

A close-up photograph of a woman with brown hair, wearing a grey button-down shirt and a necklace with a purple stone, looking down at a baby. The baby is wearing a light blue blanket and has a nasal cannula taped to their face. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

# A gift that transforms lives

The impact you can make by  
leaving a gift in your Will to  
Cerebral Palsy Alliance

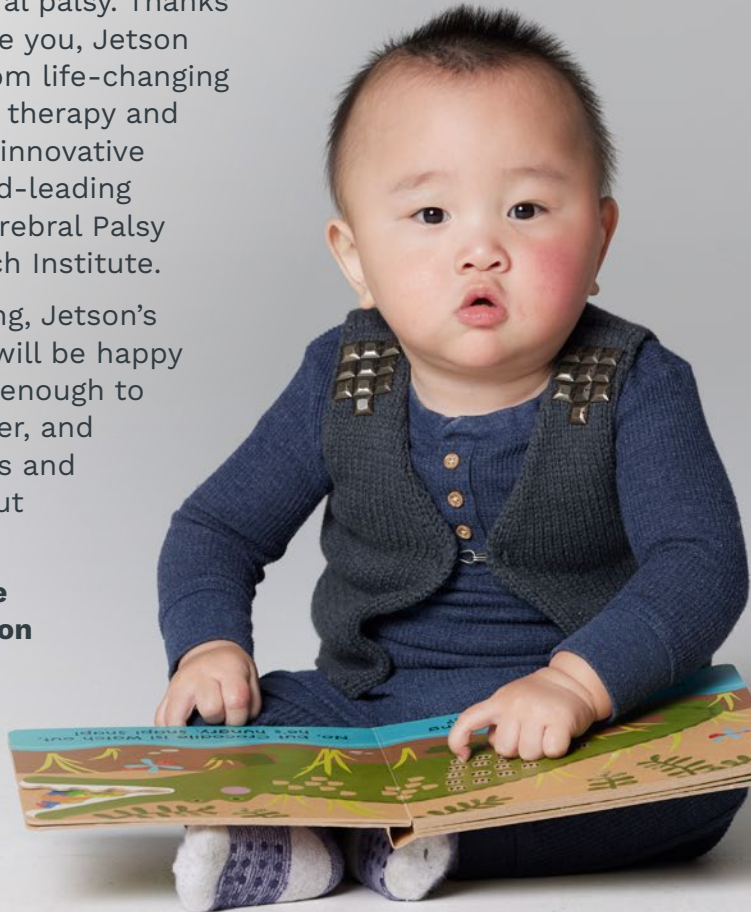


# This is Jetson: he's coming on in leaps and bounds thanks to people just like you.

Jetson is a curious, playful little boy who loves to meet new people and be the centre of attention. Jetson was born prematurely and diagnosed with hemiplegic cerebral palsy. Thanks to kind people like you, Jetson has benefitted from life-changing early intervention therapy and is now part of an innovative study led by world-leading researchers at Cerebral Palsy Alliance's Research Institute.

More than anything, Jetson's parents hope he will be happy and independent enough to live without a carer, and pursue his dreams and aspirations without feeling limited.

**You can give more children like Jetson life-changing support with a gift in your Will.**



## Transforming lives

Cerebral Palsy Alliance was founded in 1945 by a small group of determined parents who believed there was a better future for children born with neurological and physical disabilities.

Today their passion lives on through our therapists and practitioners as they help people with cerebral palsy and similar disabilities live to their full potential. It inspires the development of new technologies to reduce barriers and drive inclusion. It's the motivating force behind our researchers as they search for new treatments and cures for cerebral palsy.

Cerebral Palsy Alliance's Research Foundation was founded in 2005, thanks to a gift in Will from one of our kind supporters. This generous gift, and the many others that followed have enabled Cerebral Palsy Alliance researchers to lead the world in preventing and treating cerebral palsy.

Our Circle of Hands recognises the special contribution of many kind people who have chosen to include a gift in their Will to help build a brighter future for people with cerebral palsy.

**I invite you to join us with a gift in your Will to transform the lives of children and adults with cerebral palsy.**



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R White". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Rob White  
CEO

# Hope for the future

By including a gift in your Will to Cerebral Palsy Alliance, you can open up a world of opportunities for people with cerebral palsy and similar disabilities.

Your gift will bring us closer to achieving our mission of finding a cure and prevention for cerebral palsy and similar disabilities. Through the delivery of world-class services, global research efforts, community advocacy and policy influence, training and the advancement of assistive technology, your gift will change lives.

## WHY WE NEED YOU

Cerebral palsy is a permanent, lifelong disability affecting movement and posture. It is caused by an injury to the developing brain.



A baby is born with CP in Australia **EVERY 20 hours**



CP is the **most common** childhood disability



**There is no cure**



**3 in 4** people with CP live with chronic pain



**1 in 3** people with CP can't walk



**1 in 4** people with CP can't talk

## YOUR GIFT WILL CHANGE LIVES

Before Cerebral Palsy Alliance's Research Foundation was established in 2005, the number of children born with cerebral palsy across Australia was around 1 in 400.

Our Cerebral Palsy Register Report published in 2023 details the current rate at around 1 in 700 children.

**This decline equates broadly to a drop of 40%.**



**1 in 400** children in Australia were born with CP



**1 in 700** children in Australia were born with CP

*Professor Nadia Badawi AM,  
Cerebral Palsy Alliance Chair of Cerebral  
Palsy Research, University of Sydney.*



# This is Anika. She's defying the odds thanks to people just like you.

Today Anika is an unstoppable young girl, who loves to run – something her parents once feared might never be possible.

Anika was still in her mum Kylie's womb when she had a massive stroke. No one knew until she started having seizures at just one day old. She was referred to Cerebral Palsy Alliance and had her first therapy session at just six weeks old.

Many babies who experience a stroke struggle to crawl but, with the right support, Anika began crawling at 10 months old. Today, she is walking, running, and even climbing.

Without early intervention, Anika's whole life would be different. She would be more at risk of common physical challenges of cerebral palsy, such as hip dislocation and chronic pain. Instead, she is making incredible progress.

**A gift in your Will can help more children like Anika defy the odds.**





*Anika and her mother, Kylie.*

# Circle of Hands

When Keith Miller made the important decision to leave a gift in his Will to Cerebral Palsy Alliance, he joined our Circle of Hands, a group of special people committed to transforming the lives of children and adults living with cerebral palsy.



## A connection for life - Keith Miller

“My cousin Jeff lives with cerebral palsy, and from my earliest memories, my mother encouraged me to support (what was known then as) The Spastic Centre. I have continued to donate, culminating in a gift in my Will. There is no greater goal in life than to strive to improve the lives of people who face challenges most of us can’t imagine.

**By leaving a gift in my Will, I feel honoured that I am able to help guarantee that this wonderful organisation continues to change lives for many years to come.”**



# A gift to remember

Every member of our Circle of Hands receives a specially commissioned artwork from an artist in our Arts program.



**This beautiful gift acknowledges the extraordinary difference our members will make in the lives of thousands of families.**



## Honouring my beautiful boy - *Shannon Olivey*

“My beautiful son, Ethan was born with severe cerebral palsy and sadly lost his life at the age of 6. Cerebral Palsy Alliance helped us in every aspect of Ethan’s life, from eating to sleeping. Losing Ethan devastated our lives, and we all hope for prevention and cure – so why not aim for that?”

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



*Final photo ever taken of Ethan.*

# How a gift in your Will can transform lives

Gifts in Wills are treated in a very special way at Cerebral Palsy Alliance. Unless you otherwise stipulate, all gifts are dedicated to major projects with a lasting impact. This ensures that your gift benefits people living with cerebral palsy and similar disabilities for generations to come.

No matter how large or small the gift in your Will is, you will help us undertake major projects that do not receive government funding such as:

- Clinics for diagnosing babies with cerebral palsy as early as possible.
- Development of the First 1,000 Days program, incorporating screening, early detection and early intervention.
- Remarkable™, Australia's first disability-focussed technology accelerator program, which provides seed funding solutions for disability-related challenges.
- Research into genetics, stem cells, assistive technology, early detection and intervention.

## It's easier than you think.

There are a few different ways you can include Cerebral Palsy Alliance in your Will. We recommend a **residual bequest** – a percentage of whatever is left of your estate after all other gifts to family, loved ones, taxes and debts have been paid.

This 'residual' (eg. 1% or more) can then be allocated as a bequest to Cerebral Palsy Alliance. By dividing your gift by percentages, you can be confident it will retain its value over time.

Other types of bequests:

- A **specific** amount, an asset or shares.
- A gift that's **contingent** on a particular event, such as your primary beneficiary not surviving you.

# Wording for your Will

We recommend you speak with a solicitor or trustee to ensure that your wishes are properly expressed. **The suggested legal wording to use to leave a gift in your Will to Cerebral Palsy Alliance is as follows:**

“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 asset or assets

... to be used for the general purposes of Cerebral Palsy Alliance (ABN:45 000 062 288) 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.”

Name: Cerebral Palsy Alliance

Address: PO Box 171,  
Forestville, NSW, 2087

Phone: 02 9975 8000

\*If you'd prefer to support research, simply substitute “The Research Foundation of Cerebral Palsy Alliance”. The ABN remains the same.

If you are considering such a personally meaningful gift to help transform the lives of generations to come, please email [giftsinwills@cerebralpalsy.org.au](mailto:giftsinwills@cerebralpalsy.org.au) or call:



Carol  
O'Carroll  
**02 9975 8955**



Emma  
Featherstone  
**02 9975 8009**

***“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, Circle of Hands member since 2020.





## A gift from the heart

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 and a fish.

Like many 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.”*

***Thank you for considering a gift that will transform lives.***

***“I believe that a cure is within our grasp,  
but we need your help to achieve it”***

***Rob White, CEO***

If you have any questions about including a gift in your Will, please email [giftsinwills@cerebralpalsy.org.au](mailto:giftsinwills@cerebralpalsy.org.au) or call:



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