

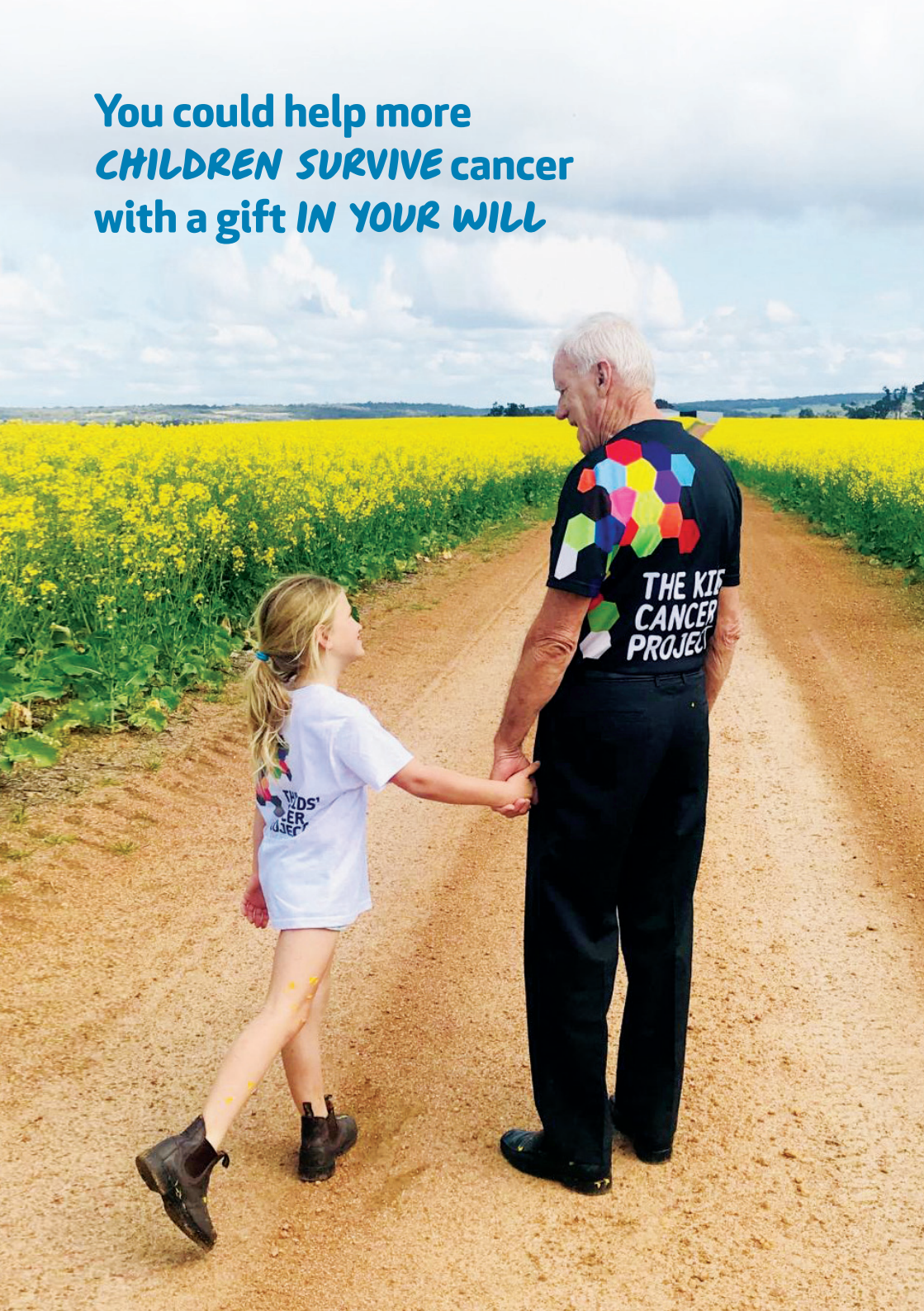
HELP MORE KIDS  
SURVIVE CANCER  
IN YOUR WILL



**THE KIDS'  
CANCER  
PROJECT**

*SURVIVAL STARTS WITH SCIENCE.*

You could help more  
**CHILDREN SURVIVE** cancer  
with a gift **IN YOUR WILL**



*“Everyday children survive cancer because of research people like you have funded.”*



Before I founded The Kids' Cancer Project back in 1993, I didn't know much about childhood cancer. I barely knew that kids got cancer, let alone the devastation a diagnosis can bring to a family or the importance of funding research into it.

Initially, my motivation was to give these poor kids a chance to experience life, because, for many of them, survival wasn't even a possibility back then. I knew pretty quickly that day trips weren't going to cut it, we had to do something to give those kids their lives back, not enrich what they had left of it.

**Today, over 30 years later, the support of people like you has had a monumental impact on the quality of cancer treatments available to kids in Australia, and worldwide. During that time, the survival rate has gone from 58% to 86%. That's no accident.**

That statistic alone is how I know people like you are helping make a difference. Each percentage isn't just a number, it represents real children. Every time the survival rate goes up thanks to new research, it means dozens more children can go on to experience all life has to offer, free from cancer and the fear of dying – as all kids should. It means families can raise their children rather than lose them to a cruel disease.

Every time I read a story of a kid surviving cancer, my hope and faith in our mission are renewed. The gratitude I feel for people like you, people who are making those incredible things possible, never fades. I know that with your support, every child surviving cancer is a case of when, not if.

Although more children are surviving cancer than ever before, three Australian children still die from it every week. It's not acceptable that far too many treatments cause life-long side effects in survivors, whilst some cancers have very poor survival rates or remain incurable.

**I know that to change that, researchers will need our support in the future. That's why I'm including a gift in my Will to The Kids' Cancer Project, and why I hope you will make the very special decision to do the same.**

We'll continue funding vital research until all kids survive cancer, but we simply cannot do it without your support.

Thank you,

*Colin Reynolds.*

Col Reynolds OAM  
Founder of The Kids' Cancer Project



## A gift in your Will could be **LIFESAVING** for kids like Millie

In 2018, Millie was diagnosed with cancer at just seven years old – her family was told to prepare for the worst. But with the help of a pioneering drug, Millie beat the odds and is now raising vital funds to help give other kids like her a fighting chance.

As a seven-year-old, Millie loved nothing more than hours bouncing on the trampoline, so it was no surprise to Erica and Kevin when their daughter began complaining of a sore shoulder.

By Boxing Day Millie was in excruciating pain. Tests carried out at Gold Coast University Hospital revealed a tumour behind Millie's Heart – so, without a minute to spare, her chemotherapy started that very evening. Despite enduring two rounds of intense treatment that left her unable to walk, Millie's chemotherapy wasn't working, and her tumour was growing aggressively. Millie's dad Kevin explains the heartbreaking severity of his daughter's illness:

*"That's when the oncologist gave us options, and one was to bring Millie home and make her comfortable... It's one of those things no parent ever wants to hear."*

**Thankfully, it never came to that. Because of research funded by kind people like you, new treatments are reaching kids like Millie when they need it most.**

Kevin and Erica then pinned their last hopes of saving their little girl on a pioneering new chemotherapy drug. Kevin says:

*"We were so lucky that Millie got Dr Chris Fraser. He recommended a mix of three chemo drugs, including one that has been in a lot of new trials."*

After an agonising wait to see the results, Millie's family learnt that the new treatment was an overwhelming success.

Kevin says:

***"It made me realise that research funding is the important bit. If we don't have people developing these drugs, Millie, who's now 11, would be dead."***

Sadly, not every child like Millie survives cancer. With a gift in your Will, you can help give researchers the funding they need to continue developing lifesaving cancer treatments for other kids like Millie, giving children in the future hope of a long and healthy life.



SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FUNDED BY KIND PEOPLE LIKE YOU HELPED SAVE MILLIE'S LIFE.



**With a gift in your Will, you could help fund lifesaving treatments for other kids facing cancer – just like the one that saved Millie's life.**



*“I read all about this lady who developed the chemo drug that saved Millie – it made me realise that research funding is the important bit. If we don’t have these people developing these drugs, Millie, who’s now 11, would be dead.”*

KEVIN, DAD OF CANCER SURVIVOR, MILLIE

## **“I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE” – Coral’s story**

After losing seven members of her family to various types of cancer throughout her life, 91-year-old Coral from NSW decided that it was time to do something. By including a gift in her Will to The Kids’ Cancer Project, Coral hopes to help the next generation avoid the heartbreak her family have endured.

For Coral, like so many people, cancer has shaped her life. She lost one brother to pancreatic cancer and another to a brain tumour, her mother died from bowel cancer and her father from renal cancer and various types of cancer have also claimed the lives of her uncle, grandson and nephew.

Her tragic family history is a testament to the need for better cancer treatments, and after watching the gruelling cancer journeys of her adult relatives, Coral realised how awful the same experience would be for a child, she says:

*“Adults understand it at least, they can process what’s happening... but when you see children suffering, it really brings home to you how terrible it is.”*

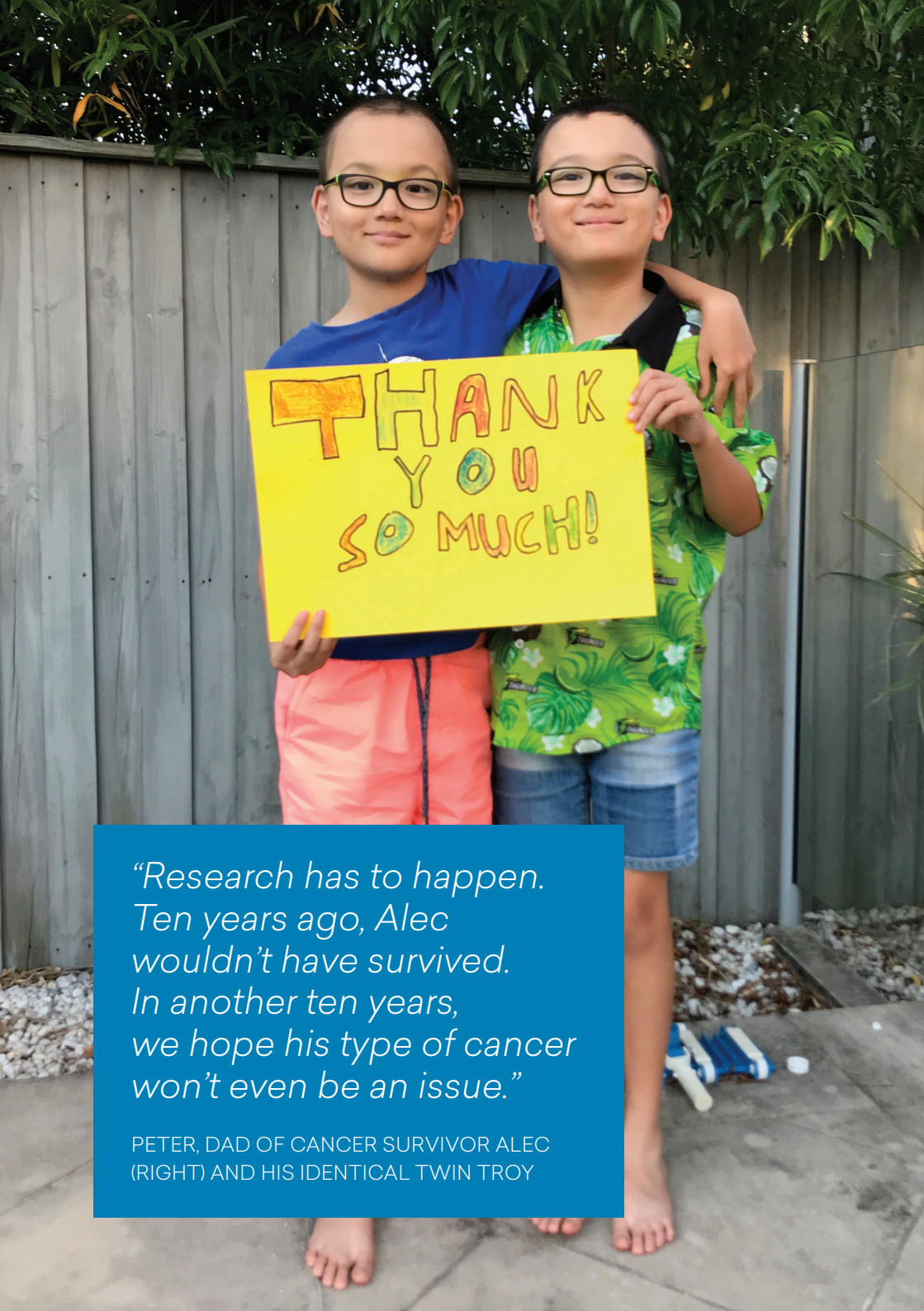
Despite the personal sadness Coral had faced, she was determined to do what she could to help make a difference for the next generation. Her strength to do something positive for others in the face of so much loss is touching, she continues to say:

***“...I can make a difference here. I hope the little bit I’m leaving does some good for the children. Without the research, nothing will change. But if people continue to give, the scientists will find solutions.”***

Coral’s wonderful gift to The Kids’ Cancer Project in her Will amounts to an incredible \$10,000 – something that will be vital in helping researchers develop more effective treatments and help more kids survive cancer.



**A gift of as little as 1% of your total estate could have a transformative impact by supporting lifesaving kids’ cancer research.**



*“Research has to happen. Ten years ago, Alec wouldn’t have survived. In another ten years, we hope his type of cancer won’t even be an issue.”*

PETER, DAD OF CANCER SURVIVOR ALEC (RIGHT) AND HIS IDENTICAL TWIN TROY

## What a gift in your Will could **MAKE POSSIBLE**

A gift of as little a 1% of your total estate to The Kids’ Cancer Project could have a lifesaving impact on the lives of children with cancer. Below are the main ways you could help give kids with cancer better outcomes, long into the future.

### **LIFESAVING DRUGS**

Very simply, the only way to help more kids survive cancer is if researchers can continue developing more effective drugs. Some cancers still have no effective treatments, but with funding from people like you, scientists are working hard to change that.

### **LESS HARMFUL TREATMENTS**

Sadly, current cancer treatments can cause a huge range of lifelong side effects in cancer survivors – with almost every child being affected in some way. Improving therapies is not just about survival, it’s about ensuring that kids can live long and healthy lives after cancer. Your gift can help researchers create gentler treatments for young bodies.

### **SURVIVORSHIP AND ONGOING HEALTH SUPPORT**

For kids living with the lasting impacts and side effects of cancer treatments, research projects and health programs to ensure they stay healthy are vital. Your gift could fund vital initiatives to help cancer survivors manage their unique health needs throughout life.

### **BETTER ACCESS TO TREATMENTS**

Every child should have access to the best cancer treatments here in Australia, without having to leave their state or worse, leave the country. Your gift could help provide the very latest drugs to kids with cancer closer to their homes and help open more cutting-edge clinical trials in Australia.



**YOUR LEGACY** could be **LIFE-CHANGING** for kids like Macy

Now 14-years-old, Macy has been undergoing treatment for over a decade for her rare form of cancer. For a long time, her condition meant regular, often week-long, trips from her home in Hobart to Melbourne just for treatment. That was until gifts from people like you helped give her and other kids in Tasmania access to lifesaving treatments closer to home.

In 2012, at just three-years-old, Macy was diagnosed with optic pathway glioma, a slow-growing brain tumour. After initial surgeries to reduce the size of her tumours, doctors considered the risk to Macy's mobility and vision too high to continue surgery, instead turning to prolonged chemotherapy as the only option. Macy's mum, Suzannah says:

*"When she was diagnosed, the doctors told me it was going to be a long road."*

*"I thought I understood, but I had no idea how long."*

For Suzannah, Macy and their entire family, the situation was made worse by the fact that the new drug Macy would rely on to remain stable over the next decade wasn't available at their home in Hobart – or anywhere in Tasmania. Their new normal quickly became at least monthly trips to Melbourne for her lifesaving treatment.

*"We were travelling interstate monthly, but often we'd do two or three trips in a month. Sometimes it was for two or three nights, but it was also up to a week at a time."*

*"The tumours kept increasing in size, so we had no choice. Getting on and off planes is exhausting at the best of times, but with a sick child it's just horrible. Plus, every time we left, I felt guilty about leaving my other daughter Matilda behind with friends and family. It was awful."*

After enduring lengthy and expensive interstate trips for five years, everything changed for Macy and her family thanks to donations and gifts in Wills from generous people like you. In 2017, having recognised the need for access to better childhood cancer treatments in Tasmania, The Kids' Cancer Project funded the opening of a brand new Children's and Adolescent Cancer Clinical Trials Unit at the Royal Hobart Hospital.

The new unit gave Macy access to the very drug she needed to keep her cancer manageable allowing her to continue with school and lead a relatively normal life. Suzannah says:

***"She's still on the same treatment that she was on in Victoria, it just wasn't offered here from our hospital at the time. It's life-changing for us as a family from Tasmania, we now don't have to pick up and leave our home life every few weeks."***

As for Macy's cancer, its slow-growing nature means she's able to live a relatively normal life, with her treatment keeping everything in check. Suzannah continues to say:

*"There's no end date for her treatment at this stage, we just take it day by day. But now that we are stable at home and we're not picking up and flying back and forth that it doesn't seem as amplified as when we were having to do all that travel."*

***"We're so grateful and thankful every single day for anybody that donates towards research and clinical trials. It's vital. It's everything. We would be in a real pickle if that funding wasn't there for her treatment. I wish that more people realised the effect of their donations on real families like mine. It's simply amazing."***

Because of gifts from kind people like you, the unit has now been in operation for six years giving 150 other kids like Macy access to lifesaving treatments in their home state. With a gift in your Will, you could help even more kids access the cancer treatments they desperately need.

## Your questions answered

Writing a Will is a very important and personal process, ensuring it's up-to-date and legally binding will give you the peace of mind that your wishes will be carried out exactly as you intend. Below are the answers to some of the questions you might have.

### CAN I INCLUDE GIFTS TO CHARITY AS WELL AS MY FAMILY?

Yes. It's important to ensure that your loved ones are taken care of first. But once you've done so, as little as 1% of your estate can have an incredible impact on childhood cancer research.

### WHAT SORT OF GIFT CAN I INCLUDE IN MY WILL?

There are two main types of gift you can include in your Will. The first is a fixed sum of money, sometimes called a 'pecuniary' gift. The second is called a 'residual' gift, this type of gift is a percentage of the money left over once all the other gifts have been paid out.

### DO I NEED A SOLICITOR TO WRITE OR AMEND MY WILL?

It isn't a necessity to consult a solicitor about your Will. However,

we recommend that your Will is reviewed by a solicitor or expert legal advisor to ensure that it is legally binding and valid.

### WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE A WILL?

If you already have a Will written but would like to include a gift to us, all you need to do is write a codicil – this is basically a note indicating a new addition. It will need to be signed, dated and witnessed, so it's best to speak to a solicitor about this to get it right.

### IS IT EXPENSIVE TO WRITE MY WILL?

No. You can write your Will for free thanks to our partnership with Gathered Here. There is no obligation to include a gift to us when you use the service, and you can get started today in as little as ten minutes.



We've partnered with Gathered Here to offer you professional Will writing completely free of charge. To find out more and begin writing your Will for free, please head to [wills.gatheredhere.com.au/c/tkcp](https://wills.gatheredhere.com.au/c/tkcp)

## Recommended wording for your Will

If you've decided to leave a gift in your Will to The Kids' Cancer Project, firstly, thank you very much. You may find the below wording useful when you write the gift into your Will.

### WORDING FOR A RESIDUAL GIFT

I give to The Kids' Cancer Project, charitable fundraising number (CFN) 10581 and Australian Business Number (ABN) 13 061 138 181 <all/XX%> of the residue of my estate absolutely for its general charitable purposes.

### WORDING FOR A GIFT OF A SPECIFIC AMOUNT

I give to The Kids' Cancer Project, charitable fundraising number (CFN) 10581 and Australian Business Number (ABN) 13 061 138 181 the sum of <\$ SPECIFY AMOUNT IN WORDS AND FIGURES> of my estate absolutely for its general charitable purposes.

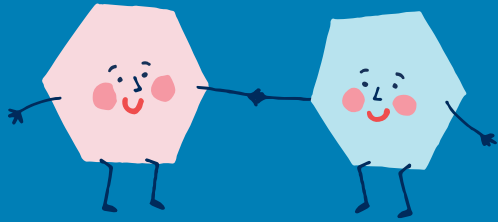
**Note: when writing our name, please ensure to include the apostrophe at the end of Kids'**

**We'd love to be able to thank you properly for your generosity if you decide to include The Kids' Cancer Project in your Will, so please do let us know by calling 1800 651 158 or emailing [info@tkcp.org.au](mailto:info@tkcp.org.au)**

*"Not being able to run those trials or new research projects because of a lack of money is truly heartbreaking – it means kids with cancer might miss out on a potentially lifesaving new drug."*

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR GEOFF MCCOWAGE





## Your wishes, **OUR PROMISE**

A gift in your Will means your values of care and compassion can live on through lifesaving work. We promise to honour your intentions and ensure that your generosity is used as you intend – to help more children survive cancer.

### **WE PROMISE**

To ensure the gift you have so generously given will be spent in the most efficient and responsible way possible. Our independent Research Advisory Committee ensures that we're rigorous in deciding which projects to fund, making sure that your gift has the biggest impact on childhood cancer possible.

### **WE PROMISE**

We'll always respect your wishes, no matter what they are. Circumstances can change and your friends and family should always come first, so if you decide to withdraw us from your Will at any time, we completely understand.

### **WE PROMISE**

That your privacy is of the utmost importance to us. Writing a Will is a very personal process, and we'll always keep anything you tell us completely confidential unless you explicitly tell us otherwise.

### **WE PROMISE**

We'll always communicate with you in whichever way works best for you. You can let us know your preferences at any time by calling our friendly team on 1800 651 158 or by emailing [info@tkcp.org.au](mailto:info@tkcp.org.au)

*A day where  
all children survive  
cancer is only  
possible with your  
support.*

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to read this booklet and for considering a gift to The Kids' Cancer Project in your Will. It's an incredibly special gift to consider making and one that will have a lasting impact on childhood cancer treatments long into the future.

The thing is a gift in your Will isn't just to fund research. It's a gift of hope, a gift of compassion and a gift that says you think all children should grow.

For kids like Millie and Macy, who you've read about today, research is why they're able to enjoy childhood and go on to experience everything life has to offer, free from the fear of dying of cancer.

That's the true impact your gift could have.

Thank you.

Col Reynolds OAM  
Founder of The Kids' Cancer Project



If you've kindly made the decision to include a gift to The Kids' Cancer Project in your Will, I'd be so grateful if you'd let us know. It's very useful for our future planning, and of course, we'd love to thank you properly.

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*“The business world has angel investors and seed funders... The children’s cancer research world has The Kids’ Cancer Project and people like you.”*

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ALEX SWARBRICK  
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