



**Help create a world where  
every child survives cancer**

**Today, you can help us take steps towards a world where every child not only survives cancer, but thrives.**

Like you, I believe that cancer is an especially cruel hand to be dealt as a child. It's not something that anyone with young family members wants to think about. Yet, we here at Children with Cancer UK do think about it. And talk about it. And raise vital funds to do something about it. And until the day comes when every child survives that diagnosis, we will be here, fighting for better outcomes for each and every one.

We're incredibly thankful and humbled that we have supporters like you standing by our side, and working towards the same goal as us.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you can lend your support to future generations of children and their families. You can fund life saving research so more children and young people can grow up with the chance to fulfill their dreams. You can help continue the legacy of our founders, the O'Gorman family, who began the charity after unbearably losing two of their own children to cancer.

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.

From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank you for choosing to support Children with Cancer UK in your Will.

Yours sincerely,



**Jo Elvin**  
CEO, Children with Cancer UK



**What began as a fund in memory of a boy who had leukaemia is now Children with Cancer UK, one of the UK's leading children's charities dedicated to research into childhood cancer.**



**Thanks to the kindness of our supporters and the research they have helped fund, children like Alfie, up and down the country, can complete their treatment and live a happy, healthy life.**

# A gift in your Will could help children like Alfie not only survive cancer, but thrive

Alfie was diagnosed with medulloblastoma, a type of brain tumour in September 2019 at the age of nine. His mum Kerry shares their story so far:

“On 16 September 2019, Alfie had an urgent MRI scan and we were given the devastating news that Alfie had medulloblastoma, a cancerous brain tumour. That day our lives were turned upside down, we were completely heartbroken, devastated, numb and in shock. We were told that he had a 60% chance of surviving. Alfie endured surgery to remove the tumour, six weeks of radiotherapy and eight months of chemotherapy.

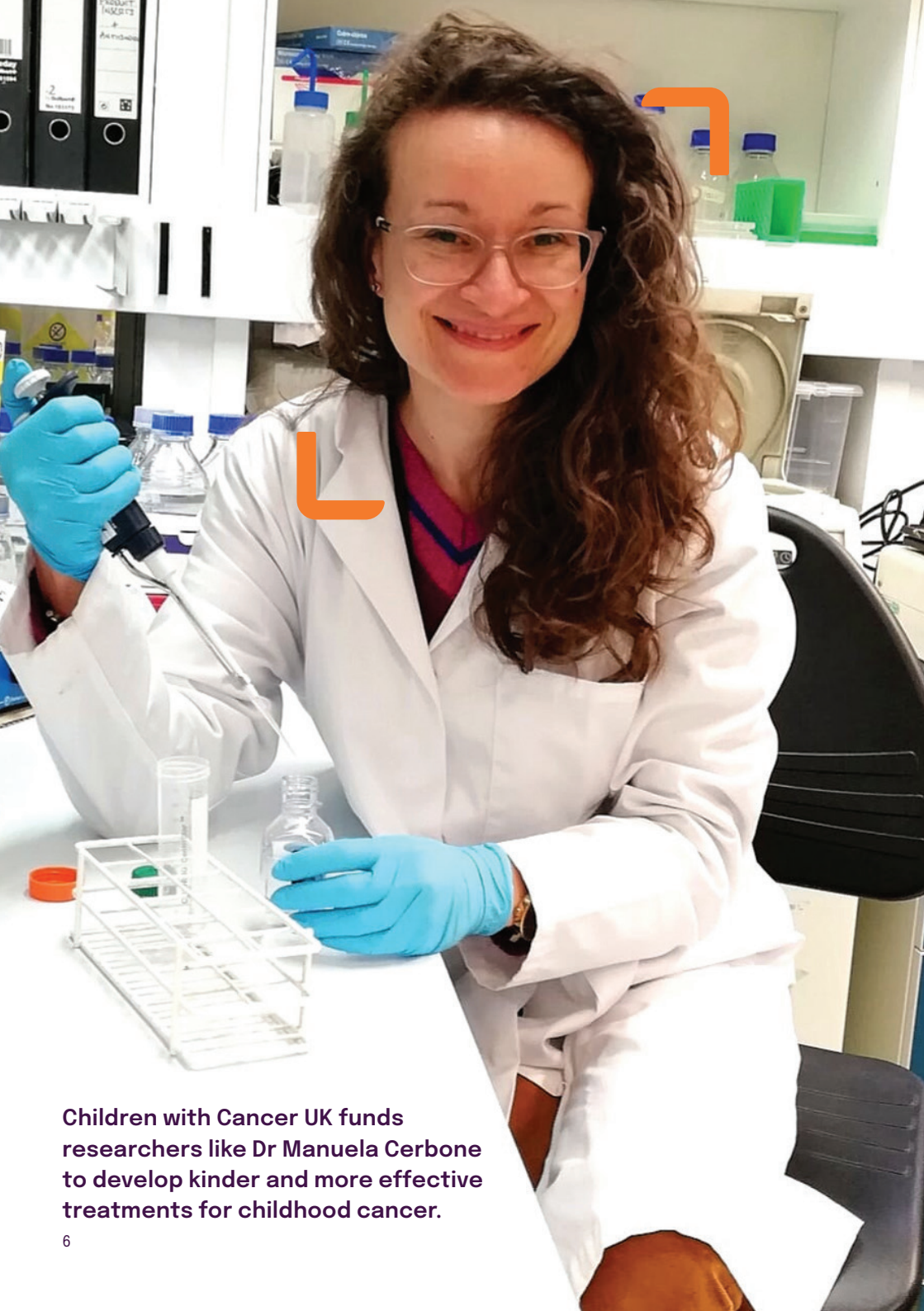
It isn't until you're hit with a child cancer diagnosis that you realise how important fundraising for charities like Children with Cancer UK and other children's hospital charities is. Without their work, Alfie probably wouldn't have survived a brain tumour diagnosis like this. Alfie has been through so much but he has also overcome so many challenges and obstacles, he is amazing. We are so proud of Alfie and we are proud to be his parents.”

Thanks to supporters leaving a gift in their Will to Children with Cancer UK, we can help families like Alfie's by funding life saving research to improve diagnosis, find kinder treatments and ultimately achieve better outcomes for children with cancer.



Every day **10 families** in the UK will find out their child has cancer.





Children with Cancer UK funds researchers like Dr Manuela Cerbone to develop kinder and more effective treatments for childhood cancer.

# A gift in your Will could make a difference to the lives of children with cancer

“Children surviving cancer deserve to achieve their full life potential.

For years we’ve been focusing on ground-breaking research to increase the survival rates, now we also need to focus on their quality of survival and long-term mortality. Every child who survives cancer will expect to live a further 68 years, a lifetime in which their ability to live matters enormously.

Because cancer in young people can often be more aggressive, treatments have become increasingly intense, which means more toxicity and side effects. Many childhood cancer survivors are paying the price of these treatments. We need to understand better and support research projects focusing on quality after survival.

With your support, scientists can develop better treatments that are less harmful, letting these children grow to achieve their dreams.”

**Thanks to investment into vital research, over the last 35+ years we have seen childhood cancer survival rates increase from 67.3% to 85.2%.**

**Dr Manuela Cerbone,  
University College London and  
Great Ormond Street Hospital**

\*Office of National Statistics (ONS) predicted Childhood cancer survival in England.

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

“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 my 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 Dr Manuela Cerbone we aim to create a world where children like Hollie would survive their cancer treatment.**

# 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.

## Beads of Courage



**£50**

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.

## Cell Research



**£500**

could buy T-cell nutrients, essential for growing T-cells, a type of **immune cell**

Your gift could help researchers develop CAR T-cell immunotherapies to create targeted treatment for children's cancers.

## Vital Equipment



**£5,000**

could fund vital equipment in a research laboratory

Your gift could provide a laboratory with equipment such as a refrigerated micro-centrifuge, a thermal cycler or several sets of highly precise laboratory pipettes to assist lifesaving research.

## Research Fellow



**£50,000**

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

We fund Research Fellows to encourage the best new scientific minds to research paediatric cancer and make life-saving discoveries.

## Visionary Research Projects



**£500,000**

could fund two ground-breaking research projects with leading **UK scientists**

Your gift could cover our contribution to vital research projects, helping to improve understanding of childhood cancer and find better treatments that will ultimately save young lives.



# Your questions answered

## How do I make or update my Will?

As a Will is a legal document, we would always advise seeking advice from a solicitor or Will-writing professional organisation.

## 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.

**If you have any more questions, we are happy to help. You can either call us on 0800 222 9000 or email us at [info@childrenwithcancer.org.uk](mailto:info@childrenwithcancer.org.uk)**

## 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.



Hollie with her grandparents, 'Ganny and Gaggy', when she was two years old.

# 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 Third floor, 21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street, London, WC1N 3NL.

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 £X free of tax to Children with Cancer UK (Registered Charity Number 298405) of Third floor, 21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street, London, WC1N 3NL.

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 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 Third floor, 21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street, London, WC1N 3NL.

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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 Alfie**

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