Beads of Courage®

Woodturners Wanted

Beads of Courage is proud to be a partner in caring with the American Association of Woodturners (AAW).

www.BeadsofCourage.org
woodturner@beadsofcourage.org
THE CHILDREN AND TEENS WE SUPPORT find strength in a whole new way by receiving handcrafted, beautiful boxes donated by members of the AAW. Your gift provides a safe place to keep their Beads of Courage that brings a sense of comfort to the heart while providing a beautiful way to honor the strength and courage of children and teens coping with cancer and other serious illnesses.
Option #1: Direct donation to Beads of Courage as a Dream Bowl donor

Dream Bowl donors will ship or drop off their bowls directly to Beads of Courage Headquarters in Tuscon, AZ. The bowls will then be listed in the Dream Bowl portal in the Beads of Courage online store where members can "shop" for the perfect bowl! We will not be able to inform you of where your bowl is donated, but can assure you it will go to a Beads of Courage member!

This is a great option for those able to ship or drop off, have smaller quantities of bowls to donate, or there is not a Beads of Courage member hospital in your area that is able to accept your donation.

Option #2: Direct donation to local Beads of Courage member hospital

Individuals or groups can (potentially) be connected to a Beads of Courage member hospital for direct donation. We cannot guarantee that the hospital in your area will be able to accept your donation.

This is a great option for ongoing donors, groups or individuals with larger donations that would be difficult to mail, or those that have a Beads of Courage member hospital in the area that can accept donations.
STEPS FOR DONATING:

Option #1 - Direct donation to Dream Bowl Portal:

Pack bowl(s) carefully to avoid damage. Please include your name/group name, address, phone number, and email in the package.

Mail package to:
Beads of Courage, Inc.
3230 North Dodge Blvd. Suite J
Tucson, AZ 85716

Complete the gift-in-kind form:
https://beadsofcourage.z2systems.com/np/clients/beadsofcourage/survey.jsp?surveyId=76

Your bowls will be entered into the Dream Bowl portal at https://store.beadsofcourage.org/dreambowls where members will be able to hand select their own Dream Bowl!

Option #2 - Direct Donation to local hospital:

Complete this Direct Hospital donation request form:
https://beadsofcourage.forms-db.com/view.php?id=60437

Beads of Courage will contact you once your request is reviewed. Staff review these requests on a monthly basis and will contact you with further instructions.

Please note that we can not guarantee direct hospital donation as there may not be one in your area that is able to accept it. If there is not one available, please refer to Option #1 for donation.

We kindly request that you do not contact hospitals independently to help us ensure that we are connecting you with the most appropriate hospital contact if they are able to accept.
BEAD BOWLS/BOXES GUIDELINES:

Beads of Courage members may receive thousands of beads. It is desirable for your boxes to hold them all. As a result, turned or rectangular lidded boxes need to be large. Larger is better! 

*Recommended interior dimensions for turned boxes are: 6" diameter (5" min.), 5" height (4" min.). Recommended interior dimensions for flatwork boxes are 4"x6"x4"*

**Box bases** should be wide enough so the box is stable and does not tip over easily. Lids for Beads of Courage boxes should be easy for small or ill children to remove or lift. Any finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate so they don't break. Avoid excessively elaborate designs that may easily break or be damaged; remember, hospital rooms have limited storage space.

**Finishing of boxes is extremely important!** Beads of Courage members who receive these boxes are susceptible to germs/ infections/mold. Bowls that have not been properly sealed can harbor mold. Please take the time to ensure you are using a safe finishing process that does not contain toxic materials. Also do not use finishes like linseed oil that take a long time to outgas.

**All kinds of wood are beautiful!** Please refrain from painting Beads of Courage boxes. Instead, highlight the beauty of the wood with clear varnish, a stain, and/or burning.
BEADS OF COURAGE LOGO BEADS

Please purchase Beads of Courage Logo Beads to include on your box! This bead can be attached anywhere within or outside the box. You can purchase these beads by going to www.beadsofcourage.org

Designed specifically for your donation, each logo bead comes with a Woodworker Artist card that includes your personal signature. While these beads are not mandatory, we appreciate how they connect your art with our mission and our Beads of Courage members love to know who made their beautiful gift!

FUNDRAISE TO SUPPORT

Beads of Courage, Inc. appreciates those chapters and individuals that donate or fundraise to support our mission. Donations serve to support the programs in place at our partner hospitals and also help to move children off the waiting list for our Beads in the Mail program.

Please email woodturner@beadsofcourage.org for further assistance.
We’re on a Mission

To help children coping with serious illness RECORD, TELL and OWN their stories of courage, using beads to symbolize their treatment journey.

The woodturned boxes you donate and funds you raise support the mission of Beads of Courage, an organization providing innovative arts-in-medicine programs that improve the quality of life for children coping with serious illness, their families, and the clinicians who care for them.

Beads of Courage, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Founded in 2005, our programs are now in 260 children's hospitals, supporting more than 60,000 children annually in the United States, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.

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Together, we make healing happen through the arts.

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