

140 ♥
years
♥ of
giving



Women's &
Children's Hospital
Foundation

**In June 1878,
the Foundation
Stone was laid
for the Women's
and  Children's
Hospital. This was
made possible
through the
generosity of
donors. **

In the beginning



“It was not founded in any princely way, but by the voluntary and united efforts of a large number of citizens of Adelaide and South Australia generally”.

Dr Allan Campbell

The Women’s & Children’s Hospital Foundation has a long history of fundraising for and supporting the Women’s and Children’s Hospital, and the children, mums and families the hospital community cares for every day.

Poor quality of life and premature death for destitute children were two reasons for the establishment of the Adelaide Children’s Hospital in 1876. In the same year the newly formed Health Board began investigating the reasons for such a high number of sick children in the colony. The Board determined that a hospital for children was desperately needed, land was secured in North Adelaide and the Foundation stone was laid on 20 June 1878.



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History of giving



On 6 September 1876, a group of seven philanthropic ladies, all wives of prominent colonial pioneers (Mesdames Colton, Campbell, Fowler, Jeffries, Knight, Stuckey and Smedley), along with Mary Ashley (a representative of the Church of Christ) and Dr Allan Campbell from the Board of Health met to begin planning for the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

Over the next two years this group of visionaries started a fundraising campaign within the community to raise the £2,500 needed to build the first hospital building. As a result of the community's effort, the Samuel Way Building was opened with 24 beds in 1879.

In 1989, the Adelaide Children's Hospital and the Queen Victoria Hospital amalgamated to become the Women's and Children's Hospital and our Foundation was again reborn to become known as we are today, the Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation.

The mission to provide children, mums and families with the very best healthcare still exists today, as does the philanthropy needed to support it.



History of caring

Since the Hospital was established in the 1870s, the people of South Australia have shown how much they care for our children and their families. Over the past 10 years' alone the Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation has raised more than \$30 million dollars in support of your hospital and families in South Australia, the Northern Territory, Broken Hill and the Sunraysia Region in Victoria.

Bequests, in particular, have proved to be one of the most meaningful ways for community members to remember the Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation, reflecting a commitment to continuing the tradition of excellence in healthcare.

Our work is not possible without the help of our generous supporters and for that we thank you.



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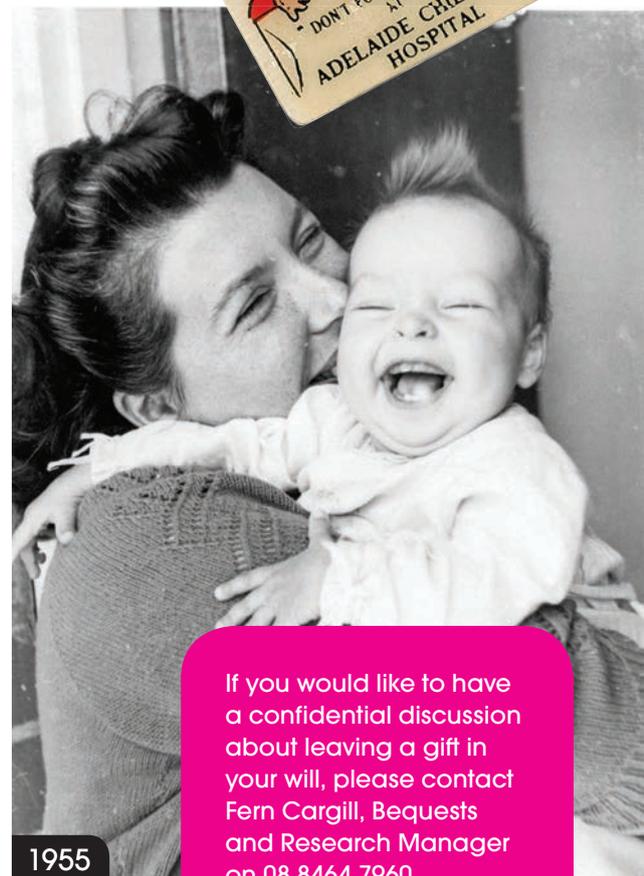


The Women's and Children's Hospital is celebrating 140 years of caring for South Australia's families.

Since the laying of the foundation stone in 1878, the Women's and Children's Hospital has cared for generations of South Australians. It is a leading provider of specialist care for children with acute and chronic conditions, as well as the State's largest maternity and obstetric service.

From small beginnings in a two-story building with twenty four beds, the Women's and Children's Health Network now provides care and community-based services from hundreds of sites across the state.

The support of the Foundation extends to every corner of your hospital, from providing leading edge technology and vital equipment to funding key research projects and family-centred support programs.



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If you would like to have a confidential discussion about leaving a gift in your will, please contact Fern Cargill, Bequests and Research Manager on 08 8464 7960.

**From modest
beginnings
with just 24 beds,
the Hospital 
now supports over
220,000* women
and children each
year. **



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