



Cerebral Palsy
ALLIANCE



Ethan Clough
11/04/2004 - 13/09/2010

Ethan's Grandfather

**A gift in your Will to
Cerebral Palsy Alliance.**

Your gift of hope for future generations.



CIRCLE OF HANDS

Message from Shannon Clough

This is Ethan, my beautiful son, who sadly lost his life nearly 10 years ago.

Next to him is Rachel, who was his best friend. Rachel's mum and I used to say they would get married one day...

When Ethan was born at 26 weeks he was diagnosed as being profoundly deaf and having severe cerebral palsy.

Cerebral Palsy Alliance helped us in every aspect of Ethan's life, from eating to sleeping. Ethan had a huge amount of equipment he needed just to get through a day. Ethan required over \$200,000 worth of equipment throughout his short life-span.

Ethan's therapists included his Physio, his Occupational Therapist, his Speech Therapist, his Conductive Education teachers, his equipment specialists and his Hydro- therapists. And we would spend at least 3-4 days a week if not more at the then, Spastic Centre. It became our second home. ▶





Rachel and Ethan



Ethan and his mum Shannon Clough

Losing Ethan devastated our lives and we all hope for prevention and cure—so why not aim for that?

A donation in your Will can help fund crucial therapy and ground-breaking research which one day can prevent children like Ethan from being born with cerebral palsy.



Message from Thomas Keneally

The rugged determination of my wonderful friends who live with the effects of cerebral palsy every day inspired me to become involved in their cause.

The work of Cerebral Palsy Alliance is truly magnificent – as is the dedication of every parent and carer, and the courage shown by people with cerebral palsy – and I feel that if I can put a little bit of weight behind the efforts to improve therapies and ultimately find a cure that would be a great thing.

I truly believe that my generation, by remembering Cerebral Palsy Alliance in our 'final document', can give hope for our future generations.

I urge you to consider joining me in leaving a bequest in your Will.

Thomas Keneally AO
Cerebral Palsy Alliance Ambassador





Alfie, his mum Laura and Laura's mother.

For now and in the future

If you're reading this booklet you've already started to think about your personal legacy, and the possibility of leaving a bequest to Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

I can't thank you enough for considering us.

I also want you to know, if you decide to leave a gift to Cerebral Palsy Alliance in your Will, you will be doing something wonderful for people who really do need help.

Your gift will ensure we can continue to provide essential services to many of the children who are diagnosed with cerebral palsy each year.

Services like physiotherapy, speech therapy and counselling which benefit over 18,000 children, adults and families in Australia.

And if you so choose, your gift can help our Research Foundation which is dedicated to funding the best and brightest minds in cerebral palsy research, to prevent, find a cure & improve lives today.

Whichever option you choose, you can be assured that you will be making an extraordinary impact in the lives of the children, adults and families living with cerebral palsy for now, and in the years to come.

Rob White
Chief Executive Officer





Jessika Kelderman and her mum, Jayne.

❧ A better quality of life ❧

Physical limitations and pain aren't the only challenges faced by people with cerebral palsy. Other people's attitudes, lack of access to technology and facilities, and even a lack of social connection can also hamper them.

Your bequest will support Cerebral Palsy Alliance's work to improve the quality of life for people like Jessika.

Jessika has the most severe form of cerebral palsy and needs 24-hour personal assistance. But thanks to a range of specialised equipment and technology, she is able to communicate, attend school, be cared for at home, go on holiday and enjoy the friendships of girls her own age.

She's helped by a lightweight aluminium wheelchair and an electric height-adjustable sleep positioning system

that makes bedtime more comfortable. Jessika's mum Jayne can now bathe Jessika in a special shower bed rather than struggling with a shower chair. And a special adjustable supporting chair means Jessika can join her family at the dinner table or play with her dog on the floor.

These are ordinary everyday experiences for most people – but priceless gifts for Jessika and her family.

And they wouldn't be possible without people like you.

“Thank goodness for Cerebral Palsy Alliance. If Jessika hadn't had early intervention, her pain would have been ten times worse.”





Professor Nadia Badawi at Westmead Hospital with a preterm baby.

“I believe that significant breakthroughs in the area of cerebral palsy research are imminent”

Professor Nadia Badawi –
Macquarie Group Foundation
Chair of Cerebral Palsy

Promising research

The cause of cerebral palsy is still unknown for most families. Previous theories about difficult births have been shown to be inaccurate in the majority of cases. A lot of work needs to be done to understand why some children, and not others, develop cerebral palsy.

Thanks to donations and people investing in research through their Wills, Cerebral Palsy Alliance is a leader of this research in Australia.

Professor Alastair MacLennan is the Head of the South Australia Cerebral Palsy Research Group. He and his colleagues are conducting research involving children with cerebral palsy and their families. They are genetically analysing saliva samples and checking them against very comprehensive medical records. They hope to make connections between the health of children with cerebral palsy and their genes.

We have established global 'research clusters' to focus international collaborative attention to key areas: congenital anomalies; neonatal stroke; early identification and intervention; neuro-imaging; neonatal encephalopathy and regenerative medicine.

We fund a wide range of research projects every year through our grant program, both in Australia and around the world, including an important study about global newborn health and child disability in Africa and specifically in newborn brain injury and cerebral palsy.

Promising projects like these depend on guaranteed funding.

By leaving a gift to the Research Foundation of Cerebral Palsy Alliance in your Will, you can help ensure ground breaking research is translated into real and valuable treatments – and perhaps even a cure – for cerebral palsy.



May Gibbs' Legacy

May Gibbs is one of Australia's best loved classic children's book writers and artists. May's deep love of the Australian bush was portrayed in her work, engendering in children her own love of nature. When she died, May Gibbs bequeathed her works to two charities, one of which is Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

Through her foresight, May Gibbs has helped thousands of Australian children with disabilities and their families.

❧ What will your legacy be? ❧

Every gift, large or small makes a difference – even 1% of your estate could change the future of people living with cerebral palsy.





“I firmly believe you should help others where you can. That’s why I’ve included a gift to Cerebral Palsy Alliance in my Will” - Lisa

Lisa lives with her husband David, and son Aaron. She’s a self confessed animal lover, and the family share their house with two dogs, three cats, two rabbits, two guinea pigs, a turtle, a fish and a rescued dingo. Like many of the people who have chosen to leave us a gift in their Will, Lisa has no personal connection with cerebral palsy. But her own

experiences have given her an understanding of how physical disability can affect an individual and their family.

“My husband and I had to update our Wills to reflect a change in our family circumstances. I thought it would be a good time to include Cerebral Palsy Alliance. Our son is looked after, so a little going elsewhere won’t affect him.”



❧ The best way to make a bequest ❧

There are a few different ways you can include Cerebral Palsy Alliance in your Will, but we recommend a residual bequest. It is very easy and ensures your loved ones are looked after first.

This type of bequest is a gift of whatever is left of your estate (or a percentage of it) after all your other gifts, taxes and debts have been paid.

A residual bequest lets you decide exactly how much of your estate you want to leave to your family and loved ones, and then leave the

remaining proportion to support people with cerebral palsy and their families.

It also means that even if your financial circumstances change, you'll still be leaving the proportions you intended to. And by dividing your gift by percentages, you can be confident it will retain its value over time.

There are other types of bequests. You can leave a specific amount and/or asset, or make a gift that's contingent on a particular event – such as your primary beneficiary not surviving you, for example.

❧ What to say in your Will ❧

It's important to use the correct wording and legal names when making a bequest. For yours and your solicitors' reference, we recommend the following wording after your nominated gift:

'I give to Cerebral Palsy Alliance
(ABN 45 000 062 288)

a) All of my residuary estate

OR

b) x percentage of my residuary estate

OR

c) The sum of \$ _____

OR

d) List of assets

to be used for the general purposes of Cerebral Palsy Alliance ABN 45 000 062 288 (or Research Foundation of Cerebral Palsy Alliance) and I DIRECT that the receipt of the public officer or other proper person for the time being of this organisation shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my trustee for the payment of such benefit.'

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One of our clients, Gregory Mouser is an acclaimed artist.

Leaving a Gift in your Will



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As a heartfelt thank you for including Cerebral Palsy Alliance in your Will, you become part of a very special group, known as the Circle of Hands.

As a member, you will be invited to special events to hear interesting speakers, meet like-minded people who share your

generosity of spirit, and learn about world-class therapies and research that could not happen without your support.

You will also be honoured with a unique masterpiece created by one of the artists who participate in our Arts Workshop.





“Whatever you give, your contribution will resonate throughout the generations who will come after us – by helping to improve the quality of life of people living with cerebral palsy, and perhaps even preventing it altogether.”

Thomas Keneally AO



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