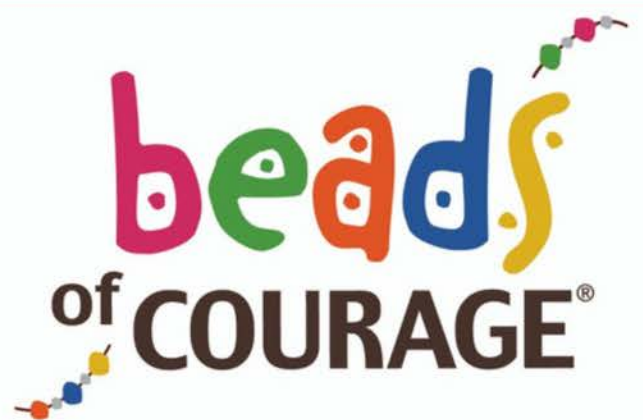




Beads of Courage, Inc

**Advancing the science of
caring through the arts**





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"Never doubt that a small
group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can
change the world; indeed, it's
the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead

Beads of Courage, Inc., established in 2005, is a non-profit corporation that has established collaborative partnerships in caring with hospitals and community organizations nationally and internationally.

We create a context for caring transactions to transpire through unique arts in medicine programs and community engagement to strengthen human connectedness.

Beads of Courage, Inc. contributes to the science, practice, and implementation of evidenced-based arts in medicine programs. We are proud members of the National Organization of Arts in Healthcare (NOAH) and an affiliate of the Watson Caring Science Institute.

The arts and medicine; these are two human callings that belong together, and our challenge is to rediscover the ways in which they can be most effectively brought together again. " - Dana Gioia, National Endowment for the Arts Chairman (2003)



Beads of Courage helps children, teens, and their families RECORD, TELL, and OWN their stories of courage using colorful beads that serve as meaningful symbols that honor their courage throughout their medical treatment experiences.

- Beads of Courage is implemented as a standard of care in over 400 programs worldwide in the USA, UK, Republic of Ireland, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, & Canada



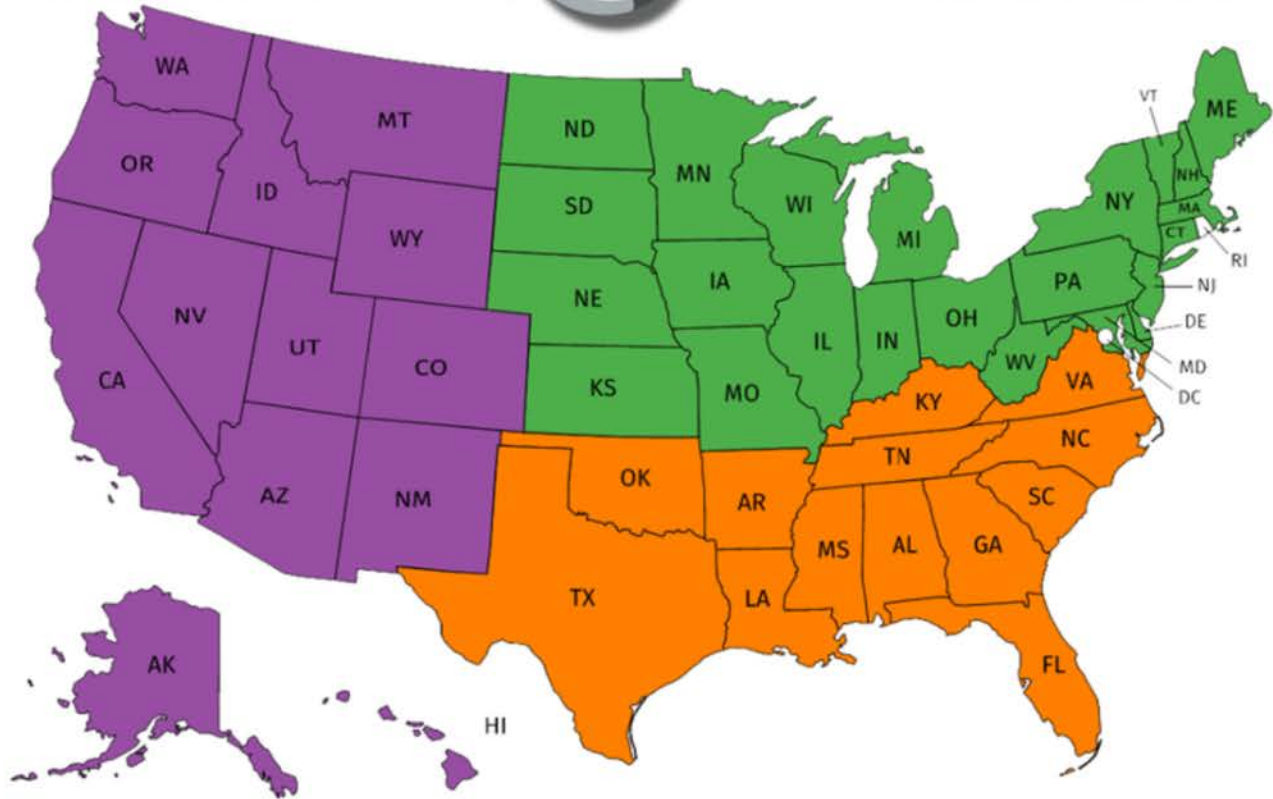
The Center for Arts-in-Nursing (CAN) exists to support and strengthen experiences in human caring across the lifespan through the arts.

The Center is guided by three core principles: Convene, Create, and Caring.

Region 3
55 Hospital Partners
98 BOC Programs

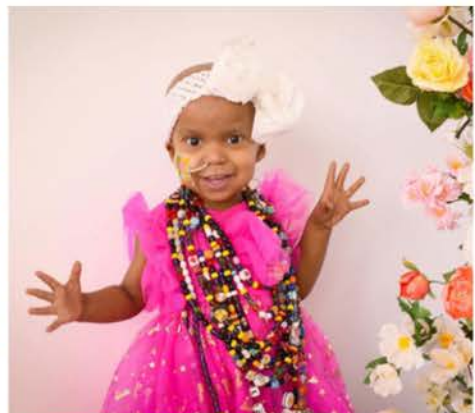


Region 1
78 Hospital Partners
130 BOC Programs



209 Hospital Partners
396 BOC Programs
142 Heme/Onc
64 Cardiac
90 Chronic/Rehab/Trauma/ICU
79 NICU
14 Burn Injury Recovery

Region 2
76 Hospital Partners
168 BOC Programs



BEADS OF COURAGE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS IN CARING...
LIKE BEADS ON A STRAND WE ARE ALL CONNECTED!



Beads of Courage supports over 300-member hospitals/organizations as partners in caring worldwide including:

- The United States
- England
- Wales
- Scotland
- Northern Ireland
- Republic of Ireland
- Canada
- Japan
- New Zealand
- Australia

Beads of Courage, Inc. is grateful for the international partners who make the Beads of Courage program possible in their countries:

- Beads of Courage Canada
- Beads of Courage United Kingdom
- Camp Quality (Australia)
- Child Cancer Foundation (New Zealand)
- Childhood Cancer Ireland
- Shine On! Kids (Japan)





Beads of Courage Program Mission Moments

Caleb Age: 10 mo.

BOC Cardiac Member

"Beads of Courage has helped us be reminded of all of the things that Caleb has endured and overcome throughout his journey. This program is so special to us because one day, when Caleb is older, we can show him his Beads of Courage to explain to him all that he has overcome!"

— Lindsey, Caleb's Mom



"Beads of courage gave my daughter, something tangible to show for all she has been through. She is still just as proud of her Beads of Courage today as she was the day she received her first one. Katie could not celebrate this momentous milestone, her senior photos, without celebrating her journey with her Beads of Courage."



KATIE — ONCOLOGY MEMBER



Vivianne Age: 10

BOC Chronic Conditions and Beads in the Mail Member

"Vivianne loves all of her beads and is very proud of how long her strand is getting! She really enjoys the specialty beads she gets for overcoming something hard. I tell her all the time that every bead on her strand tells her story. I know she is young, but I hope these beads help her to remember how much she has and can endure so that she never forgets how strong she is!"

— Monique, Vivianne's Mom



PATRICK — NICU PROGRAM MEMBER



"Beads of Courage showed us the journey our baby went through at Tucson Medical Center and showed us how strong he was and all the challenges he overcame. They show us that our baby boy is ready for any difficulties the world might throw at us!"

Sibling Support Programs



Being a sibling is an important job!

The Beads of Courage® Sibling Programs are designed to recognize the important role siblings play in every family. Our programs help siblings to Record, Tell and Own their Story of Courage as they journey alongside their brother or sister who is coping with a serious illness.

The programs focus on themes that help siblings cope and provide talking points to encourage communication and healing opportunities. Every bead in our Sibling Programs become a symbol of courage.



Sibling Caregiver Support Sessions

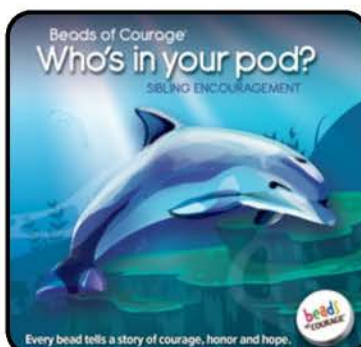
Virtual Session with BOC for Caregivers

Virtual opportunity to receive a FREE Beads of Courage® Sibling Kit along with virtual support from our Certified Child Life Specialist, compliments of our national sibling program sponsor – The Scarcelli Family Foundation.

During the session, our Child Life Specialist meets with parents and caregivers to provide ideas on how to implement the sibling program with their children.



"Thank you for doing this! His sweet sister spends lots of time supporting him at appointments, infusions, and therapy, and this is going to be so exciting for her to be able to be part of something that he does too. She thinks her big brother is a rock star! Thank you again!"



Engagement & Events Highlights



Signature Fundraising Events



February Annually

Beads, Bands, and Beer Festival

The Festival celebrates the art of the bead and all that our organization has accomplished in helping children cope with serious illness.

Funds raised from event sponsors and patrons support Beads of Courage programs.



GOOD DRINKS • GOOD FRIENDS • GOOD CAUSE

Cocktails for Courage

Cocktails for Courage is a signature fundraising event benefiting Beads of Courage, a nonprofit organization supporting children and teens coping with cancer and other serious illness through the healing power of art.

Gather your good friends to enjoy a good drink and help a good cause.
Coming to more cities in 2026!



Engagement & Events Highlights



Signature Fundraising Events



Online Auctions

Annually online auctions are hosted via Bidding Owl for Valentine's Day, World Beads of Courage Day, and Holiday/December. Funds raised from auctions supports our programs. Auction items are generously donated by in-kind artists.

Team Beads of Courage Summer Challenge

Join the Team Beads of Courage Summer Challenge and turn your summer activities into meaningful support for brave kids! The entire Summer, your miles will truly matter as you participate in our 100-mile challenge. Whether you enjoy casual exercise or intense training, this is your chance to champion children facing serious illnesses through the activities you love.



Summer Annually



Every mile you conquer and every dollar you raise fuels Beads of Courage's mission of hope and healing. Let's unite to empower these courageous kids with every step, stride, climb, and swim!

Engagement & Events Highlights



Signature Fundraising Events



El Tour de Tucson

El Tour de Tucson is a powerful marketing and awareness-raising platform for our organization. Simply by joining TEAM Beads of Courage, you help make healing happen while educating others on what Beads of Courage is all about. Run, walk, or ride for courageous kids.



Bead Inspired

An uplifting fundraising event — Let's kick up our heels to honor courageous kids! These are indoor-outdoor events. Western attire is encouraged as we kick up our heels for courageous kids. Celebrate pioneering psychosocial support for children coping with cancer and other serious illness



Engagement & Events Highlights



Community Engagement Initiatives



Shop to Support

Unique, curated items with 100% proceeds supporting our mission. Many of the items in our shop also support artists who are involved with our mission.



Carry a Bead

Carry a Bead and return a bead to support a child. These become beads we need and they remind a child on a tough treatment day they are not alone in their fight for life.



Friendship and Strength Bracelet Kits

Beads of Courage kits blend creativity with compassion, offering a soothing, meditative activity. It's easy, fun, and you'll make jewelry you'll love to wear. Make a bracelet to keep and make one that you donate back to give to a child or teen we support.



Holiday Coloring Card Kits

Color these holiday cards and return them with your signed card. Volunteers will package them with holiday beads and send them to Beads of Courage Members. Art heals and community connection helps those who are stressed feel supported.



Engagement & Events Highlights



Signature Community Engagement Events



September 15th Annually

World Beads of Courage Day

Get ready to join us September 15, 2026 for our annual Global Celebration of Courage. World Beads of Courage Day is a global celebration of courage. Join us in inspiring our worldwide bead family to spread their love for Beads of Courage!



The Fall 2025 Harvest Full Moon Market will benefit:



Full Moon Marketplace

Full Moon Marketplace Events at the Beads of Courage Forever Home – providing an opportunity to bring our hometown Tucson community together. We invite other local non-profits, artists and we always feature a family-friendly bead-stringing activity.



March 14th Annually

Pi Day — Annual Polymer Bead Making Event

Beads make our world go 'Round! Join us in person or make beads in your community for courageous kids coping with serious illness — Together Let's Bake the world a better place!

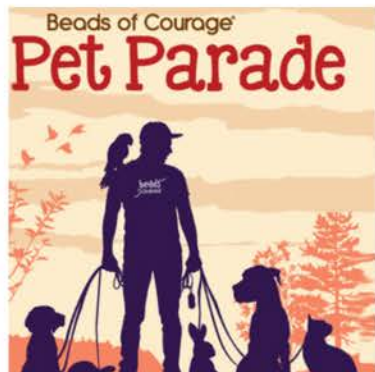
We need your help making polymer beads for us to give to the children and teens we support. These beads require helpful hands and caring human hearts!



Engagement & Events Highlights



Signature Community Engagement Events



Saturday before Mother's Day

Virtual Pet Parade

Join us for our annual Virtual Pet Parade. Pets are nature's perfect companions, and we want to share your pet's adventures with kids we support through Beads of Courage. Have your pet wear Carry a Bead, take photos, and support children in the hospital with a message of hope and fun from pets.



All Souls Procession

One of the most important inclusive and public ceremonies in North America today. The All Souls Procession honors the ancestors and lost loved ones and celebrates life.



Open Studio Events

For more than 14 years, Beads of Courage has formed strategic partnerships with glass art and bead-making studios across the United States to create beads for donation, fundraising, and raising awareness through Bead Challenge Open Studio Events. These events have truly inspired those who attended and participated.



Courage Rally

A Courage Rally is more than an event—it's a celebration of creativity, kindness, and connection. Learn more about the impact of the Carry a Bead program and how you can be involved



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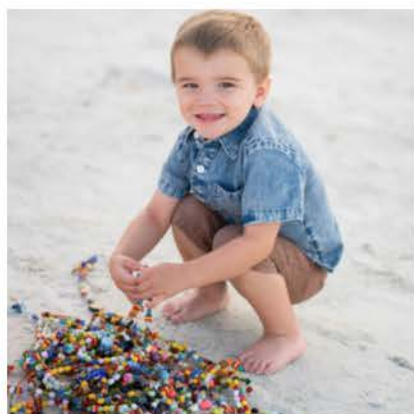


As a publicly supported charity we depend on our generous donors that believe in beads and help make healing happen with their support.



Love for Beads of Courage

General giving campaign, donor can select specificity of which program the donation goes towards. With a gift of \$50 or more, you'll receive our heartfelt "I Love Beads of Courage" Strand as a token of gratitude. Each bead on this strand symbolizes the conditions and challenges faced by the children and teens in our programs, making it a meaningful reminder of the strength and courage your support nurtures.*US Only



Help Brave Kids

Brave kids need beads to tell their story—and you can help today with your gift. Beads become medals of honor for battles fought with incredible bravery. You help children see that their fight matters and their courage deserves recognition.

When children look at their beads, you've given them proof that they can do hard things and reminders of their own courage to endure. You can help make healing happen for brave kids—one bead, one story at a time.



Donor Cultivation & Stewardship



Courage Keepers

Keep the Human Spirit Strong – Every Month! We invite you to join the Courage Keepers, our monthly giving circle, and be a part of our honored Courage Keepers community! Courage Keepers keep our bead pharmacy stocked with the beads we need to help the courageous kids we serve.



Fundraise for Beads of Courage

Share your love and start a custom fundraiser for Beads of Courage today! Celebrate birthdays, special occasions, or honor a loved one by hosting a fundraiser to help our cause. We'll even give you all the tools you'll need to make a difference. With your help, we can ensure that children around the world receive healing and hope through our mission.



Every donor who gives \$50 or more to your fundraiser will receive our "I love Beads of Courage" strand* with our heartfelt gratitude. Starting a fundraiser is easy to do!



Forever Home Fund

Thank you to all the donors who made our dream come true! We have officially moved into our new Forever Home! We have continued need for support – mortgage payments, utilities, operational costs, improvements and large-scale projects like a new HVAC system and irrigation.



Caring Collaborations



Candlelighters Prom, Tucson

60 teens with a life threatening illness
and their teen siblings supported

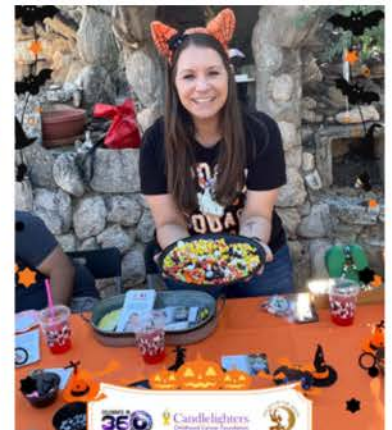
Celebration of Courage Events

Celebrating the **COURAGE** of children
coping with cancer and other serious
illness, their families, and the health care
providers who care for them.



Light the Night Gold- Pittsburgh

BOC tabled at an annual pediatric cancer awareness
event and provided a BOC experience to families
impacted by pediatric cancer. BOC's first Pittsburgh
volunteer attended!



**We collaborate with many other non-profits to support their
events, programs and services**

- Tucson – Childhood Cancer Walk (February/Tucson, AZ)
- CHAMP (September/Tempe, AZ)
- Candlelighters Camp
- Colorado Courage Classic Cycling Event (Copper Mountain, CO)
- Festival of the Books
- Southwest Bereavement Retreat

Professional Affiliations



Association for Child Life Professionals Conference



Association for Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Nurses Conference



Cancer Con

National Organization for Arts in Health

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Make a Wish Foundation

We are proud to recognize and honor the following companies and organizations for their ongoing support of Beads of Courage.

**NATIONAL BEADS OF COURAGE
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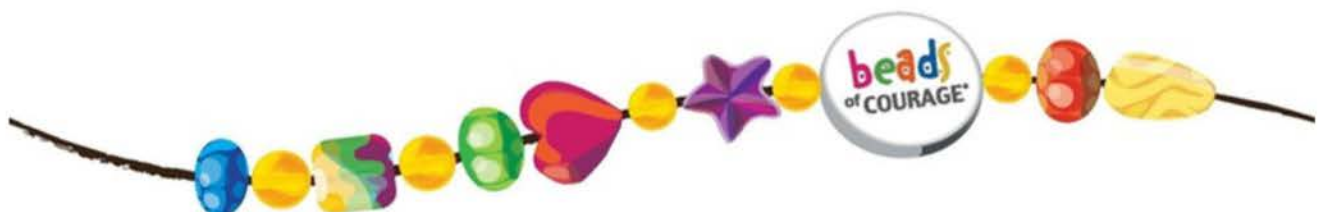
Since 2017, Northwestern Mutual, through its Foundation, has been a strategic partner of Beads of Courage, through sponsorship of the flagship Beads of Courage Program arts-in-medicine program. This ongoing partnership further strengthens Northwestern Mutual's national Childhood Cancer Program by providing support to children and families coping with cancer. www.northwesternmutual.com



NATIONAL SIBLING PROGRAM SPONSOR



The Scarcelli Family Foundation has sponsored the Beads of Courage Sibling Program since 2019, providing the Beads of Courage Sibling Program at no cost to more than 5,000 children who are brothers and sisters of Beads of Courage members. The program helps siblings cope when the serious illness of a brother or sister impacts their lives.



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Created by award-winning Tucson artist and sculptor Steve Kimble, ASPIRE is a metal sculpture that consists of more than 100 interconnected circles, spiraling gracefully yet triumphantly skyward.

ASPIRE DONORS

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In Honor of Carin Kuhn's Retirement,

From her Marzanita Family

In Memory of Christopher Masiulis

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In Memory of Maria Elena Moreno

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In Memory of Kenzie McCoy

In Memory of Leandro Hernandez

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With Loving Support Denise Uttke

Welcome to the Beads of Courage Forever Home!



We are happy that you are here! This Home belongs to our bead family near and far and was made possible because of the Forever Home donors who invested in our past, present and future.

Foundation Donors

Mike and Shannon Gribbon	Kim Stone
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A formal donor recognition will take place in the Fall of 2026.

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Beads of Courage wishes to express our sincere gratitude to the tremendous labor of love given by Tom Gribbon who stepped in with a passion for the cause and managed all the renovations of our 4,200 square foot Forever Home.

Thank you for the ongoing support of the following companies and "bead family" industry partners for their support of Beads of Courage events and programs.

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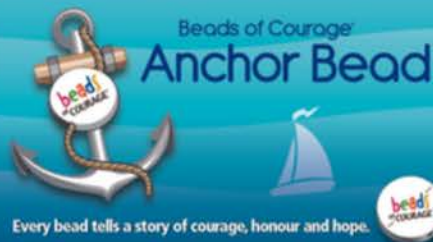
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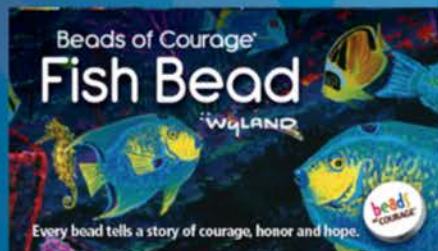


The Beads of Courage
Anchor Bead is proudly
sponsored by the
Lou Waugaman Family Fund.

As an experienced sea captain, living much of my life on my boat and cruising the Pacific Ocean, I rely on my anchor a great deal. It is often my connection to the world. In that same way I hope that you will remember this anchor bead as a reminder that you are connected to life and surrounded by love.



—Lou Waugaman and Family



The Beads of Courage
Fish Bead is proudly
sponsored by the
Wyland Foundation.

Spanning the sides of skyscrapers, sports arenas, and structures throughout the world, the murals of the renowned environmental artist, Wyland, have served as a reminder to communities around the world that we all share a special connection with each other and with our blue planet.

—“Sea of Light” image courtesy of Wyland
www.wylandfoundation.org



Beads of Courage is proud to be a partner in caring with the UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Supportive Care Program, who supported the creation and availability of this bead.

Beads of Courage Palliative & Supportive Care Bead:
The dragonfly symbolizes transformation and its ability to adapt to change. It reminds us to live each moment to the fullest, which includes making hard choices that can alter our journey. May this dragonfly bring you light and comfort during your times of transformation.

Program Bead Sponsors Help Sustain Beads of Courage



Survivor Charm
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Phoenix:
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Gecko:
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Signature Silver Heart:
Completion of
Treatment or
Transfer to Adult
Services



**NICU
Admission
Turtle Bead**



Signature Purple Heart
Completion of Treatment
(oncology)



Lightening Bolt:
Pacemaker or defibrillator
placement



Dove bead:
Discharge from NICU



Signature Red Heart
Transition to adult services
(blood conditions)

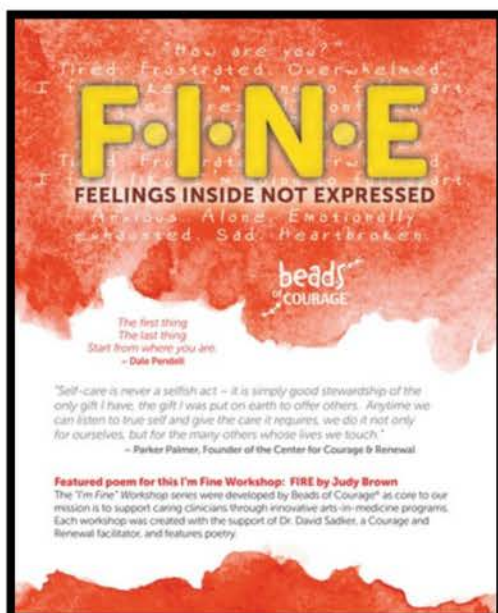
Center for Arts in Nursing Programs



The Center for Arts in Nursing (CAN) was established in 2013 for scholarly inquiry and to contribute to the science and practice of arts in medicine interventions.

Mission:

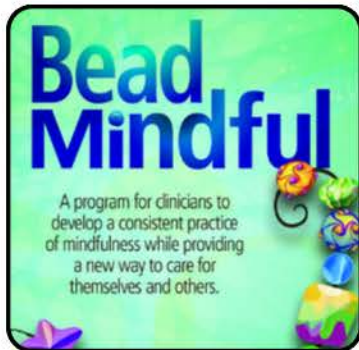
To invest in and care for individuals through the stages of life's journey. From life's first breath to the last and every breath in between, CAN strives to provide a place of hope, healing and home for all to learn, grow and live.



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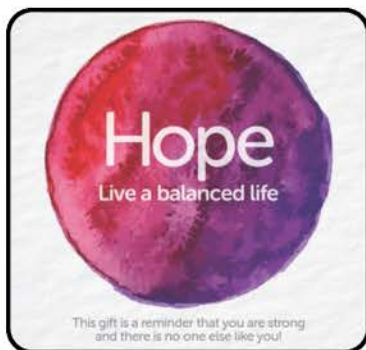
Workshops designed to renew the mind, heart, and spirit as participants work through the emotions and experiences that weigh heavy on them as healthcare providers caring for people with serious illness

Center for Arts in Nursing Programs



Bead Mindful

The Bead Mindful Program was developed for the professional clinician as a way to create a consistent practice of personal reflection and rejuvenation in a high-paced, high-tech, emotionally challenging healthcare environment. Guided by the theories of Tich Naht Hanh, Kabat-Zinn and Dr. Jean Watson, the program seeks to provide a moment of mindful practice that may lead to enhanced awareness, clarity, understanding, peace, positive purpose, collaboration, and healing.



Bead Strong

Bead Strong Program was created to provide an experience in mindfulness. Mindfulness is achieved when an individual is able to calmly focus, be aware and accept one's own thoughts and feelings. Each Bead Strong activity uses several different tools including mantras, art, breathwork and beads. Each Bead Strong activity incorporates a reflective art directive to support psychosocial and emotional well-being of anyone

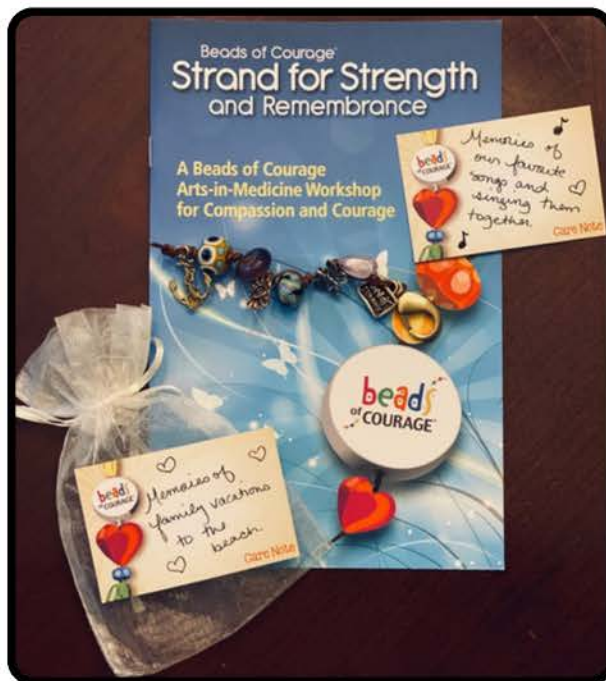


D.R.E.A.M - Draw. Relax. Embrace Art, and the Mind

Our dream is to encourage everyone to draw, reflect, and embrace the healing power of art. Encourage those you support to take a time out of their day to be kind to themselves and DREAM big!

Each DREAM Activity includes an activity card and bead paired with it's intention card. It is our hope that they provide a dose of encouragement when needed most!

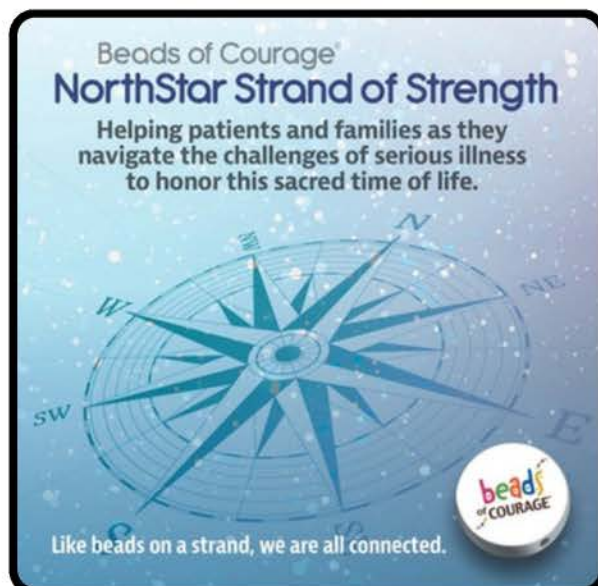
Center for Arts in Nursing Programs



Strand for Strength

The Strand for Strength and Remembrance Workshop was created for those who are coping with the death of a loved one and is intended to be facilitated by a caring clinician. A goal is to help find strength as the bereaved moves through their grief process.

NorthStar Program



Since the beginning of human history, archeologists have found beads wherever people reside. Because beads predate language, these small perforated objects became material representations of emotions, physical connections, thoughts, and desires. It seems very natural to transfer our feelings into small material forms like beads, that become visible and tangible symbols of human experiences that need and deserve to be acknowledged.

As you string your beads, you are strengthening the connection to your loved ones, family, and friends.

Please keep your strand in a special place or wear it often as a comforting symbol of your love and memories. We hope your beads bring you comfort, preserves your dignity, and bring you peace.

The NorthStar Strand of Strength is made possible by the caring collaboration of:

