

This holiday season...



Dear Friend,

During December, most children are counting the days until the arrival of their favorite holiday, anticipating the presents they're hoping to receive.

Beads of Courage member Abigail is also counting down to a special day in December, but she is anticipating a gift of a different kind: the end of treatment for osteosarcoma, also known as bone cancer.

Abigail was diagnosed with cancer at age 14 and underwent a below-the-knee amputation in July of this year.

She says, "My source of visual hope, endurance, and reflection are my Beads of Courage!"

"They are a representation of many great things. During my cancer journey, collecting the beads began as an activity to overcome a challenging hurdle. Now, they are a statement of progress. They provide an image of the work that is required for forward MOVEMENT! They are the sum total of my experience: the beginning through the end of my story.

"My Beads of Courage give voice to the silence of my struggles and my victories."

Each year, tens of thousands of children like Abigail count on Beads of Courage for support, empowering them to record, tell, and own their stories of courage. Beads given at the bedside are spirit-lifting, which can be lifesaving in the moment.

This holiday season, we are asking you to give the gift of support to our members and our mission. Help us reach more courageous kids like Abigail with your tax-deductible donation today.



Whether or not you're able to include a donation, please take a moment to decorate and return the enclosed Special Edition Art Cards. They will be packaged with our new Wishing Star bead and given to a child coping with cancer or another serious illness. Our goal is to distribute more than 10,000 Wishing Stars to Beads of Courage members, bringing them joy and encouragement in the New Year. We would love to receive your Art Cards by December 31, 2019 if possible.

Please visit our website for more ways to help this holiday season and, as always, accept our heartfelt thanks for your generous support.



Sincerely,

Jean Gribbon, PhD, RN
Founder and Executive Director

Tammy Diamond-Wells
Abigail's mom



I Believe...

Yes, I would like to give hope and encouragement to a child coping with serious illness.

- \$75
 \$100
 \$250
 \$500
 \$1,000
 \$2,500
 \$5,000
 Other _____
 In honor/memory of: _____
 I want to include Beads of Courage Inc. in my estate plans. Please contact me.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Please make checks payable to Beads of Courage Inc.

I would like to make this a recurring gift and authorize Beads of Courage Inc. to bill my credit card
 One Time
 Monthly
 Quarterly
 Annually

CC Acct No. _____ CVV Code _____

Signature _____ Exp Date _____

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