

YOUR GIFT IN WILLS GUIDE

Discover **the power  
of a gift** in your will







*Right: Selva  
before surgery.*

*Left: Selva with  
his family today.*



## Selva's Story

**Craniofacial disfigurement can take a lot from us. It can dramatically change our lives, whether it's from birth or it occurs later in life as a result of trauma, accident or cancer.**

Selva (pictured) was born with a rare craniofacial cleft, a severe deformity of the face and head that affects both bones and soft tissue. Basic functions like eating, sleeping, breathing and talking were impossibly difficult for Selva.

Thanks to a chance meeting with Prof. David David AC at a clinic in Malaysia, Selva travelled to Australia at age 1 for his first surgery. Selva has since had over 15 surgeries. With the right support and a healthy dose of willpower, Selva now lives a full life with his wife Fotini and three children in Australia.

The work of Craniofacial Australia is important to Selva, because he knows that it is life-changing.

**“The Foundation helps people with facial anomalies to journey through the reconstruction phase and the other part is how to deal with it. The surgery part is just the first step and a small part if you look at it. The other part is going into society and taking all of those steps, this is the bigger part.”**

Craniofacial conditions can take so much, but with the right support, we can rise above.

**A gift in your Will makes this possible.**

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Even if someone said that I could have surgery to totally remove all the scars, I probably wouldn't do it because I have accepted the way I am.

**Selva**





Vincent

# Your gift will **benefit a** whole new **generation**

Thank you for your interest in supporting the craniofacial community. What a generous way to ensure the values which are important to you live on.

Support starts with your kindness, but it certainly does not stop there. Your gift in Will means a brighter future for generations to come, helping them to take control of their lives and face a brighter future.

Your Will is one of the most important documents you'll ever write, as it ensures your loved ones are looked after and that your final wishes are respected. After you have remembered your own loved ones, you can help Craniofacial Australia to empower the craniofacial community. Leaving a gift in your Will is a valuable way to continue your support of Craniofacial Australia.



Briana





Abby



Elliot



The gifts our supporters leave in their Wills account for over half of our income every year. Gift in Wills have been instrumental in helping us to continue our mission.

This booklet explains how you can continue to be part of this life changing work, helping us to change the lives of people like Briana, Vincent, Elliot and Abby.

If you have any questions, would like more information or would like to inform us of your intent to leave a gift in your Will, fill in the response form and return it using the Reply Paid envelope provided or contact our Fundraising Manager:

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### **Your special gift will help:**



Babies who are newly diagnosed



Children, teenagers and adults who are still undergoing treatment



Children, teenagers and adults who experience craniofacial trauma later in life



Families of people with craniofacial anomalies



A **gift** in your Will  
has the **power** to help  
people find their **smile**







*Above: Prof. David  
David AC and Cruz.*

*Left: Cranio-Warrior Cruz.*

At Craniofacial Australia, we have been supporting the craniofacial community since 1984. We are committed to working towards a better future for people with congenital or acquired craniofacial conditions. We have proudly helped countless craniofacial patients to overcome heartbreaking physical and psychological obstacles.

Our Chairman and Founder, Prof. David David AC, dedicated his life to changing the faces of tens of thousands of people living with visible differences. Today, we continue this legacy.

“Thank you for considering leaving a lasting gift. Many patients have come into my care with complex craniofacial disorders that require ongoing surgery and treatment over their whole lifetime.”

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It has been a joy to watch these individuals who came to me with initial despair, grow and become remarkable human beings, living fulfilled and happy lives.

“If you are considering leaving a bequest to Craniofacial Australia, you can be sure that your gift will help change futures”.

*David*

**Prof. David David AC**

Chairman, Craniofacial Australia

# How we help

Our bodies are precious. Craniofacial deformities, conditions and trauma can have a devastating effect.

Together, with your generosity, we can power the support, research and training if something goes wrong.

This is how your support will be used.

## Patient Support

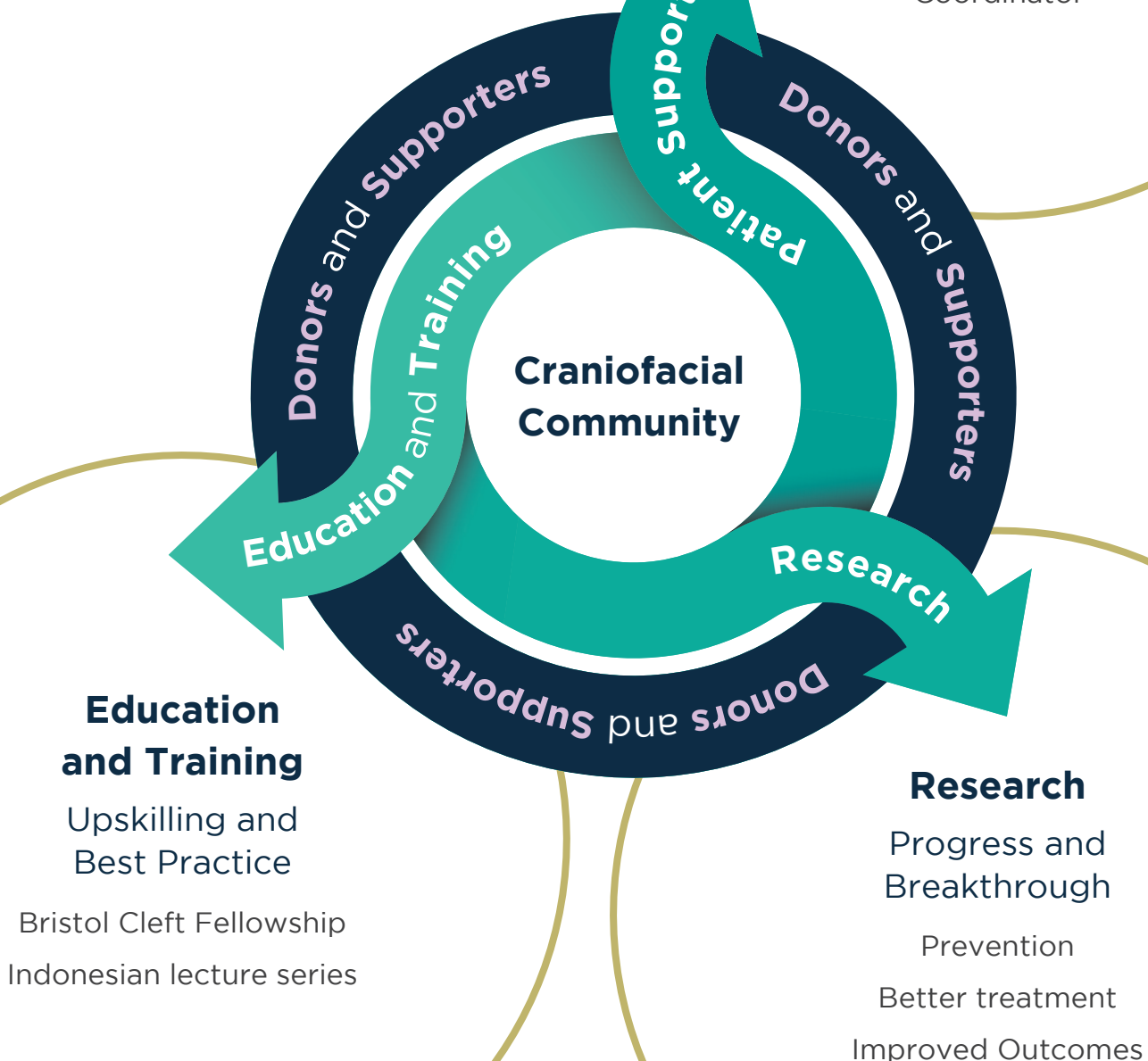
### Care and Support

Care packs

Financial assistance

Family Meetups

Family Support Coordinator





# Patient support

## Financial Assistance

We give financial assistance to families in need, relieving the financial burden at an already stressful time.

## Care Packs

Care Packs are sent to families ahead of their child's surgery. Letting our community know that in their time of need, they are not alone.

## Family Support Coordinator

Our Family Support Coordinator is dedicated to walking alongside families – giving emotional and practical support when needed. Sometimes, talking to someone that understands can make a world of difference.

## Family Meetups

Our *Coffee & Cranio* meetups help the thousands of families impacted by craniofacial conditions, to meet with others that have been through a similar experience.

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I was emotional when we opened the Care Pack. It's a touching gesture to receive something so thoughtful when you're feeling alone.

**Leah**

*Mum of Cranio Warrior Zoe (pictured)*



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The logistics of traveling interstate for surgery, with two young children at home, was tough, let alone the financial side of it. We reached out to Craniofacial Australia and straight away felt like we were going to be OK.

**Ashley**

*Mum of Cranio Warrior Vincent*

# Research

**Research underpins every medical advancement and breakthrough. Investing in Research today will pave the way for the discoveries of tomorrow.**

We are the leading funder of craniofacial research in Australia. We have Australia's best scientists at our side and as long as we fund their ground-breaking work, we will continue to see better treatments, management and preventative measures for future generations.

In Australia, nobody else is better placed to fund these exciting discoveries. Thanks to your support, we are able to invest hundreds of thousands into Research every year.

*Below: Associate Professor, Seb Dworkin with his team.*

## Meet the Researcher

Seb Dworkin, Assoc. Prof.  
La Trobe University, Victoria

"Thank you for your generous support of Craniofacial Australia, a wonderful charity that partners with research groups like mine, to try and make a better world for children born with craniofacial defects.

In my lab, we use advanced research techniques to try and better understand some of the genetic and non-genetic causes that contribute to defects in children. Importantly, we try and find new ways to stop them from happening or make them less severe. Our ultimate goal is to give these kids that will be born with debilitating defects a much better and healthier start to life.

If you can, please give to Craniofacial Australia so that they can support this and other ground-breaking research to make a better world for our kids."





# Education

**Craniofacial Australia funds training programs for health professionals to develop best-practice treatment and rehabilitation for persons with craniofacial deformities and injuries.**

To achieve this goal, we fund the following training programs:

## Indonesian Lecture Series

Some of the most vulnerable patients with the rarest and most extreme deformities are located overseas.

Craniofacial Australia delivers weekly online training and education sessions to Dr. Soetomo Hospital and Airlangga University Medical School in Indonesia to up-skill medical professionals and ultimately, better outcomes for patients that come into their care.

## Bristol Cleft Fellowship

We fund an annual Fellowship based at University Hospital Bristol and Weston General Hospital (UK). This fellowship gives a budding surgeon hands-on training and contributes to research that investigates environmental and biological causes of Cleft Lip and Palate.



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I have had an incredible experience. The surgical aspect consisted of hands-on experience which gave me confidence in preparing for my career in cleft surgery. The clinical work consisted of going to multi-disciplinary clinics, speech investigation clinics and more.

**Dr Nitisha Narayan**

*2022/23 Bristol Cleft Fellow, pictured above.*

# Judith has left **a gift** in her Will to make **a difference**

When our granddaughter Lucy was born, it was one of the greatest moments of our life. Our darling little Lucy was born with a cleft lip, which meant she struggled to feed. She was the most delightful baby, but it was hard to see her suffering.

When we met Prof. David, he explained how he was going to help and we felt a sense of relief. We knew everything was going to be OK.

Lucy was treated by Prof. David and he showed compassion and care. We are forever indebted for the profound impact he has on changing our little Lucy's life. Lucy is now a young, beautiful, independent woman.

I am a regular giver to Craniofacial Australia. It fills me with warmth to know that my donations are going directly toward helping other children. I want to ensure every family is supported in their time of need.

When it came to writing my will, I didn't hesitate to leave a gift for Craniofacial Australia. I know that my legacy will be helping more children, just like my gorgeous Lucy"



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## Did you know?

In 1983, the Apex Foundation alongside other service clubs, raised almost \$1 million to fund craniofacial surgery in Adelaide. This established the Foundation to continue to raise funds for patients and families in Australia and overseas.



# Writing **your will**

There are three types of gift you can leave in your Will:



## A **residuary** gift

This is a percentage share of your total estate (everything that you own that is of value) after all other payments (debts, tax, etc) have been deducted. A residuary gift will keep its value over time and is not affected by inflation.



## A **pecuniary** gift

A fixed amount of money that you leave in your Will. It is important to review pecuniary gifts regularly, as their value can be reduced by inflation.



## A **specific** gift

A particular item of value (personal possessions, property or shares) is left in your Will.

If you are interested in other types of gifts to leave in your Will, we recommend talking to your solicitor.



## Writing a Will

**Writing a Will and keeping it updated will ensure you have peace of mind that your loved ones will be looked after.**

While not a legal requirement, using a qualified solicitor to write your Will mitigates the occurrence of errors or oversights, which can be stressful for the people closest to you.

We understand that your Will is private. It is your choice whether you choose to tell us that you left a gift in your Will to support our life changing work. However if you wish to let us know, we can do more to show you the difference that your gift will make.

## Words **matter**

**If you wish to support the life-changing work of Craniofacial Australia, legal clarity makes things easier for those we leave behind.**

Below is a guide for wording. You can use this when you visit your solicitor:

I (YOUR NAME) give \* to THE AUSTRALIAN CRANIO-MAXILLO FACIAL FOUNDATION (Craniofacial Australia) of 204 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide (ABN: 29 008 155 780) in the State of South Australia for its general purpose and I declare that the receipt of its Treasurer, Group Accountant or other authorised officer, shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

*\*Insert the details of the residue, estate, particular asset or sum of funds you wish to donate to Craniofacial Australia.*

## Already have a Will?

**Take a copy of your Will wording to your solicitor and they will update your existing Will according to your wishes.**

**Leaving a gift in your Will is life changing. When we join forces, we can make the impossible possible.**

Thank you for sharing our vision of providing disadvantaged children and adults with a second chance at life. Your special gift could make a difference to people who, through genetic birth anomalies or serious accidents/trauma, can gain control of their lives.

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