

# Beads of Courage<sup>®</sup> Bead Bag Donation Process



## Thank you for your interest in stitching bead bags for Beads of Courage!

These beautiful bags are given to our members to contain the beads that have been received during treatment. Each bead signifies a moment of strength and courage.

### Please review all guidelines and register with us before starting to sew.

During registration, you will have the opportunity to choose your preferred method of donating.

## Step 1: Register as a Beads of Courage Stitcher

Complete the registration form here:  
<https://bit.ly/beadbagregistration>

or



to complete the registration form

## Step 2: Select a method to donate

### Option 1:

#### Donate to Beads of Courage

Donations sent directly to Beads of Courage will be used by our members all over the country.

- Include your contact information including name, address, phone number, and email.
- Mail or drop off package to:  
Beads of Courage, Inc.  
3755 E 34th St, Suite 117 Tucson, AZ 85713
- If dropping off donations, please call 520-495-4002 to confirm someone is available to meet you.
- Complete the gift-in-kind form.

### Option 2:

#### Direct hospital donation

After requesting direct donation via the registration, a staff member will contact you for further assistance. We kindly ask that you do not reach out to hospitals directly.

- If hospital can accept, BOC staff will provide a you with a contact at the hospital to coordinate the donation.
- If this option is not available please refer to option 1.
- Complete the gift-in-kind form after donating as hospitals do not report your donation to us!

**PLEASE REPORT ALL DONATIONS!** Regardless of how you donated, please remember to report each donation using the gift-in-kind form here: <https://bit.ly/beadbaggiftinkind>

## Step 3: Order Bead Bag Labels

A \$10 donation covers costs of 50 Bead Bag labels, 50 Caring Artist cards, & shipping. These Caring Artist cards can be personally signed and are necessary for branding the services we provide to our members.

We appreciate your support and understanding!

Visit: <https://bit.ly/beadbaglabel> to order the BOC Bead Bag Kit

## Step 4: Start on your Bead Bags

### Bead Bag Instructions:

Please use the following directions for sewing bead bags to ensure consistency.

#### Materials needed (per bag):

- 2 pieces 9x12" focus fabric
- 2 pieces 9x12" lining fabric
- 2 pieces cording or ribbon 26"
- Beads of Courage Bead Bag label and "caring artist card"

#### Instructions:

1. Sew Beads of Courage label in middle lower part or right corner of 1 piece of focus fabric.
2. Stitch pieces of focus fabric together along long edge.
3. Do the same process with lining fabric and iron the seams open.
4. Turn lining fabric right side out and place into focus fabric (right sides will be facing each other).
5. Stitch 1/4" from the top all the way around top.
6. To attach fabric together, iron seam open and turn right side out- focus fabric will be facing out now.
7. To make the "tunnel" for the cording, stitch all the way around 1/2" from the top catching both the focus and lining fabrics.
8. Reinforce at the side seams using reverse stitch.
9. Stitch all the way around 1 1/4" from the top catching both focus and lining fabrics.
10. Reinforce at side seams.
11. Using a seam ripper, open at side seams through the focus fabric only.
12. Turn bag inside out, and serge layers at the bottom together.
13. Turn right side out, and using a safety pin, thread cording through the 'tunnel' starting at one seam opening and ending at the same seam.
14. Repeat starting at the other seam.
15. Please include a "caring artist card" in each bag.

\*A heartfelt Thank You to Nancy Fay for providing these detailed bead bag instructions.

**Beads of Courage, Inc. is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and teens coping with serious illness, their families, and the clinicians who care for them through our Arts-in-Medicine Programs. We believe in creating a context for caring transactions to transpire through our community and encouragement programs.**

**We appreciate all of your time and dedication to support our mission.**

