Bobby Goldsmith

Foundation

Join the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation Honour Roll with a gift in your will

Who was Bobby?

Bobby Goldsmith was one of the first Australians to die from an AIDS-related illness.

That was in June 1984, when Bobby was just 38 years old.

Bobby died with dignity, at home, where he wanted to be, all thanks to the help of his friends who rallied together to buy equipment to make his final weeks as comfortable as possible.

Bobby Goldsmith Foundation is the legacy of that dedicated group of friends – a legacy born out of love, which has continued for over 40 years, and will continue, with your help, until everyone living with HIV has the support they need.



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Unveiling our first Bobby Goldsmith Foundation Honouree Mr Ian Jackson

Ian Jackson's life partner, David Gerster, succumbed to an HIV-related illness in March 1994 in Port Macquarie where they had built their lives. It was a challenging time for the gay community and a unique and tragic chapter in Australian social history.

Having weathered this tumultuous time as a 'survivor,' Ian gained a profound understanding of the fragility and preciousness of human life.

After David's passing, Ian transitioned to a new chapter by acquiring an equipment hire business in Port Macquarie before eventually returning to his hometown, Melbourne.

After facing several months of illness, Ian passed away in early November 2022, leaving behind the memory of a delightful sense of humour and a legacy of kindness.

Ian Jackson's commitment to supporting Bobby Goldsmith Foundation with a gift in his will originated from his deeply personal and community-driven nature with a boundless capacity to care deeply about the lives of others.

Written by Robin, a great friend of Ian and David's brother. BGF would like to thank Ian's family for sharing his story.

A legacy born out of love

Join the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation Honour Roll

As a dedicated supporter of BGF, we want you to be remembered as the driving force who broke the barriers of fear and stigmatisation associated with HIV.

A Bobby Goldsmith Honour Roll has been established to recognise the dedication and support of those who worked tirelessly to bring awareness, treatment and prevention of HIV from the beginning. The Honour Roll will be on display at Bobby Goldsmith Foundation offices for clients, staff and the BGF community to remember a legacy born out of love.

By leaving a gift in your will to Bobby Goldsmith Foundation, you will secure your spot on the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation Honour Roll for future generations to remember your heroism, compassion and love. You may not want to have your own name on the Honour Roll, so as an option, you can nominate someone you'd like to commemorate.

We'll also be compiling a book of stories of those listed on the Honour Roll; as a story remembered for future generations.

For a confidential conversation about including your gift in your will and securing your place on the Honour Roll, please reach out to Amy Easton, our Gift In Wills Co-ordinator at amy.easton@bgf.org.au or phone on 0422 525 736.

How to make a gift in your will to RGE

We'd always advise you to consult with a solicitor when drawing up your will or when making amendments as they can guide you through the legal language and ensure your wishes are clear.

To remember Bobby Goldsmith Foundation in your will, the following is standard:

"I give to Bobby Goldsmith Foundation, a company limited by guarantee, of PO Box 1444, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012 Australia...



• the specific sum of \$X ...

(To leave a simple fixed sum of money)

- - X % of my whole estate...

(To leave a fixed percentage of your total property)

- X % of the residue of my estate...
- (To leave a fixed portion of your total estate)
- - specific gift ...

(To leave individual items like jewellery or antiques)

... to be used for its general purposes. The receipt of the secretary, treasurer, or other public officer for the time being said Foundation is an absolute discharge to my Executor."

What we do

Since 1984 we have been providing practical, emotional, and financial support to people living with HIV in NSW and SA.

Thanks to some effective HIV medications, most people living with HIV are living longer and healthier lives.

HIV is changing however, and many different communities of people living with HIV still need our support.

Every week, more people from diverse backgrounds including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, new migrants to Australia and an increasing heterosexual community are seeking our support.

Bequests are a vital source of our income and each year they help fund our core services and health and wellbeing programs.

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Where your money goes

Our dedicated Case Managers provide advocacy support in dealing with issues around housing, legal and mental health services, helping our clients navigate the increasing challenges in their lives.

Our Financial Counsellors work to alleviate the stress of our clients' financial worries, immeasurably improving their quality of life and helping them plan for a future they may not have anticipated.



Our Community Support Services help our clients live independently through assistance in daily activities such as shopping for groceries and attending medical appointments.

Your gift will help empower people to live self-sufficiently, while ensuring they stay connected to their community.

Your gift will help us continue to provide these vital services and ensure Bobby's legacy lives on.



Continue the legacy born out of love by safeguarding a future where no one faces HIV alone

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