

A young girl with a joyful expression is running through a field of tall, golden-brown grass. She is wearing a white, long-sleeved, button-down dress and a wide-brimmed straw hat. The background is a soft-focus landscape of rolling hills and trees under a bright sky. The entire image is framed by a decorative white border with a repeating diamond pattern.

A child's life shouldn't
include cancer.

**The story of how a gift in your Will
can fill a child's life with joy.**



When I think back on my childhood, I remember so much happiness and excitement. Cancer steals that joy from children. When I grew up and had my own children, I was determined to find a way to stop the suffering.

In 1984 I was the first researcher at Children's Cancer Institute. We've come so far in the search for cures and every step has been backed by people like you.

I hope you'll join us as we continue to rewrite the story of childhood cancer. Together, we can give children back the childhood they ought to have.



Professor Michelle Haber AM,
Executive Director



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his is a story about how we can change the future for children with cancer. Together.

Cancer is a merciless disease. In a child, it is heartbreakingly cruel.

Those who survive often have lifelong side-effects. The fear of it lurks in every unexplained pain, every snuffle. Life is never truly carefree again.

We can and we will find a cure. But we need to work together. A gift in your Will has the power to change the world for these children. It is a legacy of hope. You can help bring back the joy into so many young lives.

Everything we have achieved at Children's Cancer Institute has been because of people like you, who have given selflessly to help us work towards better treatments for children with cancer. We know with you by our side, so much is possible.

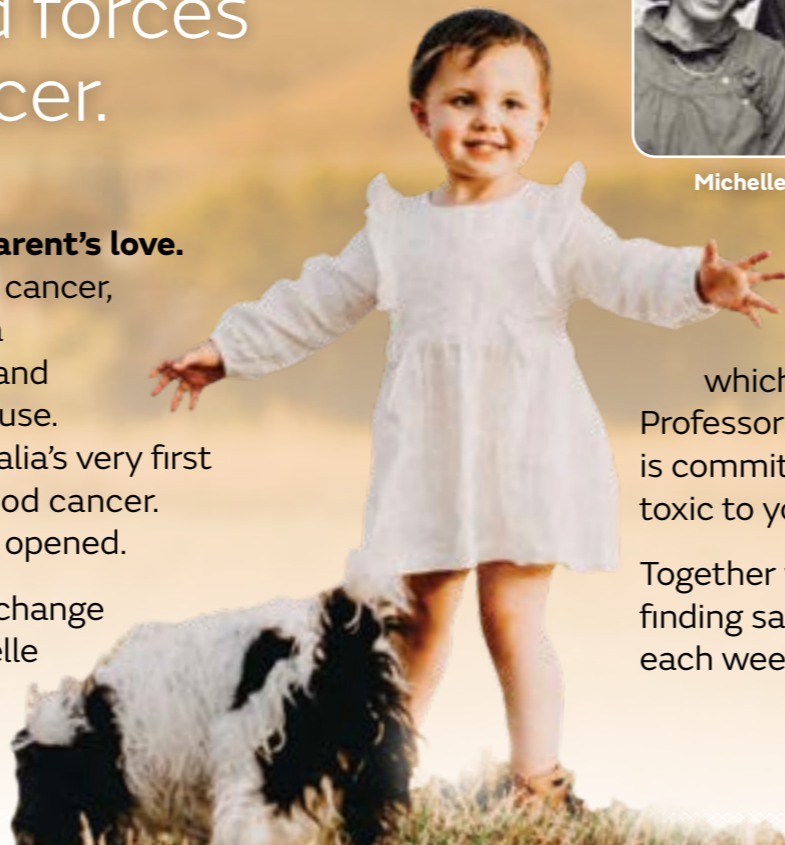
What a beautiful story to be part of.

Once upon a time, parents and researchers joined forces to fight childhood cancer.

They say there's nothing more powerful than a parent's love.

When two dads watched their children suffer from cancer, they decided to do something about it. They built a community of people who shared the same vision and attracted passionate young researchers to their cause. Together, this extraordinary collective began Australia's very first research organisation wholly dedicated to childhood cancer. In 1984, Children's Cancer Institute lab doors were opened.

Today, those same researchers are still working to change the stories of children with cancer. Professor Michelle Haber AM shares her knowledge around the world so we can all move forward together.



Michelle, Murray and Maria 1984

*My life's work has been to cure childhood cancer.
- Michelle*

Professor Murray Norris AM has dedicated his life to uncovering the secrets of high-risk leukaemia, which is one of the deadliest and most common diseases. Professor Maria Kavallaris AM, a cancer survivor herself, is committed to making childhood cancer treatments less toxic to young patients through nanotechnologies.

Together we have come a long way, increasing survival rates and finding safer, better treatments. But with three children dying each week in Australia, there is still so far to go.



Prof Michelle Haber AM
Executive Director



Prof Murray Norris AM
Deputy Director



Prof Maria Kavallaris AM
Head of Theme

Sadly the story of childhood cancer is far from over.

There is nothing a parent fears more, than the words, "Your child has cancer."

For 20 families every week, those few, devastating words tear their lives apart. Gone are the carefree days of birthday parties and playdates. In their place, hospital beds and isolation rooms. The grinding slog of treatment saps the joy out of everyday life.

But amid the gloom there is hope that their child will one day pull through. That they might return to normal one day.



Three families every week lose that hope forever. Normal never, ever returns.

Today, cancer is still the biggest killer of children from disease. Many of those who survive, suffer lifelong side-effects. Brittle bones and cognitive delays. Speech issues and secondary cancers. Heart problems and infertility.

Being a child should be about the freedom to grow and learn and laugh and play. Cancer takes that freedom away. With your help, we'll find ways to bring it back.

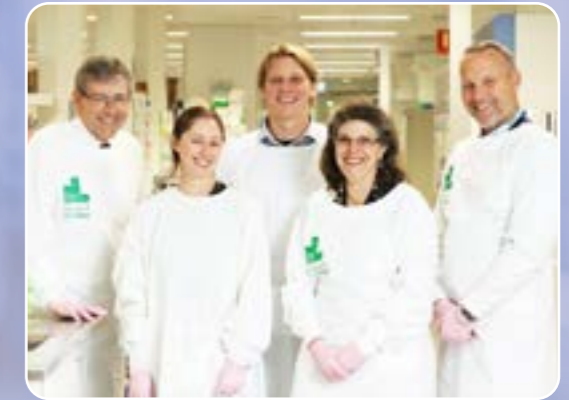


Together, we can write the next chapter.

Today, thanks to the extraordinary support we've received from the community, we've made remarkable progress.

People like you have helped us develop the **Minimal Residual Disease** test for acute lymphoblastic leukaemia. This research breakthrough means we can now detect which children are most susceptible to relapse so we can tailor their treatment to give them the best chance of survival.

We've created **Australia's first tumour sample bank for Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma** (DIPG), a deadly brain tumour which kills every single child it affects. This vital resource has helped us identify several promising drugs – offering the first glimmer of hope for children and their families.



And with the **Zero Childhood Cancer Program**, we are delivering 'personalised' treatment for children with highly aggressive or relapsed cancer. These are children for whom all other treatment options have been exhausted and this research is already saving lives. One day soon, we hope this will be the standard of care for every single child with cancer in Australia.

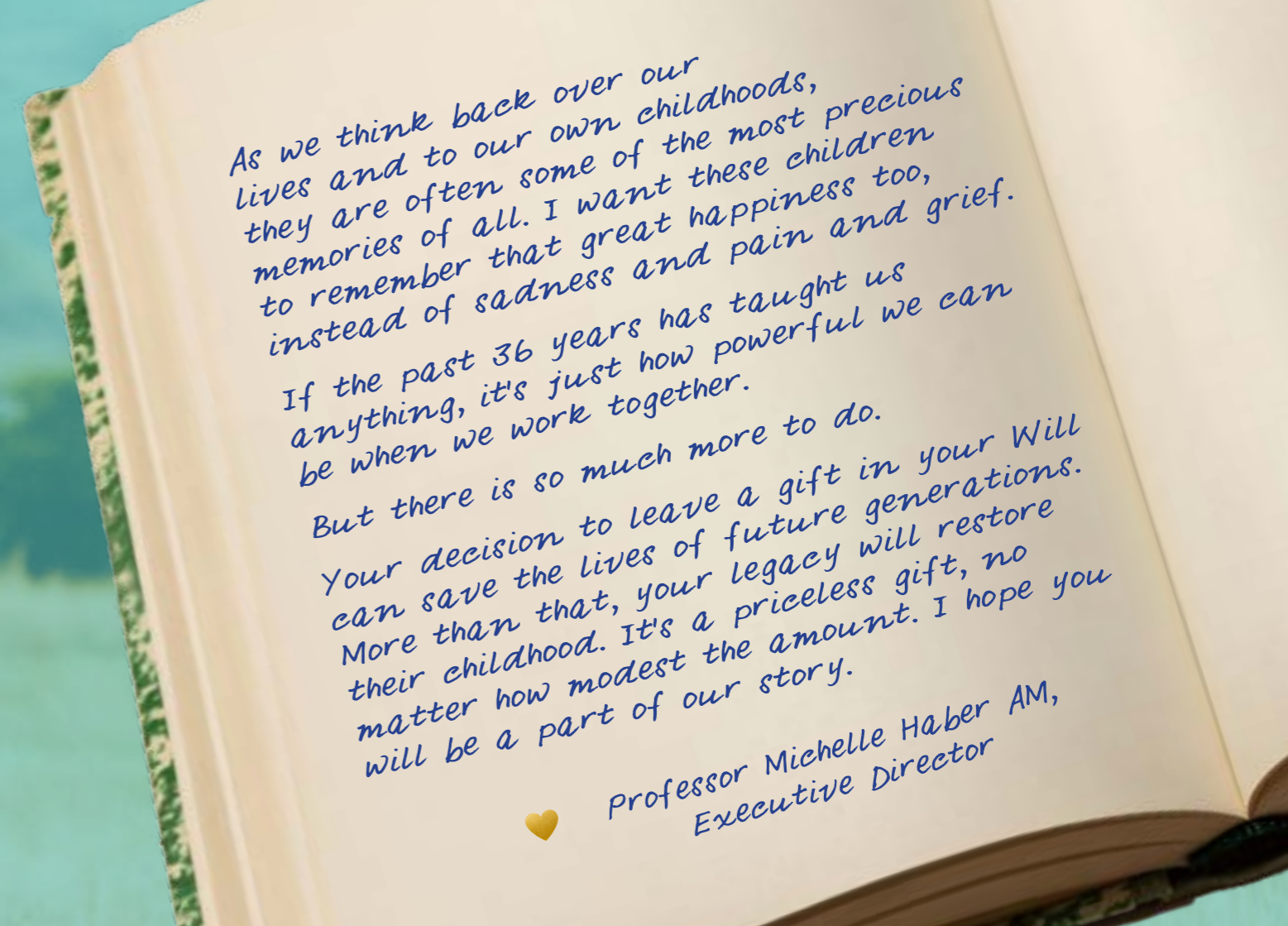
We're proud of how far we've come in the past 36 years. Today, 80 percent of childhood cancer patients survive. But there is still so much work to be done. A gift in your Will could make all the difference to the lives of children with cancer in the years to come.



“When I think of the day Harper was diagnosed, I can’t believe our ‘then’ and not feel so incredibly grateful for our ‘now’. Although the thought of relapse is definitely nerve-wracking, we just keep reminding ourselves of the goals we’ve kicked because Harper has responded so well to her treatment. Thank you so much for your relentless efforts to find treatments and a cure for childhood cancer.”

– Eliza, Harper’s mum

Photos courtesy of Emily O'Brien Photography



As we think back over our lives and to our own childhoods, they are often some of the most precious memories of all. I want these children to remember that great happiness too, instead of sadness and pain and grief. If the past 36 years has taught us anything, it's just how powerful we can be when we work together.

But there is so much more to do. Your decision to leave a gift in your Will can save the lives of future generations. More than that, your legacy will restore their childhood. It's a priceless gift, no matter how modest the amount. I hope you will be a part of our story.



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Making and Wording your Will

Naturally, you will want to take care of your family and loved ones first, making sure they are well looked after. We always recommend that you ask your solicitor about the best way to do this.

It is also important that Children's Cancer Institute is correctly named in your Will. The wording below is provided for you to consider and take along to your solicitor.

I give to Children's Cancer Institute Australia (ABN 41 072 279 559)

1. The whole of my estate
2. (insert number) percentage of my estate
3. The residue (or % of residue) of my estate
4. The amount of \$ (insert the value of your gift in cash)
5. My (insert name of asset)

Free of all duties and testamentary expenses for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of that organisation shall be sufficient discharge to my executors for this bequest.

A popular and straightforward way to support Children's Cancer Institute in your Will is to leave a percentage of your estate once any specific and cash gifts have been made. This is known as a residuary gift. It protects the other parties in your Will and remains unaffected by inflation and other changes. You can also choose to give a specific amount of money (known as a pecuniary gift) or a specific asset, for example a property or shares.

Can we help?

If you have any questions please contact Gayle in our Gift in Will Team on **02 7209 6708** or email **bequests@ccia.org.au**

Let us know

Please let us know if you include a gift in your Will so we can welcome you to our ever growing and very special family, where we are each determined to see an end to childhood cancer.





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choosing to be
part of the cure.



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