



**Children's**  
Hospital Foundation

**The difference  
every kid deserves**

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# Where we began

In the 1800s, Queensland was no place for sick or injured children. There was no paediatric hospital, and little ones under five were not allowed admission to the general hospital.

The determination of one person, Mary McConnel, inspired a community to raise the bar in the care of kids with all illnesses, injuries and conditions. With the support of local business and a devoted committee, she opened the first paediatric hospital in Brisbane in 1878. In its first year, 105 children were admitted.

Since 1985, the Children's Hospital Foundation has operated on the ground, in the wards, waiting rooms and research centres, to be the difference every kid deserves.

# Where we are today

Children's Hospital Foundation proudly supports and works alongside the Queensland Children's Hospital and statewide with Children's Health Queensland – playing an important part in what has become one of the world's best paediatric hospitals.

On any given day, the team at the Queensland Children's Hospital will treat more than 200 children in its emergency department, see about 1,000 children at outpatient appointments and care for more than 200 children as inpatients.

Our focus for our partnership with Queensland Children's Hospital is to continue to support the delivery of the best possible health and wellbeing for Queensland kids.



# How your support helps sick kids

With your generosity, the Children's Hospital Foundation helps kids with all illnesses, injuries and conditions.

Through choosing to leave a gift in your Will, you can help fund:

- **Research** that's needed to accelerate breakthroughs and champion the delivery of world-class paediatric care.
- **Cutting-edge equipment** to support sick kids at Queensland Children's Hospital and across Queensland.
- **Support for families** through the toughest of times with programs that nurture social connection, empowerment and moments of happiness.



# Jonathan's story

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Jonathan had a rocky start to life, after being diagnosed with hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS) within three days of being born. HLHS is a congenital heart condition where the left side of the heart is critically underdeveloped and unable to help in the process of pumping blood around the body.

By his fourth birthday, Jonathan had already faced more challenges than most. He's undergone two open-heart surgeries – the first of which was performed when he was only seven days old – and one additional debridement surgery to clean a wound of an infection.

## Ongoing treatment and hospital visits

Jonathan's life is vastly different than first imagined, but the Children's Hospital Foundation has been there for his family through the ups and downs. Music therapy sessions have made hospital a less daunting place and visits from cuddle carers have comforted Jonathan through the toughest of times. Now that Jonathan is getting older, the televisions make echocardiograms during appointments easier, and he always looks forward to visiting Kidzone.

For kids with heart conditions like Jonathan, going home is not the end of the story, often it's just the start of a long and difficult journey of ongoing treatment and hospital visits. Jonathan will require cardiology appointments every few months to monitor his progress and another surgery, potentially before his fifth birthday.

## His family's legacy

Because of the Children Hospital Foundation's support, his parents, Jess and Glenn, decided to leave a gift in their Will to the Foundation.

*"We chose to leave a gift in our Will to the Children's Hospital Foundation for many reasons. It is one small way to help one last time when we eventually (hopefully many, many years in the future) pass away. While most of our possessions will pass to our children, we know we will leave a legacy in providing help for sick kids."*

- Jess

Jonathan's family want to ensure others whose worlds are turned upside down by sudden injury or illness can be supported now and into the future. Jonathan will need at least one more open-heart surgery in his life and his family are comforted in knowing the Children's Hospital Foundation will be there to support them when this operation happens.

**Even just a small portion of your estate could be the life saving difference kids like Jonathan deserve.**



# Kylie's legacy

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Kylie is a research physiotherapist in the Department of Orthopaedics at Queensland Children's Hospital, where she sees first-hand the impact of Children's Hospital Foundation funding.

Growing up the youngest of three children in Central Queensland, Kylie spent a lot of her childhood playing sport, balanced with a strong education and desire for knowledge. A penchant for science – Kylie had planned to study medicine to be an obstetrician. However, she changed tack right before her high school graduation and enrolled in a physiotherapy degree.

With far-reaching experience in Australia and across the world, Kylie has been lucky enough to work in seven different countries where she was exposed to a variety of clinical conditions and challenges.

*"In 2015, I began work as the Physiotherapy Clinical Leader in orthopaedics at Queensland Children's Hospital, where I first met Dr David Bade. I was incredibly impressed by his commitment to teamwork, clinical excellence, and family-centred care," Kylie said.*



It was her work within this team, and her subsequent work within the research arm of the orthopaedic team alongside Dr Chris Carty, that inspired Kylie to leave a gift in her Will to the Children's Hospital Foundation.

*"I have always had a provision in my Will for a charity but have changed it to be toward the Children's Hospital Foundation. I have been inspired by the activities of Dr Bade and Dr Carty and have seen first-hand how much of a difference research funding makes. I would encourage others to consider leaving a gift in their Will to the Children's Hospital Foundation."*







# The difference every kid deserves

Children's Hospital Foundation exists for every kid that needs us, no matter who, where or when. All illnesses, injuries and conditions – from the suburbs to the cities, rural, regional and remote.

As the only charity in Queensland working to support all kids, our goal is to achieve the biggest possible impact with your generous donation. We identify and action gaps in funding and support right across the kids' health landscape.

Sometimes these gaps can appear small, filled by acts of kindness or compassion – a helping hand, a knowing smile, a place to play during a hospital stay.

Other times these gaps are large, bridged only by championing world-class care and treatment or breakthroughs in research and technology.

Through leaving a gift in your Will to the Children's Hospital Foundation, you can fund cutting-edge equipment, vital research and on the ground support for kids with all illnesses, injuries and conditions – **the difference every kid deserves.**

# Geoff Carrick's Legacy

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Geoff Carrick lived on Maitland, a cattle station 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 3D surgical navigation equipment and a digital PET-CT scanner at Queensland Children's Hospital – the first paediatric hospital in Australia to offer this state-of-the-art digital technology.

With generous supporters like Geoff Carrick, **we can be the difference every kid deserves.**



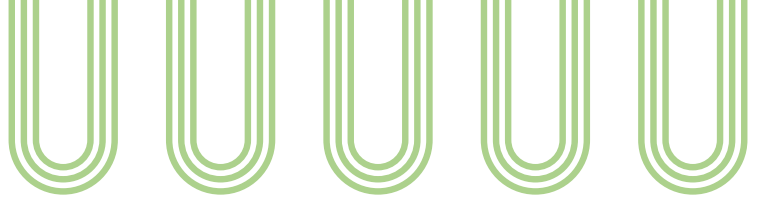


# Why do you need a Will?

A Will is one of the most important documents you will make in your life. Yet around 70% of Australians don't currently have a legally binding Will.

Everyone should have a Will to make sure the people you love, and charitable causes you care about, are protected and cared for when you are gone – exactly how you intended. Your Will can give you peace of mind and continue your legacy.

By including the Children's Hospital Foundation in your Will, any gift you make will have a positive impact for sick and injured kids.



# Write your Will



Children's Hospital Foundation has 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 supported by an in-house team of highly experienced lawyers to make writing your Will simpler and more accessible.

Scan the QR code to learn more and write your own Will today. It can take less than 10 minutes to make a difference for sick kids, with free and unlimited updates for life.



# Professional advice

When writing your Will, please seek professional advice to make sure your Will is valid, and your wishes will be carried out – exactly how you planned. You 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

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 Chief Executive 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.”

**Scan the QR code to learn more about how to leave a gift in your Will.**



# Contact information

The power to be the difference every kid deserves sits with supporters like you. Thank you for being ready and willing to stand up and join us.

As a valued member of our community, we want to make sure you receive personal contact around your gift and updates about our projects and commitments.

Please feel free to reach out on 1300 742 554 to speak to a member of our friendly team. All enquiries are confidential.





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