

A close-up photograph of a woman with brown hair, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt and a necklace with a purple pendant, looking down at a baby. The baby is lying back, 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.



Your gift will transform lives for generations to come

Dear Friend,

For over 80 years, gifts in Wills, like the one you are considering today, have been the foundation of our life-changing work.

In 2005, a generous bequest established our Research Foundation, which has since invested in research that's reduced the rate of cerebral palsy in Australia by 40%.

Your gift will help us reach even further. With your help, we'll ensure babies are less likely to be born with cerebral palsy (CP), and if they are, they'll receive the best possible start in life. You'll help to enhance opportunities for people at every stage in their life, through world-class services. And you'll empower people with cerebral palsy to lead transformative change in society.

Our Circle of Hands recognises the important contribution of many kind people just like you who have chosen to remember Cerebral Palsy Alliance (CPA) in their Will. Their foresight will help build a brighter future for people with cerebral palsy. I look forward to welcoming you to this special group of pioneers.

I believe a cure for cerebral palsy is within our grasp, but we need your help to achieve it.

Thank you for considering a gift that will transform lives for generations to come.

With gratitude,



Rob White

Chief Executive Officer
Cerebral Palsy Alliance



What is a Bequest?



A bequest, sometimes called a legacy gift, is simply a decision to include a gift to a charitable organisation in your Will. Any size of gift is a meaningful and powerful way to change lives, and no gift is too small to make a difference.

A gift in your Will to Cerebral Palsy Alliance can nominate a set dollar amount, or a percentage of your estate. Estate is the term used to describe your total assets. There are several ways to leave a gift, and each has different benefits depending on your personal circumstances.

Before deciding what feels right for you, it can help to ask yourself:

- What is important to me?
- How would I like to be remembered?
- Is there a special way I can support something or someone who has been meaningful throughout my life?

A conversation with our team can help you understand how your gift will make a difference and ensure it reflects what matters most to you.


The pages that follow will guide you through everything you need to know — from the impact your gift can make, to the simple steps involved in including Cerebral Palsy Alliance in your Will.

You can contact our friendly team on



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John Paul Byrnes lived the final six and a half years of his life at Killaloe House, a Cerebral Palsy Alliance Group Home where he found friendship, belonging and independence. A passionate sports fan, devoted friend and proud representative of Australia at the Special Olympics in Japan, John Paul embraced life fully and made everyone around him feel valued and included.

When he sadly passed away, he left a **Gift in his Will** to the home that had become his family. His generosity funded equipment that continues to enhance daily life for residents and staff.

A gift in your Will — of any size — helps ensure people living with cerebral palsy and other similar disabilities have access to safe homes, supportive communities and the opportunity to live a life without limits for generations to come.

Together, we can build a future where opportunity has no limits.



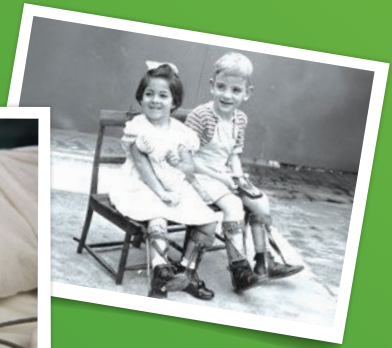
John Paul Byrnes, centre right, celebrating a birthday with friends.

Every child deserves a future full of promise

For over 80 years, remarkable people have helped build the Cerebral Palsy Alliance story. We invite you to watch it unfold and consider how you might help shape the next chapter.



**Scan this code to watch
our 80th Anniversary video**



Creating a world of opportunity, together

At Cerebral Palsy Alliance, we believe in creating a better future for people living with cerebral palsy and similar conditions. Our ambition is to be the leading centre of excellence for cerebral palsy — delivering world-class services, research, technology, advocacy and education.

This vision takes time. A gift in your Will is uniquely powerful because it looks beyond today, investing in a future that may be decades away. The children who will benefit may not yet have been born. The breakthroughs that a gift helps fund may still be years from discovery.

By considering a gift in your Will, you have the opportunity to help shape a world you may never see — one where cerebral palsy is better understood, better treated, and one day, prevented altogether.



Scan this code to find out more about our strategy.



Why we need you

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.



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

What your gift in Will could help achieve:

1 Give babies the best start

Your gift will help ensure babies are less likely to be born with cerebral palsy, and if they are, they'll be diagnosed earlier and receive best practice early intervention wherever they live.

2 Enhance opportunities at all life stages

Your gift will help people with cerebral palsy and their families confidently navigate and access high quality services and support throughout their lives. You'll be supporting world-class therapy, accommodation, respite and employment services that help children and adults with CP live their best lives.

3 Empower transformative change

Through your gift, people with cerebral palsy will live in an increasingly equitable society where their voices are elevated, government systems are stronger, and technology enables greater participation.

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



We continue to pursue better treatments, prevention and a cure. A cure is possible and, with your help, we're committed to finding it.

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 had a massive stroke while still in her mum Kylie's womb. It wasn't discovered until she began 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, nothing can stop her!

“Without early intervention, Anika's life would be different. Instead, she is making incredible progress.”

A gift in your Will can help more children like Anika access life-changing early diagnosis and therapy — giving them the best possible start in life.



Scan here to see Anika's remarkable story and progress.





Anika leads her team in the 2025 Krazy Kosci Klimb

Protecting what matters most



Having a valid and up-to-date Will ensures your wishes are honoured and your loved ones are cared for.

A Will allows you to:

- Provide for family and loved ones in the way you choose
- Reduce potential uncertainty for loved ones
- Manage your estate efficiently and according to your wishes
- Support causes you care about, like Cerebral Palsy Alliance
- Appoint guardians for young children
- Specify funeral wishes

It is a good idea to review your Will every 3-5 years or after major life events like marriage, divorce, the birth of children, or significant changes in assets.



Reflecting your passions and interests

While many gifts are left to CPA to be used where the need is greatest, you can also choose to direct your bequest to a specific area of our work:



Research

Fund breakthrough research into causes, prevention, early intervention and potential cures for cerebral palsy



Technology

Help develop and scale assistive technology that drives greater inclusion



Services

Support therapy, accommodation, respite and employment services for people with cerebral palsy



Where most needed

Allow us to respond to emerging priorities and opportunities

We'd love to talk with you about your passions and interests.

A conversation with our team can help you understand how your gift will make a difference and ensure your bequest reflects what matters most to you.

Contact us at: 02 9975 8053 or giftsinwills@cerebralpalsy.org.au

Choosing the right gift for you

There are several ways to leave a gift in your Will to Cerebral Palsy Alliance. Each offers different benefits, and the right choice depends on your personal circumstances.

Residual bequest (Recommended)

A percentage of what remains in your estate after providing for your loved ones and any specific gifts.

Example wording: “I give X% of my residuary estate to Cerebral Palsy Alliance”

Why many people choose this:

A percentage gift adjusts over time, helping protect its value while ensuring your loved ones are looked after first.

Specific bequest

A fixed amount, specific asset, or shares.

Example: “I give \$X,000 to Cerebral Palsy Alliance” or “I give my shares in [company name] to Cerebral Palsy Alliance”

A simple way to leave a defined gift. Fixed amounts may change in value over time.

Contingent bequest

A gift that takes effect only if certain conditions are met.

Example: “If my spouse does not survive me, I give [percentage/ amount] to Cerebral Palsy Alliance”

This ensures your loved ones are prioritised, while allowing your gift to be realised if circumstances change.

Next step

Once you’ve decided on the type of gift that feels right for you, the next step is to include it in your Will.

Making it easy to include Cerebral Palsy Alliance

Including a gift in your Will is straightforward. Whether you're writing a new Will or updating an existing one, there are a few simple ways to get started.

1. Work with a solicitor

We recommend speaking with a qualified solicitor to ensure your Will is legally valid and reflects your wishes. **Find a solicitor in your area. Visit: www.includecharity.com.au/find-a-solicitor/law-society-directory/**

2. Create your Will online

You can write or update your Will online, often at no cost or a reduced rate, depending on the provider.

Our partners, Safewill and EveryWill, offer simple, secure platforms to guide you through the process. You can complete your Will in as little as 15 minutes, from the comfort of your own home.

Get started today. Visit: www.cerebralpalsy.org.au/get-involved/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/



3. Update an existing Will

If you already have a Will, you can add a codicil — a simple amendment — to include Cerebral Palsy Alliance without rewriting the entire document. Your solicitor can assist with this.

We're here to help

We recommend discussing your plans with your solicitor. If you have questions or would like general information, our team is here to help.

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A connection for life

Keith's story



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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.

— Keith, Circle of Hands member



A gift from the heart

Lisa's Story



I'm a self-confessed animal lover. My husband, David and our son Aaron, share our family home with our wonderful pets — big and small. Although I have no direct personal connection with cerebral palsy, my own experiences have given me an understanding of how physical disability can affect individuals and their families.

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.

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**



Bequest wording for your solicitor

Please provide this wording to your solicitor or copy it into your online Will:

“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]
- (Select one option above)

... **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.”

OR

To support research specifically, substitute:

“The Research Foundation of Cerebral Palsy Alliance”
(The ABN remains the same)

Information to assist Executors of solicitors for estates for Cerebral Palsy Alliance

Registered Charity: Cerebral Palsy Alliance ABN 45 000 062 288 (previously known as The Spastic Centre of New South Wales), is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission (ACNC).

Our details:

Name: Cerebral Palsy Alliance **ABN:** 45 000 062 288

Address: PO Box 171, Forestville, NSW 2087

Phone: 02 9975 8053 **Email:** giftsinwills@cerebralpalsy.org.au

Sharing your decision with loved ones

Where to start when telling your family you're leaving a gift in your Will to charity.

Start the conversation early. Discuss your Will with your loved ones. This helps avoid surprises and allows them to fully understand your values and wishes.

Explain your 'why'. Share what Cerebral Palsy Alliance means to you. This can help your loved ones understand your decision—whether it's a personal connection, a desire to create lasting change, or your values around giving back.

Offer reassurance. Make it clear that family comes first, and your gift to charity comes only after loved ones are provided for.

Invite questions. Give your loved ones the chance to ask questions and express any concerns openly.

Try this simple conversation starter: 'I've been thinking about my Will and wanted to share my plans with you. After ensuring you're all taken care of, I'd like to leave a gift to Cerebral Palsy Alliance because [personal reason]. This cause is important to me, and I'd love your support in making this part of my legacy.'



CPA founders, Neil and Audrie McLeod with their children, Jennifer and Robin

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Will to Cerebral Palsy Alliance?**

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