Create a better tomorrow for children with cancer



### Dear Friends,

Today, you can help us create a better tomorrow for children with cancer. Like you, I believe that one child dying of cancer is one too many. By leaving a gift in your Will you can lend your support to future generations of children and fund visionary research and welfare work.

I was touched to hear of your enquiry. As you may know, this charity began after my wife and I lost two of our children, Paul and Jean, to cancer. Before he died, Paul asked us to help other children who are still fighting cancer, and we have striven to fulfil that promise. To know that we have proud supporters like you standing by our side and working towards the same goal truly humbles me.

Together we can create a world where no child has to die from cancer, where no parent has to watch their child suffer intensive and toxic treatment. A gift in your Will can help fund life-saving research so more and more children like Arthur (pictured) can ring the end of treatment bell. From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank you for choosing to help children with cancer in your Will.

Yours sincerely,

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**Eddie O'Gorman, OBE** Founder and Chair of Trustees at Children with Cancer UK



What began as a small memorial fund is now Children with Cancer UK, the UK's leading national children's charity dedicated to research into childhood cancer

Thanks to the kindness of our supporters and the research they have helped fund children like Arthur, up and down the country, can ring the end of treatment bell.

## A gift in your Will could help keep families like Bella's together

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Bella was always such a happy child – I had no idea that she was poorly. Then one day she fell off her chair, and what I thought was a minor injury sent my world crashing down.

Bella doesn't really understand much about her cancer, but she knows that there are lots of things she can't do that other children can. She really struggled with her chemotherapy and we spent month after month in the hospital. I thought the nightmare would never end.

But throughout it all Children with Cancer UK were amazing. They gave us family days out we could only have dreamed of. Days where we could feel totally normal, have the chance to meet and talk to other families in the same boat, and simply have fun. Leaving a gift in your Will to Children with Cancer UK is such a special thing to do. You can really change these children's lives. If everyone left a small amount, things could be so different. No child should ever have to go through cancer and with everyone's help we can find a cure.

Lisa, Bella's mum

> Every day 12 families will find out their child has cancer.

# Thanks to supporters leaving a gift in their Will to Children with Cancer UK...

...we can support families like Bella's by offering family days out, funding patient family accommodation close to hospitals and providing grants to help families cover the additional costs of cancer treatment. Together we can keep more families together.



# A gift in your Will could help save young lives

Children with Cancer UK funds researchers like Professor David Walker to develop kinder and more effective treatments for childhood cancer.



Professor David Walker



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Children should not be denied access to cancer research funding. Yet, the majority of UK cancer funding does not go towards childhood cancers. Childhood cancers are different from adult cancers and they vitally need their own specialist research.

Throughout my career we've used survival rates as an effective and powerful driver for change. Therefore, where there have been poor survival rates we've focused our efforts on investigating new drug combinations and performing trials. Though this has been very successful, it's also driven an intensification of the drug therapy we use and we are now at the boundaries of tolerance. We need to do better with less toxicity and that's where the research comes in. If we can find drugs that work well without lots of side effects, then the next phase will be to make the drug treatment less burdensome for the child – and the family.

With your support, scientists can develop new treatments that are less harmful to the children they are meant to help. **99** 

Professor David Walker, University of Nottingham

Thanks to investment into vital research, childhood cancer survival rates have increased from 64% in 1988 when the charity was established to an estimated 84% today

# Why I am leaving a gift in my Will to Children with Cancer UK

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My Hollie was a beautiful little girl, she was very vibrant, and so loved by everyone.

I never thought I would have to bury my grandchild. Our children shouldn't die before us, you don't expect that to happen.

I can still remember the final days, sitting beside her on the life-support machine. We sang her favourite songs and nursery rhymes and reminisced over the fun times. And then she went. And I don't know how to explain it, it was just unbearable, knowing we would never see her again. Children with Cancer UK is a brilliant charity, I would never support anybody else. I lost my granddaughter and I would be leaving money to her and I can't, so Children with Cancer UK will be getting what I would have given to Hollie.

I think it's important to leave a gift in your Will because, I hope, if more people give to Children with Cancer UK by the time all my other grandchildren are my age the disease won't exist anymore.

Wendy, Children with Cancer UK Supporter With the help of researchers like Professor David Walker we aim to create a world where children like Hollie would survive their cancer treatment and get to ring the end of treatment bell



## How a gift in your Will could help Children with Cancer UK

Children with Cancer UK are humbled by any gift we receive. Large or small your gift will help fight the injustice of childhood cancer.



could provide a child with 150 beads as part of our programme with Beads of Courage UK.

We provide children with beads symbolising a treatment or milestone in their cancer journey. These help families celebrate their child's courage.

could provide a family with 5 days of accommodation at one of the patient homes we fund.

Children with Cancer UK funds Homes from Home near hospitals, so families can stay close to their children during their cancer treatment.

### £5,000

could fund a piece of vital equipment in a research laboratory. Your gift could provide a laboratory with equipment such as a cell culture incubator, microscope or PCR Machine to assist lifesaving research.

could fund a year's salary of a Children with Cancer UK **Research Fellow.** 

Children with Cancer UK funds Research Fellows to encourage the best new scientific minds to research paediatric cancer and make lifesaving discoveries.

could fund research into kinder. better treatments that will ultimately save young lives.

Your gift could cover Children with Cancer UK's contribution to a visionary research project, bringing forward life-saving breakthroughs.

Children with Cancer UK receives no government funding, and relies entirely on the support of people like you.

### Your questions answered

#### How do I make or update my Will?

As a Will is a legal document, we would always advise getting in touch with a solicitor or Will-writing professional organisation.

Children with Cancer UK can help, as we offer a Free Will-writing Service. If this is something you are interested in please fill in the enclosed form or ring us on 020 7404 0808. Alternatively you can visit Farewill.co.uk and use voucher code CWCUK1901 to create your Will online free of charge.

### What should I do before I speak to a solicitor?

Before you visit your solicitor we would advise making a list of your assets and deciding how you would like to divide them up amongst family, friends and charities. You may also want to make a note of any outstanding debts you have too.

#### Are there tax benefits to leaving a gift in my Will to charity?

As you may know Inheritance Tax applies to any part of your estate that is worth more than £325,000. Any amount above this value will be taxed at 40%. However, legacies to charities are free of Inheritance Tax.

As a further incentive, if you leave 10% of your estate to charity a reduced Inheritance Tax rate of 36% instead of 40% will apply to your taxable estate.

If you have any more questions, we are happy to help, you can either email us at legacies@childrenwithcancer.org.uk or call us on 020 7404 0808.



### Can you suggest wording that I can provide my solicitor with?

Please find below wording for each type of gift you may choose to leave Children with Cancer UK.

#### A residuary legacy

#### is a share of your estate

I give the whole/ X % share of the residue of my estate after payment of my debts , funeral and testamentary expenses and any legacies contained in my Will or any Codicil to it, to Children with Cancer UK (Registered Charity Number 298405) of 51 Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JQ.

I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of Children with Cancer UK shall be a sufficient discharge of my Executors/Trustees

#### A pecuniary legacy

**is a fixed sum of money** I give the sum of £..... free of

tax to Children with Cancer UK (Registered Charity Number 298405) of 51 Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JQ.

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#### A specific legacy

is a specific item, such as a personal possession I give my [short description of item] free of tax to Children with Cancer UK (Registered Charity Number 298405) of 51 Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JQ.

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### Glossary of legal terms

#### Beneficiary

A person or organisation (such as a charity) to whom you leave a gift in your Will.

#### Estate

Everything you own at the time of death, such as money and property, and everything you owe, such as debts and your mortgage.

#### Executor

A person appointed to carry out the instructions given in a Will.

#### Intestate

The legal term for a person who dies without making a valid Will.

#### Legacy

A gift left to a person or organisation in a Will.

#### Pecuniary legacy

A gift of a fixed sum of money left in a Will.

#### Probate

The legal procedure to determine whether or not a Will is valid.

#### Residuary legacy

A gift of the whole or a share of your residuary estate, once gifts, debts and costs have been paid.

#### Specific legacy

A gift of a specific item, such as a personal possession.

Thank you for helping create a better tomorrow for children like Bella.

### Get in touch

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