Beads of Courage®

Donating is easy...

Thank you for your interest in donating woodturned bowls to Beads of Courage!

These wonderful pieces of art become a sacred vessel to store the beads that have been received throughout a member's treatment. Each bead signifies a moment of strength and courage.

Please review all guidelines BEFORE making bowls and register with us.

Option 1:
Dream Bowl Portal donation

With this option, members can select your bowl to have it shipped directly. Members do not pay for the bowl, but will donate towards shipping costs.

- Register with us (you only need to do this once)
- Pack bowl(s) carefully to avoid damage.
- Include your contact information including name, address, phone number, and email.
- Mail or drop off package to:
  Beads of Courage, Inc
  3301 N 1st Avenue
  Tucson, AZ 85719
- If dropping off donations, please call (520) 344-7668 to confirm someone is avaliable to meet you.
- Complete the gift-in-kind form

Option 2:
Direct hospital donation

IMPORTANT:

You must connect with BOC PRIOR to donating directly to a hospital as we cannot guarantee this option. We kindly ask that you do not reach out to hospitals directly and allow us to do it on your behalf.

- Register with us (you only need to do this once)
- Email woodturner@beadsofcourage.org before making any bowls.
  - Let us know where you would like to donate as well as how many and how often.
  - We will reach out on your behalf and get back to you.
  - If they are unable to accept, refer to Option 1.
- If hospital can accept, BOC staff will provide a you with a direct contact to coordinate the donation.
- 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 all donations using the gift-in-kind form linked below. We are learning that this step is commonly forgotten as donors are informing BOC that they have been donating, yet we have no gift in kind form submitted to confirm the donation.

If you have forgotten this step, you can always go back and retroactively submit it.

If this form is not completed we will not be aware of your donation!
PLEASE do not skip this important step!

https://bit.ly/boc-wt-gik

Register to donate today!

Scan me!

https://bit.ly/bocwoodturner

Questions? Email us at:
sabrina@beadsofcourage.org

Bead Bowl/Box 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.

- **Dimensions:**
  - Interior for turned boxes: 6'' diameter (5'' min.), 5'' height (4'' min.)
  - Interior for flatwork boxes: 4"x6"x4"
- **Base and lids:**
  - 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.
- **Design considerations:**
  - Avoid excessively elaborate designs that may easily break or be damaged;
  - Donate $25 to receive BOC logo beads to include anywhere within or outside the box if able at https://bit.ly/logobeads
    - A donation of $25 will provide you with 20 Beads of Courage logo beads.
    - Each logo bead comes with a Woodworker Artist card where you can include your personal signature. While these beads are not mandatory, but we appreciate how they connect your art with our mission. Our members love to know who made their beautiful gift!
- **Finishes:**
  - Bowls must be safely sealed. Please use a safe finishing process without toxic materials. Bowls that have not been properly sealed can harbor mold which is dangerous to our members with compromised immune systems.
  - Do not use finishes like linseed oil or other finishes that take a long time to outgas.
  - Refrain from painting the boxes. Instead, highlight the beauty of the wood with clear varnish, a stain, and/or burning.

https://beadsofcourage.org/bead-bowls/

Thank you for your support!

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.

Since 2005, Beads of Courage, Inc. has established collaborative partnerships in caring with hundreds of hospitals nationally and internationally, and worked with several community organizations to make healing happen through the use of beads as a historical art form.