



**Childhood**  
CANCER SUPPORT

## Leaving your Gift of Love

How to include Childhood Cancer Support in your Will, and provide family-focused care and support for families affected by childhood cancer.

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# A Message from the General Manager

By leaving a gift in your Will to Childhood Cancer Support, you will provide a home away from home for regional families affected by childhood cancer.

On behalf of our families, thank you so much for considering a gift in your Will for Childhood Cancer Support.

It is the best way to ensure your love of children and your concern for keeping families together during cancer treatment will continue long into the future.

Being a family focused organisation, our network of supporters are special members of the Childhood Cancer Support family.

Every 14 hours in Australia a child is diagnosed with cancer.

Leaving a gift in your Will to Childhood Cancer Support will ensure that our rural and regional children have access to free accommodation close to the Queensland Children's Hospital so they receive much needed medical care and support through the toughest times of their lives.

You have the power, with just a simple act of a gift in your Will, to ensure children battling cancer and their families are provided with a home for the long duration of cancer treatment. By remembering Childhood Cancer Support and these vulnerable children and their families in your Will, you are providing a helping hand at a time when these families need it most. On behalf of our children and their families who will benefit in the future from your thoughtfulness, thank you.



Helen Crew  
General Manager  
Childhood Cancer Support



Being a mother, I could not imagine my child going through cancer and the immense stress this would place on our family.

I am continually amazed by the level of care Childhood Cancer Support provides to families and there's no better way to partner with them by leaving a gift for them in your Will.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to help families impacted by childhood cancer

## OUR VISION

To create a positive community in the lives of families that have been impacted by childhood cancer

## OUR VALUES

- ♥ **Togetherness** - we know every family is different and bring a lifeline to an understanding community
- ♥ **Compassion** - we recognise the toughest parts of the journey and we will be there no matter
- ♥ **Support** - we are the quiet strength and there to help when things are difficult



Childhood Cancer Support Ambassador Laura Geitz with Brooke who was diagnosed with a brain tumour.





# Family Story: Mackenna and Jess

Our lives before Mackenna's diagnosis was as it can be for a full house, with three young boys we were always outside playing on the farm and looking for animals. Mackenna was ready to start Prep in Clermont, his school uniform and school supplies ready to go. Our boy was a ball of energy, fit, healthy and energetic. He'd just finished kindy, he loved running, digging, playing, bike riding, swimming lessons, going on adventures around the farm and most of all catching frogs. We made sure he had a healthy lifestyle from the beginning.

All of that changed the moment we found a swollen gland on Mackenna's neck. We had scans and blood tests with results coming back with little concern. Mackenna had no other symptoms, so we watched and waited. Until we felt what true heart break felt like, it was the moment we were told our eldest boy, Mackenna at only 4 years old, a picture of health who exudes life and energy had confirmed Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

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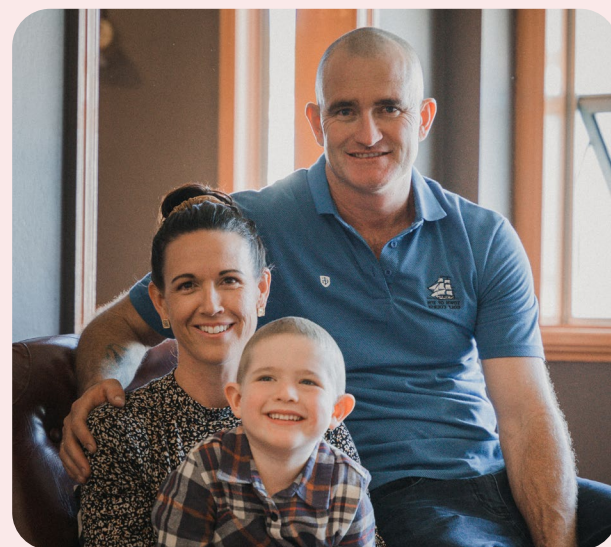
**Physically and emotionally we were consumed with grief at the thought of your worst nightmare unfolding in front of you. Every emotion was felt... fear, sadness, despair, denial, anger, confusion, loneliness**

Our family, my husband and I and our 3 young boys had to uproot from Clermont, our hometown, to relocate to Brisbane. We moved 1000km away from home and everyone we know and love. Once we were graciously given our home away from home with Childhood Cancer Support in Herston we would travel from Herston to the Queensland Children's Hospital for Mackenna's treatment. From the moment we were linked with Childhood Cancer Support, we were contacted by our social worker and everything fell into place from there.

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**We had little options when considering a place for a family of 5 to stay last minute and possibly long term.**

Throughout our stay we were continually offered an abundance of support, through transport, information, activities for the kids, groceries, counselling, connecting with other families, we were often blown away by the endless kindness provided.



We were always made to feel welcome, we were always made to feel at home, we were encouraged to have loved ones stay, we could leave when we were ready, and we were reassured that they will always be here if we ever need them. This support flows on through check in conversations, text messages, emails. Childhood Cancer Support really did feel like a home.

We are now back at home, and Mackenna is going well. We will continue to come down to Childhood Cancer Support and stay in their short-term accommodation at Woolloongabba while we have our big checkups.

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**Childhood Cancer Support kept our family together, while our hearts were falling apart.**

To know that Childhood Cancer Support will continue to assist families who have either gone through or are yet to face the turmoil of a cancer diagnosis brings relief. To think that if it wasn't for Childhood Cancer Support, future families would have nowhere to turn when faced with such adversity. It is a distressing thought.

The reality is that any parent may need an organisation such as Childhood Cancer Support. We never thought we would need them, but we did. Funds need to be raised to ensure this vital support group continues until childhood cancer is vanquished and is a thing of the past. Donators can rest assured that their kind actions are directly helping families who are going through a crisis. Each donation provides strength to a family that desperately needs it. We needed it.





## It takes generous hearts to provide family-focused support.

Childhood Cancer Support have supported so many regional Australians, but there is more to be done.

Childhood Cancer Support is a children's cancer charity that was formed in 1975 when a group of desperate parents, with children being treated for leukaemia and cancer, met to discuss ways of helping each other and their children.

Childhood cancers and leukaemia are distinctly different from their adult forms and, recognising this, these visionaries identified the need to help children that had been diagnosed.

Initially funds were limited, but in 1976, the group was successful in obtaining a mortgage and purchasing their first residential facility.



This provided regional families with an accommodation solution; enabling them to take a break from hospital life and perform the "normal" things like taking a shower, cooking a meal or just sitting in a comfortable chair.

We're still a small charity, but we are fortunate to have supporters who have the most beautiful hearts. It's your thoughtfulness and generosity that will ensure we will continue to provide specialised care to families affected by childhood cancer.

## Ella's Story

Ella was living her best life, 16 years old and in Year 11 at Maleny High School, she would help us on our farm in Kenilworth with farm chores when her dad Clint was away working with his off-the farm job. After doing her morning jobs one morning Ella started experiencing pain in her shoulder. We took her to the local GP and was told the same - to go home and take it easy.

"A week after this happened she had excruciating pain all night under her rib cage and I knew that something was not right so I took her to the Emergency Department. We were told nothing was wrong and to go home".

Once we got home I received a call from the same doctor saying that he had missed it but doctors at Sunshine Coast Hospital had picked up that Ella had Leukaemia. From that day on our lives have changed forever.

Ella's end of treatment date is the 5th February 2023. The treatment has been really tough on Ella, her body is quite sensitive to the Chemo and develops Steroid induced diabetes with certain medication. During her treatment she has also had two stints in PICU with septic shock due to bacterial infections.

**"Childhood Cancer Support have been amazing providing us with a unit straight after diagnosis. We have unlimited access to transport to and from the hospital for appointments as well as lots of face to face support. Without them I have no idea where we would be. We will be eternally grateful to Childhood Cancer Support. Just knowing that accommodation is there is invaluable - it's one less thing that you don't need to think about when your stress levels are running on overdrive while your little warriors are going through treatment."**

Having this accommodation has been vital and we are very thankful as our oncologist did not let us leave Brisbane for the first 5 and a half months as she was so unwell. Since then we have been back to the farm for three short visits (a night or two) just to recharge the batteries but are now back to not being able to leave Brisbane again for a couple of months so this has been so hard. Ella's dad and siblings can only come down for a night or two on weekends depending what is going on around the farm.

Childhood cancer is real and without the support of this amazing charity we would be lost and struggling emotionally and financially so please give if you can as your generosity does not go unnoticed every day. I am thankful to each and every one that makes it possible for our family to have a beautiful place to stay while we navigate some really rough waters.





# Our Accommodation

Childhood Cancer Support has now grown into a six-house facility comprising 17 fully self-contained units that provide parents with an accommodation alternative located close to the hospital.

## LONG-TERM ACCOMMODATION

Cancer treatment can last for up to several months and, depending on treatment protocols, patients can spend a large amount of time overnight in hospital. In order to ease the pressure for hospital beds and when treatment allows, patients can commute from our facilities to obtain treatment.

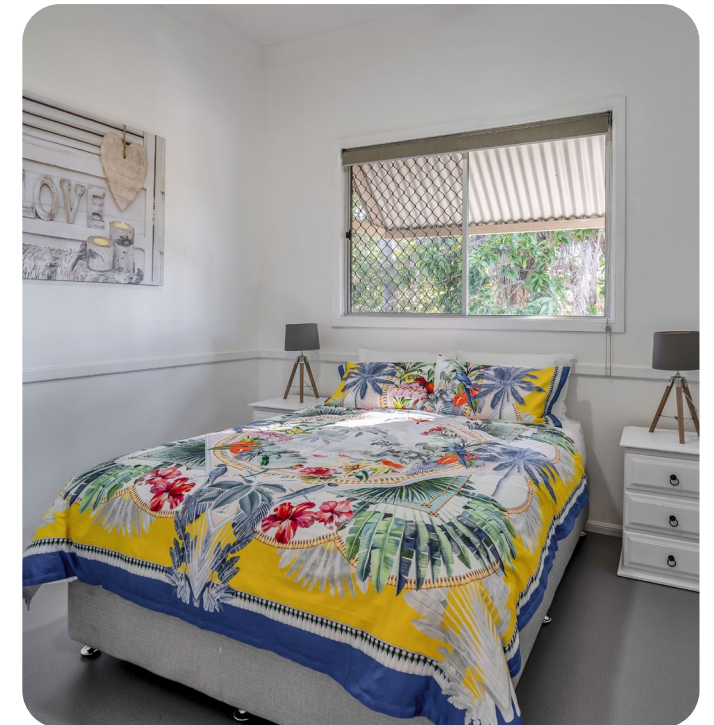
Childhood Cancer Support provides medium to long term accommodation solutions for families of children undergoing cancer treatment. Childhood Cancer Support has four residential facilities situated side by side in Herston – a total of 13 family styled units, plus four long-term accommodation units in South Brisbane.

## SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION

Short-term accommodation is ideal for regionally-based families who are required to return to Brisbane overnight for post-treatment appointments and check-ups. This accommodation facility is located less than 800m away from the Queensland Children's Hospital in South Brisbane.

## THE FUTURE

In 2021, Childhood Cancer Support purchased houses in East Brisbane - in close proximity to the Queensland Children's Hospital. These houses will be converted into 15 self-contained family-styled accommodation units in the near future, with the aim of providing a family community environment that allows for easy access to and from hospital facilities.





# How will you leave your Gift of Love to Childhood Cancer Support?

There are four key ways you can include Childhood Cancer Support Inc in your Will:

## ENTIRE ESTATE OR A PERCENTAGE

You can choose to leave your entire estate or any percentage you choose to Childhood Cancer Support. This means if your estate grows or is depleted by inflation or unforeseen circumstances, those you care about will not be disadvantaged.

## RESIDUARY GIFT

A residuary gift is a gift of a percentage of the remainder of your estate after all your other wishes have been fulfilled and expenses met. Because the value of your gift will rise with inflation, it will be worth as much to us tomorrow as it is today. A residuary gift is the most popular option, this is the money remaining after loved ones are taken care of.

## SPECIFIC GIFT

A specific gift is a specific item of value. For example; shares, paintings or a property.

## PECUNIARY GIFT

A pecuniary gift is simply a gift of a specific amount of money. For example, \$5,000. This does not allow for changes in your circumstances or inflation.

Please be sure to discuss these options with a solicitor. They'll ensure that your loved ones and the causes you hold dear benefit from your Will exactly as you would wish.



# Making a Gift in your Will

It's important to word your Will correctly to ensure your wishes are carried out exactly as you intend.

## Suggested Wording for a gift to Childhood Cancer Support

Your solicitor may find the following wording helpful:

### A specific or monetary gift

I give [insert particulars of the specific asset or sum of money being given] to CHILDHOOD CANCER SUPPORT INC ABN 459 147 909 85 ("the Charity") for its general purposes.

### A residuary gift

I give [insert either "all of my residuary Estate" or "the fraction or percentage of your residuary Estate that you would like to give"] to CHILDHOOD CANCER SUPPORT INC ABN 459 147 909 85 ("the Charity") for its general purposes.

### Declaration

Whether you make a specific, monetary or residuary gift, after you make the gift in the Will, you should also include the following declaration:

"In relation to this gift, I declare as follows:

- (a) a general charitable intent shall apply;
- (b) a receipt signed by the General Manager for the time being or another person authorised by the Charity shall constitute a full and sufficient discharge to my executors;
- (c) my executors are not obliged to see or enquire into the application of the gift so made by me;
- (d) if the Charity has amalgamated with another institution, society or body of persons or changed its name before my death, the benefit intended to be given by the gift shall be paid and/or transferred to the institution, society or body of persons existing at the date of my death as a result of such amalgamation or change of name. If the Charity is found to have ceased to exist before my death or the gift made by me otherwise fails for whatever reason, the benefit intended to be given by the gift shall be paid and/or transferred to such charity or charities and if more than one in such shares as my executors in their absolute discretion shall think fit and I express the wish that in so doing, my executors shall seek to benefit a charity or charities as close as possible in purpose to that intended to be benefited by the original gift made by me."

**Thank you for your consideration**



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All enquiries will be treated with the strictest confidence. Should you require any further information about including Childhood Cancer Support Inc in your Will, please contact

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