

# GIFTS IN WILLS

## ALWAYS BY THEIR SIDE

With a gift in your Will



Matilda,  
diagnosed with  
cancer at age 3

**YOUNG LIVES  
vs CANCER**

# THANK YOU

**for sharing our belief  
that no child or young  
person should ever face  
cancer alone.**

Thank you so much for considering this incredible way of supporting children and young people with cancer, long into the future.

Nothing we do would be possible without the kindness of our supporters. Every child we help to find their strength before a frightening scan. Every family we keep together, close to where their child is having treatment. It's only possible with the help and kindness of people like you.

As you may know, Young Lives vs Cancer is the only charity to offer psychosocial support to children and young people with cancer. Our Child Specialist Social Workers are the lifeblood of our work – by the side of children, young people and families throughout their whole cancer journey.

Sadly every day 12 more children and young people in the UK will hear the devastating news that they have cancer.



We don't know what the future holds, but we do know that it's going to be increasingly difficult to reach every young cancer patient who needs us. Because we receive no government funding, gifts in Wills are vital to the impact we can have for young cancer patients in the future.

A gift of any size will mean so much to children and young people facing cancer in the future.

With my warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Rachel Kirby-Rider'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Rachel Kirby-Rider,  
Chief Executive,  
Young Lives vs Cancer**

# FOR MORE THAN 55 YEARS,

**we've been by the side  
of children and young  
people with cancer.**

By leaving a gift in your Will, you'll be continuing crucial work that started in 1968. We began as two pioneering organisations with a common purpose: to provide vital support to children and young people with cancer and their families. In 2005, we joined forces – and with the help of our kind supporters, we help thousands of children and young people every year.

Our name has changed, but our mission remains the same and will do long into the future – to make sure all children and young people with cancer, have the tailored care and support they need, at the right time.

# OUR HISTORY AT A GLANCE

**1968** – Sylvia Darley OBE sets up the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children to support children with cancer whose families were struggling financially.

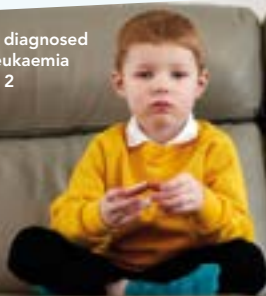
**1977** – Bob Woodward sets up Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood (CLIC) inspired by his son, Robert, who had passed away from leukaemia.

**1986** – The first Home from Home is set up offering free accommodation to the families of young cancer patients.

**2005** – CLIC and the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children join forces.

**We'll always be here,  
but with the future  
uncertain, we rely even  
more on the kindness  
of supporters to reach  
children and young  
people facing cancer.**

Dylan, diagnosed  
with leukaemia  
at age 2



# YOU CAN HELP

**make sure future young cancer patients have the support they need.**

**In years to come, a gift in your Will can help ensure our Child Specialist Social Workers will be by the side of young cancer patients for as long as they're needed.**

Being diagnosed with cancer at a young age can be very traumatic. Scary and painful procedures. Confusing medical terminology.

Long stays in hospital that can leave young patients feeling isolated and scared – separated from everything that brings them comfort and makes them feel secure.

That's why our Child Specialist Social Workers are so vital. They help make sure children and young people with cancer have

tailored care and support at the right time. They help young cancer patients hold on to what makes them special when cancer affects their appearance or identity – supporting them to stay connected to the things that matter like their friends and school.

Thanks in part to gifts in Wills, our Child Specialist Social Workers are there for as long as it takes – through every up and down, in moments of fear and joy. They are so much more than someone to confide in – they help young patients find their inner strength and self-belief, whatever cancer throws at them.



**We are the only charity to provide psychosocial support to young cancer patients – focusing on their psychological, social and emotional health.**




## **Child Specialist Social Workers support the whole family by:**

Guiding families through the process of accessing vital grants and benefits.

Providing free places to stay close to where their child is undergoing cancer treatment.

Connecting families with others going through the same things, so they feel less alone.

**In years to come, when a family gets the worst news imaginable, a gift in your Will can ensure we are by their side to help them through.**



It's vital that we can continue to recruit and train more Child Specialist Social Workers in the future, so we can make sure that every young cancer patient has somebody by their side.





In the years to come

# GIFTS IN WILLS WILL BE INCREASINGLY VITAL

**A gift in your Will can play a vital role in helping us reach every child or young person who needs us in the future.**

Today in the UK, 12 children and young people will hear the devastating news they have cancer.

Leaving a gift in your Will for the future of our work means that, in years to come, a child or young person with cancer always has someone by their side, to make sure they have the tailored care and support they need.

Emma was studying for a Masters degree, living in a shared house in Edinburgh, when she received the news she had ovarian cancer at 24 years old. Her parents were miles away in North-West England.



I would reach out to my Young Lives vs Cancer Social Worker and she would make things so much less challenging, by sorting things out for me or giving me advice.

I also received a thrive not survive grant from Young Lives vs Cancer, this was fundamental in allowing me to finish my masters. Young Lives vs Cancer were so important in aiding my recovery in that way and I am so grateful.



# WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL,

**you can be by the side of a young person like Venus – to make sure their voices are heard and their unique needs understood.**

**Venus was diagnosed with a brain tumour at 10 years old after her parents noticed she was struggling with her eyesight. She then began an 85-week course of chemotherapy.**

"Everything was surreal, we couldn't process it," says Venus' father, Rob. "Michelle and I were all over the place."

Throughout Venus' treatment, she and her family were supported by Abby, a Child Specialist Social Worker.

"Abby was always at the end of the phone if we needed anything," says Rob. She gave us direction and without that, we wouldn't have known where to turn or what was available to us."

"I was pretty resilient before, but Abby has definitely helped me overcome things, feel more confident, and see the brighter side," adds Venus. "She's so caring and supportive."

Now, Venus is in a much better place. Her medical appointments are less frequent and she's enjoying a happy life full of activities like basketball and horse riding.

Thanks in part to gifts in Wills, Child Specialist Social Workers like Abby can be there to make sure families have the vital care and support they need. Now, Venus and her family can look forward to a more hopeful future, as all children and young people should.



**Abby has given us some great experiences, like well-being days and trips. It's important to get away as a family and create memories which last for ever and are good for your mental health.**



Venus, talking about her Child Specialist Social Worker, Abby





# WHY EVERYONE NEEDS A WILL

Your Will is a way to protect the people you care about.

An up to date and legally valid Will is the only way to ensure your final wishes are carried out. You can use your Will to appoint guardians, make sure loved ones are taken care of and support the causes that are close to your heart.

## SIMPLE STEPS TO MAKING YOUR WILL

**Making or amending your Will needn't be complicated, but it helps to be prepared.**

- List all of your assets, their values plus any outstanding debts you may have.
- List the people and causes who you want to remember in your Will and what you want them to receive.
- Decide who you want to act as the executor of your Will.
- Choose guardians for your children if they are under 18. It's important that you discuss this with potential guardians first.
- Decide what arrangements you'd like for your funeral. You may wish for donations to go to your chosen charity, such as Young Lives vs Cancer.
- Decide who is going to write your Will, it is advisable to seek the services of a solicitor or a suitably qualified professional. They can remove any worries or concerns you may have. You can find the details of all solicitor's registered by searching for the relevant law society for your country.

# WHAT TYPES OF GIFTS CAN YOU LEAVE IN YOUR WILL?

- **A pecuniary gift.** This is a sum of money – allowing you to specify exactly how much you want to give.
- **A specific gift.** The gift of a specific item, such as furniture, jewellery, property etc.
- **A residuary gift.** A percentage of your estate. Many people choose to leave this type of gift because it allows them to ensure their loved ones are looked after first – and it also keeps pace with inflation. A small share of what is left after loved ones are taken care of could make a huge difference to young cancer patients facing cancer in the future.

**We experienced Young Lives vs Cancer's support first hand when our son, Samuel was diagnosed with leukaemia in 1999. Young Lives vs Cancer were there for us throughout, and although he sadly died at just two years old, we have supported its work ever since. We have left the charity a gift in our Will so it can continue its work and improve the lives of future generations of young people who are living with cancer.**

Nicola & Jonathan Plumtree



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT GIFTS IN WILLS

## ■ What information do I need to include a gift?

To include a gift to Young Lives vs Cancer in your Will, you will need our registered address and charity numbers. This information is included on page 13 of this booklet.

## ■ Can I write my own Will?

Yes, but writing your own Will, even using a DIY pack, can be risky as probate law and the language used is not always straightforward. You could inadvertently make your Will invalid or leave instructions you didn't originally intend. Therefore we recommend using a solicitor or legal professional.

## ■ Are there any tax benefits to leaving a gift in my Will to Young Lives vs Cancer?

Yes, all gifts left to UK charities are exempt from inheritance tax and if you leave 10% or more to charity you could pay even less inheritance tax. Speak to your will writing professional and visit [gov.uk/inheritance-tax](https://gov.uk/inheritance-tax)

## ■ Who do I contact for more information about leaving a gift in my Will to Young Lives vs Cancer?

If you have any questions about leaving Young Lives vs Cancer a gift in your Will, please contact us on **0300 330 0803** or email [legacies@younglivesvscancer.org.uk](mailto:legacies@younglivesvscancer.org.uk)



**Our Young Lives vs Cancer Social Worker really gets it. She gets the sorts of pressures that you're under and the emotional nightmare that you're going through. She found practical ways to help us get through that journey, and come out the other side as untraumatised as possible.**



Alastair, whose son Gideon was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma at the age of four.

# FOR YOUR SOLICITOR:

## WILL WORDING

If you decide to leave a gift in your Will to Young Lives vs Cancer, you can provide the following clauses to your solicitor.

### ■ To leave a share of your estate to Young Lives vs Cancer:

"I give to CLIC Sargent Cancer Care for Children, operating as Young Lives vs Cancer, registered charity in England and Wales 1107328 and in Scotland (SC039857) of 4th Floor, Whitefriars, Lewins Mead, Bristol, BS1 2NT [.....%] share of my estate to be used for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge."

### ■ To leave a specific sum or an item of value:

"I give to CLIC Sargent Cancer Care for Children, operating as Young Lives vs Cancer, registered charity in England and Wales 1107328 and in Scotland (SC039857) of 4th Floor, Whitefriars, Lewins Mead, Bristol, BS1 2NT [the sum of £.....] or [specific item] to be used for its general purposes, and I declare that the

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### ■ Whichever gift you choose to leave it is also advisable to include the following:

"If at my death any charity named as a beneficiary in this Will or Codicil hereto has changed its name or amalgamated with or transferred its assets to another body then my executors shall give effect to any gift made to such charity as if it had been made (in the first case) to the body in its changed name or (in the second place) to the body which results from such amalgamation or to which such transfer has been made."

If you have any questions, please contact: [legacies@younglivesvscancer.org.uk](mailto:legacies@younglivesvscancer.org.uk)

# FOR YOUR WILL WRITING PROFESSIONAL: MY GIFT

## I wish to leave a gift in my Will to Young Lives vs Cancer

Please complete below and pass it to your solicitor or Will writing professional along with our suggested Will wording information.

Name:

Address:


I wish to leave the following gift(s) in my Will to Young Lives vs Cancer: (Please refer to the suggested Will wording inside.)

A share of my residuary estate:

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A sum of money:

 £

A specific item of value:

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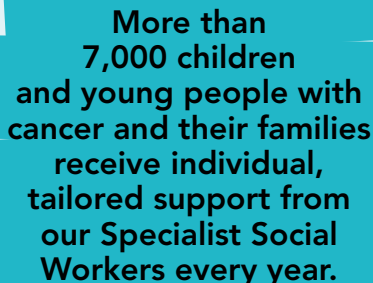
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More than  
7,000 children  
and young people with  
cancer and their families  
receive individual,  
tailored support from  
our Specialist Social  
Workers every year.



# OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU



## **1 We know that it is your decision.**

Take as much time as you need. You need to be sure that this way of giving is right for you.

## **2 We will always be by the side of young lives facing cancer when they need us most.**

Whatever you decide to give will make a profound difference to children and young people facing cancer in the future.

## **3 We will be forever grateful to you.**

If you have already remembered children and young people with cancer in your Will – thank you. In years to come, your gift will keep you by the side of children, young people and families facing the most difficult times imaginable. Telling us about your kind gift enables us to thank you properly.

## **4 We are always here.**

Please get in touch with any questions by calling 0300 330 0803 or emailing us at [legacies@younglivesvscancer.org.uk](mailto:legacies@younglivesvscancer.org.uk)

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Benji, diagnosed with  
leukaemia at age 3

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you can be by the side of young cancer  
patients long into the future.

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giving, please call us on **0300 330 0803** for a friendly,  
informal chat or email [legacies@younglivesvscancer.org.uk](mailto:legacies@younglivesvscancer.org.uk)

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