

# Be part of Paul Newman's legacy

*for future generations of children and families  
living with cancer and serious illness, so they too can  
experience the transformative magic of Barretstown.*



**BARRETSTOWN**  
a seriousfun camp



**Without Paul Newman  
Barretstown would not exist.**

**Without our supporters  
Barretstown won't continue to exist.**

***Ensuring we can be here for future generations can  
be your legacy, by leaving a gift in your Will.***

***Whether it is a modest sum of money, or a small percentage,  
every gift will help bring magic into the lives of children  
living with serious illness.***

Our serious fun takes serious money, a founding principle of Barretstown is that families never pay a cent to come to camp. It costs €5 million each year to run our life changing programmes. One of the most powerful and lasting ways a person can support Barretstown is by considering leaving a gift in their will. By supporting Barretstown through your Will you can be part of the magic for the next 20, 40, 60, 80 years!

An increasing number of our donors are choosing to remember Barretstown in their Will, after first taking care of their family, thus ensuring that we can continue to bring magic to the lives of children living with cancer and serious illness. We are truly honoured to be part of their legacy.

Our priority is always to give more children and families the opportunity to experience the magic of Barretstown and the life changing programmes we run. Barretstown is recognised as a centre of excellence in the care of children with serious and often life threatening illness, and endorsed and supported by the medical world.

All gifts left to us in wills, no matter how big or small the amount, will be combined into the Magic Fund. This Fund is a vital source of income for Barretstown, allowing us to bring more campers to Barretstown and to invest in vital capital projects we would not otherwise be in a position to undertake. Please consider being part of the Magic Fund, which will help us be here for future generations.



# Paul Newman's Legacy

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*I hope that my legacy is not my acting, my racing or my politics. I hope that it is the Camps.*

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*Paul Newman*



More than two decades ago, Paul Newman had a vision: ***imagine if children living with serious illness had the chance to simply be children. To just have fun. So he started a camp where kids could, in his words, “raise a little hell”.***

Initially Paul set up two camps in the USA but could clearly see a demand from Europe for similar services. So Paul turned his attention to finding a suitable location for the first European camp. The then Taoiseach Albert Reynolds invited Paul to see Barretstown Castle. The story goes he saw our fairy-tale castle on a beautiful day and fell in love with Barretstown and its potential.

During our first year, in 1994, we served 120 campers, now each year we are serving over 6,000 both here in Barretstown and around Ireland through our Outreach Programmes in hospitals, schools and communities throughout Ireland. ***Our ambitions continue, as we develop our amazing site here in Co Kildare and constantly strive to reach more children living with serious illness.***

Today, we continue Paul's legacy as an independently financed and independently managed camp, and a proud member of the SeriousFun Children's Network.

# Our Mission & Impact

Barretstown's mission is to rebuild the lives of children affected by serious illness and their families. We believe that every child with a serious illness should enjoy their childhood.

Barretstown offers free, specially designed camps and programmes for children and their families living with a serious illness – supported behind the scenes by 24 hour on site medical and nursing care. All of the children and families come to Barretstown free of charge. Everything, including accommodation, food, medical assistance and travel costs are provided at no cost to the family.

The Barretstown programme is endorsed by leading medical professionals and has become internationally recognised as having a profound and lasting impact on the lives of children with serious illness. After participating, children go home with increased confidence, self-esteem and the skills they need to face the rest of their journey to recovery.



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# Our Vision for the Future

Higher rates of cancer diagnosis and improved survival rates are leading to an increase in demand for our services, as more and more children and families face the long road through treatment.

**Our core objectives for the coming years are to:**

- Extend our camp calendar year round and expand our site facilities to allow us bring more campers to each camp. This will help to reduce our waiting lists as we regularly have over 100 families waiting for places on our Family Weekend Camps.
- Expand the illness groups we serve, to maximise the unique facilities and programmes we are lucky to have here in Barretstown.
- Extend and expand our Outreach Programmes –these programmes bring the hopeful spirit of Barretstown beyond the castle gates to hospitals, schools and communities throughout Ireland.
- Ensure that every child and family who wants to come to Barretstown to undertake our Therapeutic Recreation programmes can do so, to aid them on their road to recovery.



Just imagine **how many more campers we could help** through a gift in your Will.



**“**When your child is as sick as Amanda was, it consumes you. Normal family life stops. You feel your family will never be whole again. And that your child will never be the same. But Barretstown and their wonderful supporters changed that. And I will never be able to explain how grateful I am. You see it was during our time in Barretstown that I saw my happy little girl coming back to me.

And it was there that we began to put the pieces of our family back together. **”**

*Ana Paula, Camper mum to Amanda, age 3*

**“**I felt like I was losing my boy. He'd always been so positive and confident, but he was heading to a dark place. I am so grateful to Barretstown for bringing him back. People say it's a magical place and it's true... At Barretstown, all his new friends were wearing hats – they had all lost their hair, so he didn't feel different. **”**

*Ann-Marie Murphy Cruse, Seamus' mum, camper aged 9*



**“**It's like cancer had snuck in and turned off the light. But Barretstown came and turned the light back on – not just for Aidan, but for all of us. Children like Aidan need to know they have Barretstown to look forward to. A camp where they can laugh and play, and remember what it feels like to be a regular, happy child again. **”**

*Ciaran, Camper Dad to Aidan, age 6*

## Case Studies

### Brenda Eng

Paediatric Oncology Nurse,  
and Barretstown volunteer

Brenda first started to volunteer at a camp in British Columbia, Canada, which was started by her own godmother, Lois Youngson. Since 1997, Brenda has been travelling to Ireland to volunteer as a nurse in the Med Shed at Barretstown, and it is this experience which has inspired her to leave a legacy to Barretstown in her will. Here is what Brenda has to say...

*“From day one when I began my paediatric nursing career I felt that we needed to do everything possible to support children physically, emotionally, socially and psychologically. The illness and subsequent hospitalisations take away the child's childhood: to play, to learn, to be confident, and to be independent. Camp gives kids back their childhood. The philosophy of caring for children with life threatening illness really integrates with the camp experience. That is why I volunteer.*

*It is an honor and privilege to be invited back every year. I bring my years of experience as a paediatric nurse to children with life threatening illness, but I come away so much richer.*

*There is something only those who go to camp understand: camp magic. The best of humanity is felt here. It is my humble honour and privilege to pay it back and pay it forward to a camp and country that holds a piece of my heart and soul, by leaving a legacy.”*

### James Hill

Retired Company Executive,  
and Barretstown supporter

James first became involved with Barretstown as an employee of Smithkline Beecham (now GlaxoSmithKline). James was tasked with the responsibility of overhauling the company's community involvement strategy. He decided that most of the philanthropy should be driven by the businesses, and therefore he proposed that they create three Divisions to achieve this end with Europe focusing on children's health. The decision to focus on children's health happened to coincide with a meeting of pharmaceutical and healthcare companies hosted by Barretstown in 1995. James was inspired, and immediately saw the benefits of SmithKline Beecham partnering with an organisation like Barretstown. GlaxoSmithKline still support Barretstown to this day.

James is also a supporter on a personal level, and has decided to leave a legacy to Barretstown, James tells us why:

***“Helping those dear children to embrace a fun childhood which most of us have enjoyed and yet which has been cruelly denied so many of the children who come to Barretstown.”***





## Be Part of The Magic Fund

- All gifts left to Barretstown through a will are combined into our Magic Fund. The aim of this Fund is to help us bring even more children to experience the magic of camp and to invest in vital capital projects, we would otherwise be unable to do.
- As part of the fund your contribution is helping to secure the future of Barretstown and you are becoming part of Barretstown's legacy.
- To recognise all the amazing people who make this special commitment, those who leave a gift to Barretstown, will be

remembered by adding a permanent light to our "Hill of Remembrance". The Hill of Remembrance is a new permanent place of recognition close to our Theatre. Starting with a large founder light representing Paul Newman, additional lights will be added in a swirl to remember each person who contributes to the magic of Barretstown. The display will be visible at night to all those who visit Barretstown and will be enjoyed by our campers for years to come.

## How to leave a gift in your will to Barretstown – it's so easy

A bequest or a legacy, is a gift, no matter how big or small, that you make in your will to your favourite charities.

After you've ensured that your family is taken care of, leaving a gift to Barretstown will stand as a wonderful testament to your support for other families: those with children living with, and recovering from, cancer and other serious illness.

If you're considering leaving a legacy to Barretstown, the first thing you should do is consult your solicitor for advice.

There are two main types of legacies:-

- Leaving a % of your estate – sometimes called a *residuary legacy*, or leaving a specific amount of money – sometimes called a *pecuniary legacy*.
- If you already have a will, it's easy to amend it to include a legacy to Barretstown. This change is called a *codicil* and can be drawn up easily by your solicitor.



# Finding a Solicitor

Finding a solicitor is very straightforward. If you already have a solicitor, the first step is as simple as a phone call to set up an appointment.

If not, you'll need to find a solicitor who will draw up a will for you. This is easy as it's one of the basic services that almost all solicitors provide. A full list of all practicing solicitors

throughout Ireland can be found at The Law Society ([www.lawsociety.ie/find-a-solicitor](http://www.lawsociety.ie/find-a-solicitor)).

You can also choose to visit [mylegacy.ie](http://mylegacy.ie) where you can find a useful map of solicitors in Ireland. This site also contains clear information about making a will and leaving a legacy.

## Need more information?

<https://www.barretstown.org/support/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/all-you-need-to-know-about-legacies/>

<https://tinyurl.com/y9ks5cr2>

Would you like more information about leaving a gift in your will to Barretstown? Please feel free to make a no obligation phone call, or even come and visit us here in Ballymore Eustace, and we can discuss how you can be part of the magic.

If you are leaving a gift in your will to Barretstown you don't need to tell us, it can be a very private matter. They only reason

we like to know, is so we can say thank you!

If you do have any questions please feel free to contact Karen Reid on 045 864 115 or email [karen.reid@barretstown.org](mailto:karen.reid@barretstown.org).

You can also find information on MyLegacy. ie [www.mylegacy.ie](http://www.mylegacy.ie)

Check out our Jargon Buster to help explain all the relevant phrases and terms used in relation to wills.



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