

Give a Gift of Hope



**THE KIDS'
CANCER
PROJECT**



Leave a gift in your Will to help ensure that kids like Bradley don't have to go through the pain and uncertainty of childhood cancer.



Bradley, acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) survivor.

Give the gift of a brighter future for kids with cancer by leaving a gift in your Will

When I was younger, I knew kids got cancer, but I didn't realise the profound impact their absence would have on their family and community in the wake of their passing. Going to too many funerals for kids with cancer is why I founded The Kids' Cancer Project, because research is truly the only way to fix this devastation.

Fast forward three decades, and childhood cancer survival rates have increased from 58% all the way to 87%. This result is thanks to the support of people like you who have helped to fund vital research.

That said, 87% is not 100%. Three children tragically die from cancer each week, and there are far too many children that live with life-long side effects caused by outdated treatments. It's why The Kids' Cancer Project is intent on funding research projects that will make a difference for kids with cancer sooner.

Survival starts with science. By joining me and leaving a gift in your Will, we'll create a long-lasting legacy of being the breakthrough for kids with cancer and continue to have an impact when we're no longer here.



Col Reynolds OAM

FOUNDER, THE KIDS' CANCER PROJECT



For kids like Alec, every moment counts

Alec was just eight years old when a routine trip to the dentist found a rare cancer growing behind his cheekbone leading to a 13-hour surgery and a long road to recovery.

Today Alec is a happy, healthy young person in remission, but when he was only eight years old his young life was turned upside down by a routine visit to the dentist just prior to a family holiday.

The dentist, formerly an ear, nose and throat specialist, noticed an unusual lump in Alec's throat. By Monday, Alec and his parents were being advised to cancel their holiday.

X-rays and an MRI revealed that Alec had a tumour growing behind his cheekbone. Doctors initially diagnosed the tumour as a form of cancer of the soft tissue, but more tests showed it was something else entirely.

Though tests suggested the tumour was mostly benign, specialists decided the best course of action was to operate on Alec and remove the tumour. The operation meant surgeons



Alec, aged 17, Ewing's Sarcoma survivor.

had to cut open his jaw and remove the lump.

A marathon 13-hour surgery ensued, where doctors had to cut Alec's jaw in half, peeled back layers of skin to remove the lump, before grafting the wound using skin and arteries from his wrist.

It was a gruelling operation and an incredibly hard time for Alec and his family. Then came the diagnosis. Alec had a rare Ewing's Sarcoma. At just eight-years-old, the little boy knew he was seriously ill and that more treatment would be needed if he was to fully recover.

Having such a serious and rare childhood cancer, Alec required chemotherapy and radiation therapy immediately. His family recalls that he was 'angry and hurting'. Alec struggled to deal with the treatment and trauma of childhood cancer, which is hard enough for adults to deal with let alone a child.

"My treatment worked but it was also incredibly damaging. The side effects stay with you for life. Removing them through new targeted treatments will be a game changer."

Today, while Alec still bears the scars on his neck and wrist, and his speech has been slightly affected by the surgery, he's not giving up but rather, as his family says, 'he's getting on with life.'

Despite the trauma and uncertainty of what he and his family have been through Alec's confidence has returned, perhaps with a cheekier teen attitude. His family have confessed that the ordeal has ensured they make the most of every moment together and never, ever take anything for granted.



Leaving a gift in your Will is an investment in a bright future for kids with cancer.

Coral lost seven family members to cancer — now, at 91, she's taking action

For Coral, like so many people, cancer has shaped her life. She lost one brother to pancreatic cancer and another to a brain tumour, her mother died from bowel cancer and her father from renal cancer and various types of cancer have also claimed the lives of her uncle, grandson and nephew.

Her tragic family history is a testament to the need for better cancer treatments, and after watching the gruelling cancer journeys of her adult relatives, Coral realised how awful the same experience would be for a child.

"Adults understand it at least, they can process what's happening... but when you see children suffering, it really brings home to you how terrible it is," she says.

Despite facing such personal sadness, Coral's determination to make a difference for the next generation prompted her to leave a gift in her Will to The Kids' Cancer Project. Her strength to do something positive for others in the face of so much loss is touching.

"I can make a difference here. I hope the little bit I'm leaving does some good for the children. Without the research, nothing will change. But if people continue to give, the scientists will find solutions."

Visit: www.thekidscancerproject.org.au/giftinwill



Leaving just 1% of your total estate can have a 100% transformative impact in funding pioneering Australian childhood cancer research.

Tommy, aged 19 months, acute
lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) survivor.



Transforming the future of children with brain cancer

Together, we can push research boundaries further and expedite the discovery of impactful cancer cures by identifying the projects that will pursue new ideas to make a real difference sooner.

Childhood cancer is rare, and within that, childhood brain cancer is rarer still, with 'just' 20 children diagnosed each year. Recognised as the deadliest cancer of all, The Kids' Cancer Project supports several paediatric brain cancer research projects across the country, including Dr Marion Mateos.

Dr Mateos' work investigates the role DNA plays in high-risk brain cancer. DNA usually repairs damaged genes, but if a child with brain cancer's DNA does not make the repairs, it could explain why some treatments do not work as effectively as others.

"This research could be life-changing for children with brain cancer. It's about finding kinder, more targeted treatments and giving families hope.

"All children with cancer deserve a brighter future," says Dr Mateos.

The goal of Dr Mateos' project is to find new ways to guide treatment and track how they work, predict which therapies will help each child, and make treatment more effective and less harmful, just like the mission of The Kids' Cancer Project.



How the gift in your Will helps us find better treatments!



LIFE-SAVING DRUGS

Our funding helps scientists develop new therapies that could change the lives of kids with cancer that will one day reach the clinic.



SAFER TREATMENTS

Chemotherapy and radiation are outdated and leave children with life-long side effects. Research into better treatments ensure they won't be used in future.



HEALTH SUPPORT

We want children to survive and thrive. Physical and mental health programs funded by The Kids' Cancer Project ensure kids get the support they need after treatment.



BETTER ACCESS

Your gift could help provide the very latest drugs to kids with cancer in regional areas closer to home, saving families money, time and stress.

Your questions answered

Can I include gifts to charity as well as my family?

Yes! It's important to ensure that your loved ones are taken care of first, but once you've done so, even a small percentage of your estate can have a major impact for kids with cancer.

What sort of gift can I include in my Will?

There are two main types of gifts that you can include in your Will. The first is a fixed sum of money, known as a 'monetary' gift. The second is called a 'residual' gift, a percentage of your estate following the settlement of any gifts to loved ones and any debts are covered.

Do I need a solicitor to write or amend my Will?

Consulting a solicitor about your Will is highly recommended, ensuring minimal complications. If you cannot access a solicitor, you can write your Will for free using Gathered Here.

Visit: www.gatheredhere.com.au/c/tkcp.

If you are writing your own Will, every page must be signed and dated by yourself and two witnesses, and your executor should either have a copy or know where it is stored. Charitable gifts should include the charity's Australian Business Number (ABN). Loved ones should also be advised if you are leaving a charitable gift.

*Please note this is a general guide only.

What if I already have a Will?

If you already have a Will but would like to include a gift to The Kids' Cancer Project, a codicil indicating an amendment to your Will should be written. A codicil will need to be signed, dated and witnessed, so it's a good idea to speak to a solicitor if you'd like to include one in your current Will.

Recommended wording for your Gift in Will



Zoe, cancer survivor, with Col Reynolds.

Below is some sample text that you can use for your own Will to make a residual gift to The Kids' Cancer Project.

The following wording covers a range of intentions:

"I give (a percentage of) (the residue of my estate) (a specific amount) to The Kids' Cancer Project, ABN 13 061 138 181, for its general charitable purposes."

Col Reynolds Bequest Society

By including The Kids' Cancer Project in your Will, you will automatically be included in The Col Reynolds Bequest Society and be updated regularly on research, special families and events. It's our way of acknowledging your visionary generosity. You can confirm your gift in Will by calling our friendly staff on free call 1800 651 158 or emailing wills@tkcp.org.au.

Ollie, aged nine, acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) survivor with his big sister.



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