

My Legacy Story

A Gift for the Next Generation





As you start to document your Legacy Story you could place some photos here that reflect favourite memories or milestones.

What story will you leave behind?

Many people think the term 'legacy' just applies to the assets and possessions that will be passed onto family and loved ones. Your personal legacy is about so much more than this. It also includes the story of your life, the values you lived by, your dreams and wishes and the life lessons that can help future generations navigate their lives.

Capturing them is an important part of helping your legacy live on and providing peace of mind for you and your loved ones.

Your life story will vary greatly from another person's and the elements that make yours unique could cover:

- › Life Experiences
- › Life Events
- › Turning Points
- › Life Lessons
- › Family
- › Friendships
- › Romantic Relationships
- › Parenthood
- › Grandparenthood
- › Personality
- › Spirituality
- › Successes
- › Failures
- › Hardships
- › Victories
- › Disappointments
- › Accomplishments
- › Values





Let's get started

What makes you unique?

What inspires you?

Who are the people who have inspired you?

What values and principles have guided your life?

What have been your life's priorities?

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**Your legacy is every life
you've touched.**
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– Maya Angelou
American poet and author



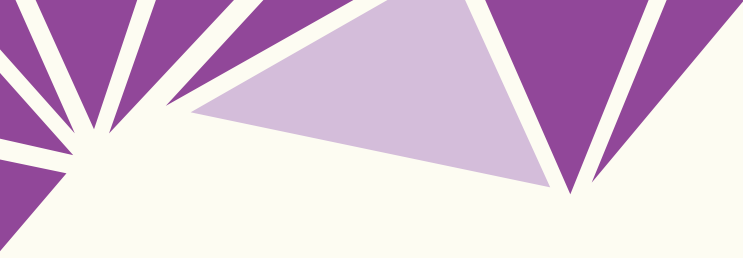
What have been your greatest accomplishments?

What are you most proud of?

How do you feel you have influenced your world?

What comments or advice have had a big impact on how you have lived your life?

If you could give your young self any advice or words of wisdom, what would they be?



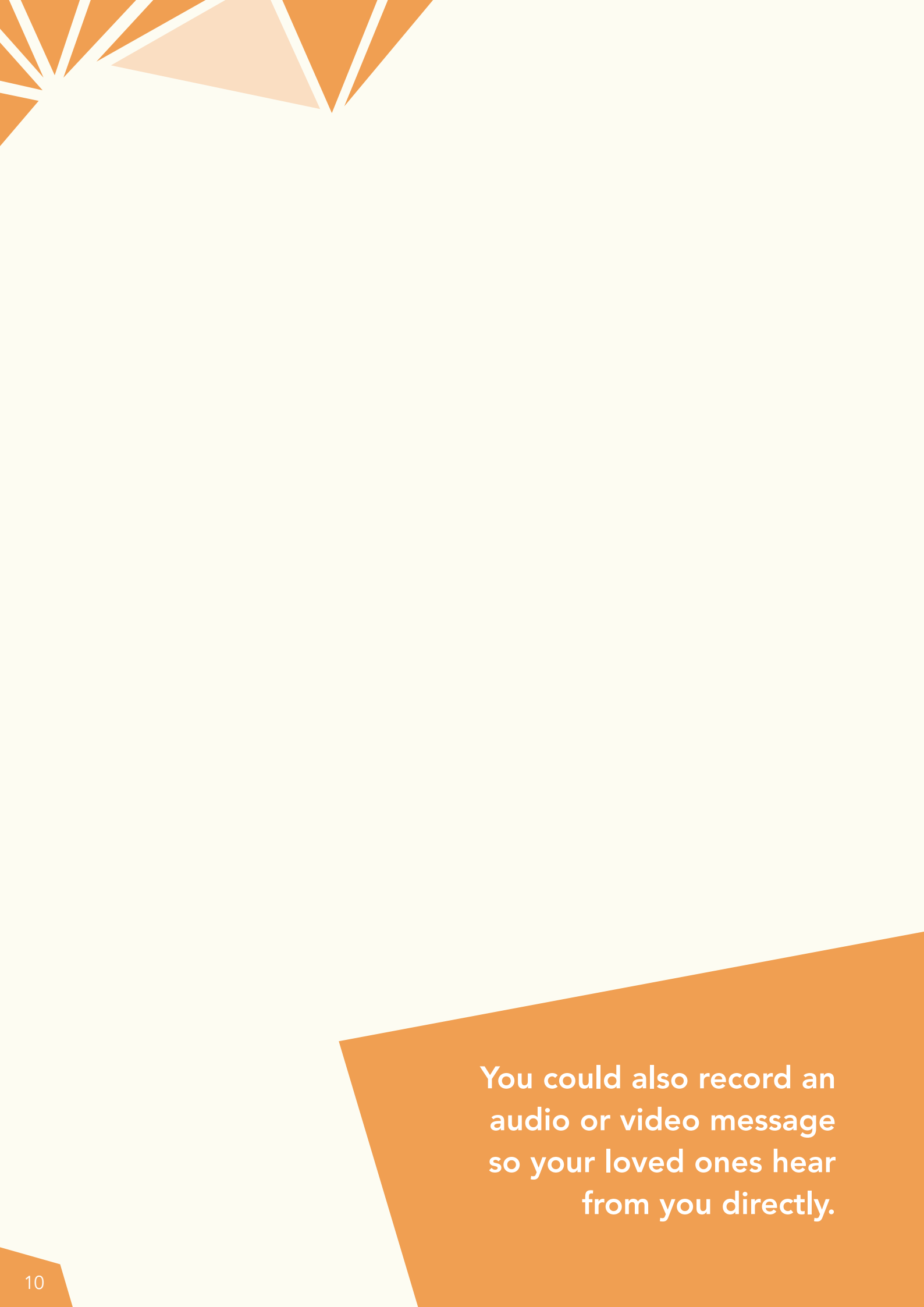
What were your dreams and aspirations growing up? Did you achieve them?

What are your dreams and aspirations for the future, after you are gone?

Create a Legacy Message

Your Legacy Message is a loving account from the heart; an opportunity for you to help the next generations understand what mattered to you most and how you wish to be remembered by sharing your values, experiences and life lessons. You can use your answers to the questions in the previous section to help develop your message.

Dear



You could also record an audio or video message so your loved ones hear from you directly.

Your Philanthropic Legacy

It's important that you also share your philanthropic legacy plans with your family. It will mean they're not surprised when the time comes and is also important if your family has a history of being philanthropic and you hope your children will follow your example.

My philanthropic legacy will be gifts in my Will/donations to the following organisation/s:

Organisation name _____

Type of gift (*residual, percentage, specific sum, property*)

Motivation for gift

Organisation Name _____

Type of gift

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Philanthropic Impact Message – The Story Behind the Gift

In addition to the Legacy Message from the previous section you could consider creating a Philanthropic Impact Message. It could be part of your Legacy Message or a separate document or recording in which you:

- › Talk about your philanthropic history, motivation, and values
- › Describe your first significant gift
- › Explain why you've chosen to give in a certain way from your estate
- › Impart the spirit of philanthropy you hope the next generation will continue

By creating a Philanthropic Impact Message your family will hear from you, in your own words, the reasons and values that formed your decision of why you have chosen to include charitable gifts in your final wishes. This message can stand beside the formal words of the Will and estate documents which will carry out your decisions.

Stories are powerful. Stories are precious. Make sure they know the story behind your philanthropic gift.

Your Stroke Foundation Legacy Story

We would love to find out a bit more about the story behind the gift you have very generously included to the Stroke Foundation in your Will.

**When did you first start to think about leaving a philanthropic legacy through your Will?
Was there something in particular that triggered it?**

Did your parents show you the value of giving through their own actions? If so, how did they set an example?

What inspired you to remember the Stroke Foundation in your Will?



Is there anything else you would like to share about your gift?

Finally, do your family and loved ones know about your plan to support the Stroke Foundation as part of your final wishes?

Yes No

If your family and loved ones are not aware, would you like us to provide some guidance around having the conversation?

Yes No

Are you happy for the Stroke Foundation to contact you about sharing your legacy story – so we can inspire other supporters to consider their Philanthropic Legacy?


Yes No

**Thank you for taking the time to share your story.
Please return it to us in the confidential reply envelope.**



We each have a unique story. Preserve yours and help your legacy live on.



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