Peter, in planting a seed of hope by including Berry Street in your Will.

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