

A photograph of a woman and a young girl standing outdoors in front of a dense green hedge. The woman, on the right, has blonde hair and is wearing a black t-shirt, smiling warmly. The girl, on the left, has light brown hair and is wearing a white dress with gold star patterns and puffed sleeves, also smiling. The text 'Your gift, their future' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**Your gift,
their future**



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Where we began

In the 1800s the challenges for Queensland families wanting to access medical treatment for their sick children were incomprehensible. The determination of one person, Mary McConnel, inspired the community and in 1878 the first children's hospital in Brisbane opened. In 1905 the hospital received the first recorded bequest of 15,000 pounds.

Where we are today

Queensland Children's Hospital helps thousands of sick and injured children each week, almost half of which arrive at the hospital from regional and rural areas. The hospital has been ranked the 15th best specialised paediatric hospital in the world, making it the leading children's hospital in the Southern Hemisphere.

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The Children's Hospital Foundation works wonders for sick and injured kids by:



Funding life-saving medical research

Research will have a massive impact on the life of many children. Generous donor support helps fund research needed to find faster diagnoses and better treatments and cures for some of the most devastating childhood illnesses and injuries.



Investing in vital new equipment

By providing the very best critical equipment, you change the lives of thousands of sick and injured kids and their families.



Providing support and entertainment services for sick kids and their families

You can enable programs and activities that provide welcome distractions and entertainment for sick kids and their families.



*Evie receiving treatment during
an emergency hospital admission.
(Family supplied photo)*

Funding cystic fibrosis research for kids like Evie

When Evie was only four weeks old, she was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis (CF) – a life-threatening disorder that damages the lungs and digestive system.

Her CF has led to ongoing infections in her lungs, which has resulted in severe lung damage and hampered Evie's ability to maintain a normal developmental weight for her age group. She is expected to require a double lung transplant in the future. However, her team are working tirelessly to prolong this procedure with admissions and treatment. In early 2021, her family received news that Evie had access to Trikafta – a revolutionary drug used to treat CF. This drug has been instrumental in her wellbeing.

To receive treatment at Queensland Children's Hospital, she often spends four to six weeks admitted as an inpatient.



This means anxious time away from her family, friends and animals at her home in Chinchilla. During treatment Evie's lungs need to be kept clear with IV antibiotics. She must take multiple medications and attend intense physio sessions twice a day. She has three inhalers per day, each taking up to 30 minutes, along with her vibration vest.

These admissions are broken up with short stints at home to recoup and mentally prepare for the next admission. This is hard on Evie, her parents and her siblings.

The Children's Hospital Foundation has pledged \$2.5 million over five years towards Queensland's first dedicated cystic fibrosis research program to help improve outcomes for children living with the life limiting condition, just like Evie.



Thanks to Children's Hospital Foundation supporters, we've proudly been funding leading CF researchers including Professors Claire Wainwright, Peter Sly and Scott Bell's research into the disease over the past decade. Children like Evie will benefit from the findings and advances that are discovered through the funding of this vital research program.

A baby is born with CF in Australia every four days, with around 265 children being treated for the condition at Queensland Children's Hospital annually. Research strives to deliver improved health outcomes, better quality of life and longer life expectancy for all of these children.

Because of this ground-breaking research, there are now more adults than children living with CF right across the world. However, there is still much to be discovered as there is still no cure.



Wishing to pay it forward



*Cheryl and Amber at the Children's Hospital
35 years ago*

"At the age of 2, my daughter Amber was involved in a car crash which left her with severe head injuries and a lifetime disability. She spent over three months in the Children's Hospital in Brisbane, as

well as countless outpatient visits over the following few years.

My daughter is now 35 years old and is living her best life thanks to the amazing doctors and nurses and the support of the Foundation. I am grateful every day to still have her in my life.

I will never know the people who generously donated to the Foundation to provide my daughter with lifesaving equipment and well-trained staff, but they helped save her so I could enjoy a lifetime with her. I have decided to leave a gift in my Will to the Foundation as my legacy to help save other children in the future. It gives me a sense of peace and contentment to know that I have completed the 'pay it forward' cycle and that my life has benefitted others," says Cheryl.

Cheryl knows the only reason her daughter is still alive today is because of the incredible care and treatment her daughter received when she was younger.

She hopes she will be able to help someone else, going through something similar, by leaving a gift in her Will.





Why do I need a Will?

It's one of the most important documents you will make in your lifetime. Everyone should have a Will to make sure the people you love, and the charitable causes you care about, are looked after when you are gone. Your Will makes sure that everyone gets exactly what you intended.

Please seek professional advice to make sure your Will is valid, and your wishes will be carried out.

Your Will is the perfect place to make sure that the causes you have supported throughout your life can continue to benefit from your generous support, and your legacy can continue.

Leaving a gift in your Will means peace of mind for you – and vital funds for sick kids.

No matter how big or small, every gift to the Children's Hospital Foundation makes a difference to the lives of sick kids and their families.



Liam, who has down syndrome and was diagnosed with leukaemia, is one of many sick kids who benefitted from Geoff's gift in his Will.

Geoff Carrick lived on a cattle station 'Maitland' located at Einasleigh, approximately two hours' drive north of Charters Towers.

Although Geoff never had any children himself, he strongly believed "no child deserved to be sick as they had not yet had a chance to live their life".

It was this belief that led Geoff to leave a substantial gift to the Children's Hospital Foundation in his Will.

When Geoff passed away in 2018 his generous gift was used to fund research into immunotherapy, brain cancer and cystic fibrosis. It also helped fund state-of-the-art 3D surgical navigation equipment and a Digital PET-CT scanner, making

Queensland Children's Hospital the first paediatric hospital in Australia to offer this cutting-edge digital technology.

We are grateful to everyone who leaves a gift in their Will as it allows the Children's Hospital Foundation to fund lifesaving work long into the future.





*Lilly-Grace is enjoying a digital toy loan
at her bedside*

Your gift has an incredible impact on their future

Every day, hundreds of children and young people from across Queensland and northern New South Wales, arrive at Queensland Children's Hospital with an injury or illness. Some arrivals are planned, some aren't – but no matter what it is that brings them to the hospital, the Children's Hospital Foundation is there to make their stay as easy and stress free as possible.

Sometimes it's the little things that make a big difference for sick kids and their families; someone to play a board game, a helping hand, or to provide support

in anxious moments. It could be a home cooked meal provided in partnership with the Scarlett May Foundation, music therapy to distract them from painful treatments, or some entertainment to help them forget the health challenges they face and just be kids again, if only for a while.

Sometimes patients and families may need a little extra support and thanks to your generous gift they can access psychological support, and bereavement support is available for families suffering the devastating grief of losing a child.



Patrick is having fun at Kidzone

There are a variety of ways to leave a gift to Children's Hospital Foundation

Write your Will for free with Gathered Here

We have partnered with Gathered Here to provide our supporters with a free and easy step-by-step online Will writing service.

Established in 2016, Gathered Here is Australia's end-of-life services website and is supported by an in-house legal team of highly experienced Wills and estate lawyers.

It can take less than 10 minutes to have an incredible impact on sick kids.



Scan the QR code to find out more and write your Will today.

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Suggested wording for a gift to Children's Hospital Foundation

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 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION ABN 116 079026 87 ("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 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION ABN 116 079026 87 ("the Charity") for its general purposes.

Declaration

Following the inclusion of your nominated gift to the Children's Hospital Foundation, please 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 Chief Finance Officer 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."

We would like to thank you for making this very important decision. We would also like to acknowledge your gift and keep you updated about our projects and programs.

Most importantly, we would like to welcome you as a very valued member of our bequest group and ensure that you receive personal contact and have a direct line for information that you may need.

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All enquiries are kept confidential.



Thank
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