



Every bead tells a story of strength, honor, and hope.



Our Mission

We are growing every day, providing innovative, arts-in-medicine supportive care programs for children coping with serious illness, their families and the health care providers who care for them.

What is the Beads of Courage Program?

The program is a resilience-based intervention designed to support and strengthen children and families coping with serious illness. Through the program, children tell their stories using colorful beads as meaningful symbols of courage that commemorate milestones they have achieved along their unique treatment path.

How it works

Upon enrollment, each child is given the Beads of Courage bead color guide/tally sheet. Their Beads of Courage journey begins when each child is first given a length of string and beads that spell out their first name. Then, colorful beads, each representing a different treatment milestone are given to the child by their professional health care provider to add to their Beads of Courage collection throughout their treatment.

The Beads of Courage® Program is available for the following:

- Cancer and Blood Disorders
- Cardiac Conditions
- Burn injuries
- Neonatal ICU Families
- Chronic Illness



thank you for the bowl for my beads! I love it very much. It is awesome!
A special thank you to Denny Dahlberg for making it!
From Hailee

Beads of Courage® Bead Bowls & Boxes



Every child wishes they had their own treasure box to keep their bead collection.

For more information, please contact info@beadsofcourage.org

Thank you for helping make healing happen!

Beads of Courage gratefully thanks all woodturners who donate their one-of-a-kind, handmade bowls, and boxes to a child in treatment for a serious illness.

Guidelines

In order to hold the beads, turned boxes for the Beads of Courage program need to be about 6 inches in diameter (5 inches minimum), rectangular lidded boxes about 4 x 6 x 4 inches or round lids.

If possible, engrave or burn "Beads of Courage" in the lid or side of container. Sign your name and write "American Association of Woodturners" on the bottom.

Make sure the lids are easily removable. Any finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate (may break).

We ask that you refrain from painting the boxes or bowls. Instead, highlight the beauty of the wood with clear varnish, a stain, and/or burning on the bowl.

We have found that many woodturners like to use the Beads of Courage® ceramic logo bead in their design. Visit our website to place an order for beads.