

Workplace Giving





The Children's Cancer Foundation was established in 1992 by parents of children with cancer. Their aim was to give their children – and those in the future – access to the world's best possible care and support to save their lives.

While our focus is on clinical research and providing hospital staff to enhance clinical care, we believe that it is the little things – a child's access to hospital-based art and music therapy and family support programs – that can significantly help a child on their cancer journey. We strive for better and less harmful treatments and believe that every child should laugh, dance, play and live as only a child can.

About Childhood Cancer

Cancer is terrible, but especially so in a child. Cancers that develop in children are often different from adult cancers, resulting from genetic changes in cells that occur very early in life, sometimes even before birth. Unlike adult cancers where risk can be modified through lifestyle choices such as quitting smoking or losing weight, there are no such risk factors for children.¹

While survival rates from childhood cancers have improved to 83%², medical research still has a long way to go in determining the multiple factors that cause cancer and the best ways to treat, cure and ultimately prevent the disease from occurring.

Our programs

A child's welfare is our main priority. We support and lobby for greater research and better facilities to ensure the highest standards of diagnosis, treatment and support for both child and family.

Clinical Research

Brilliant minds are working hard to find a cure for cancer. The Foundation has invested \$3.8 million to date in childhood cancer research and recently committed \$10.6 million over 10 years to attract the world's best childhood cancer clinical researchers to Australia and build a significant program of clinical research. We are currently supporting a program of molecular diagnostics research to identify target genes, to better customise therapies to the unique needs patients. This innovative research is working towards lifting survival rates and reducing debilitating side effects.

Who we're for

We support children with cancer, and strive for better and less harmful treatments.

What we do

We aim to ensure that every child achieves the best outcome possible, through funding clinical trials, clinical research, clinical care and family support programs.

Why we do it

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Fast facts

This year, some 810³ children in Australia will be diagnosed with cancer; another 5,600 will continue their treatment.

One in five children will die; of those cured 10% will develop a treatment related cancer in later life.

Almost half of childhood cancers are diagnosed in children aged 0–4 years.

Government cancer research funding is disproportionately directed towards adult cancers.

Clinical trials offer exciting new treatments to children but are not funded through government hospital budgets

	Adults	Children
Average age at cancer diagnosis	67	6
Average years of life lost to cancer	15	71

¹ Youlden D, et al (2010) Childhood cancer survival in Australia, 1995-2004. Viertel Centre for Research in Cancer Control, Cancer Council Queensland and the Australian Paediatric Cancer Registry.

² childrencancer.canceraustralia.gov.au/about-childrens-cancer/statistics

³ 810 diagnoses of childhood cancer per year compared to ~ 15,000 diagnoses of breast cancer or 19,000 diagnoses of prostate cancer in Australia. Australian Institute of Health and Welfare: Cancer in Australia – An Overview 2012

Clinical Trials

The Foundation is supporting and facilitating new cancer treatments such as immunotherapy clinical trial which utilises genetically engineered cells and the patient's own immune system to combat cancer.

Clinical Care

The Foundation funds a number of key hospital positions:

- Art Therapists and Music Therapists – this therapy provides a child with the tools they need to cope with the treatment. It also plays a big part in holding families together as they face the pressures of cancer;
- Mental Health Clinicians and Neuropsychologists – help children adjust to diagnosis and treatment;
- Funding specialist staff – to enhance clinical care such as medical consultants.

Family Support

The Foundation funds hospital employees, such as Family Resource Coordinators to help navigate the overwhelming world of treatment. The Coordinators are non-medical friends on the ward who parents can turn to for help and support.

What is Workplace Giving?

Workplace Giving is the simple process of making a regular tax-deductible donation through your payroll system. It is one of the most cost effective ways to donate, allowing you to extend your reach and help more children.

How does it work?

Your workplace needs to have a payroll system that enables your payroll manager to deduct a donation from your pay.

If this system in place, your donation automatically comes out of your pre-tax salary. This can mean you pay less tax, and it also eliminates the need to collect receipts or wait until the end of year to claim a tax refund on your donation.

MATCH IT! Some employers will match your donation, so together you make twice the impact. Ask your employer if this is something they'll consider.

Contact Us

With the unwavering support of generous individuals and organisations, the Children's Cancer Foundation continues to operate as a leader in the childhood cancer charity sector in Australia.

If you, or your employee, are interested in setting up a workplace giving program with the Children's Cancer Foundation please contact us:

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\$20 starts a child on their Beaded Journey, used as a therapeutic tool to mark milestones of their cancer journey.



\$100 Provides a music therapy session to distract and calm a child during medical procedures



\$250 Provides research laboratory supplies to help improve treatments and find a cure



\$500 starts a child on a clinical trial to increase their chance of survival

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