

# Leaving your **Legacy of Love**



CHILDHOOD

CANCER SUPPORT

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

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# 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 focussed 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 bequest or 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



## **GENERAL MANAGER**

Helen Crew



**Childhood Cancer Support Ambassador Laura Geitz with 13 year old Brooke who was diagnosed with a brain tumour.**

**AMBASSADOR**

Laura Geitz

Former Captain – Australian Netball Team

Former Captain – Queensland Firebirds Netball Team

*“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***

To provide stability to the lives of children undergoing treatment for cancer and their families through the provision of specialised accommodation, emotional and financial support, transportation and recreational therapies.

## ***Our Vision***

That all regional families have equal access to accommodation and tailored family support services to help them cope when their child is diagnosed with cancer.



# Family Story

## KOBY AND KYLIE



Prior to Koby's diagnosis, life was exciting. We were first-time parents navigating our way through parenthood. Koby was always a happy baby, but from approximately 6-7 months old his weight gain was decreasing slowly. His sleep was constantly disrupted and he never slept for long periods of time. We were referred for a sleep study test and chest X-rays in the nearest city, which was 250km away.

***We didn't know at the time, but leaving for these tests would be the last time we would be home for four months, as we were flown straight to Brisbane.***

The first week we arrived in Brisbane was a whirlwind of confusion and fear. To be told your child has cancer is an absolute life-shattering moment, a nightmare you never think will come true. You sit looking at your innocent, happy baby, knowing that they are about to fight a battle that no one, let alone a child, should ever have to face.

After finding out from Doctors that our little boy Koby had a lump on his spine, we were flown 1,000km to Brisbane. We arrived with no more than 2 days' worth of clothes, a car seat and a pram. We had our whole world turned upside down. Luckily for us, on our first visit to hospital we met staff from Childhood Cancer Support, who offered us support and accommodation.

**Koby was diagnosed with Ganglioneuroblastoma (tumour that develops in nerve tissue), and a week later he started treatment.**

What people don't often realise is that public transportation isn't the safest option and parking is very expensive at the hospital. The transport service offered by Childhood Cancer Support alleviates all these concerns.

The family style accommodation was a saving grace through our journey. Koby was able to live a normal life while not in hospital. It became our home away from home as we were able to cook our own meals and there was plenty of room for Koby to play.



I knew while we were there how much help they provided us, yet it wasn't until I returned home that I truly appreciated how much Childhood Cancer Support went above and beyond to help our family.

Thankfully, Koby is doing really well and has a bright future. Koby has this year started prep and loves it. He loves riding his motorbike, playing golf and watching football on TV with Dad. He is such a caring and kind-hearted boy and the best big brother.

I now am grateful for every single moment – the little milestones mean the world to me.

***Koby is now 5 years old.  
I watch Koby and my heart  
bursts with absolute pride.***

I know personally that a gift to Childhood Cancer Support means the world to families facing cancer.

Please support them and bring joy to little boys like my Koby.

Kylie Stacey, mother of Koby.



# ***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 leukemia and cancer, met to discuss ways of helping each other and their children.

Childhood cancers and leukemia 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 affect by childhood cancer.





# Family Story

Hayley and Peta



“Just knowing that Childhood Cancer Support is there for you and your family through the ups and downs of coping with a child with cancer, takes a huge burden from us not having to worry about where we could stay.”

We greatly appreciate that we can come 'home' every day from the hospital and just be comfortable and try to live as much a normal life as we can.

Having to be away from our home in Townsville so Hayley can receive this treatment in Brisbane at the Queensland Children's Hospital, for twelve months, has been hard. It is hard to be away from family and our old normal life.

This new normal life we have while going through hospital stays, chemotherapy, radiation and surgeries has been made so much easier with the help from Childhood Cancer Support. It is not only the home that they provided us but the support they have also provided every step of the way which has been invaluable.



# 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 situated 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**

With the Queensland Children's Hospital now located on the south-side of Brisbane, our long-term plan is to move into a purpose built 24 unit family friendly complex in close proximity to the hospital to allow for easy access to and from the hospital facilities.







## *How will you leave your Legacy 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 bequest**

A residuary legacy 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 bequest is the most popular option, this is the money remaining after loved ones are taken care of.

#### **Specific bequest**

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

#### **Pecuniary bequest**

A pecuniary legacy 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.



# Writing a Bequest

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

## **Suggested Wording for a bequest to Childhood Cancer Support**

Your solicitor may find the following wording helpful:

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH:

(a) The residue of my estate, or

(b) A percentage of my estate, or

(c) The specific sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and/or

(d) Items from my estate. to CHILDHOOD CANCER SUPPORT. ("the charity") for its general purposes PROVIDED HOWEVER if at the date of my death the charity has:

(i) Amalgamated with another charitable institution or institutions, this legacy shall take effect as if it had been made to the amalgamated institutions.

(ii) Changes its name or constitution or both, this legacy shall take effect as if it had been made to the amalgamated institution with either, or both the name or constitution as altered.

(iii) Transferred all its assets to another charitable institution, this legacy shall take effect as if it had been made to the institution to which the assets have been transferred or,

(iv) Ceased to exist, my trustees shall pay legacy to such other charitable institution the object, which in the opinion of my trustees most resembles those of the charity.

(v) I DECLARE that the receipt of the secretary or other proper officer for the time being of the institution to which the legacy should have been paid and pursuant (a) of this clause shall be a full discharge for my trustees for the legacy, nor shall my trustees be bound to see to its application.



*Thank you for your consideration*



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