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
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.
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Donating is easy...

Before you donate your boxes, please fill out the registration form at:
www.beadsofcourage.org/pages/woodturners.html

There are TWO ways to donate your handmade boxes:

1. Mail your donated boxes directly to Beads of Courage. We will ensure they reach a hospital or BOC member.

MAIL TO: Beads of Courage, Inc.
3230 N. Dodge Blvd. Suite J
Tucson, AZ 85716

2. Contact Beads of Courage and we will coordinate your donation with a local member hospital.
STEPS FOR DONATING TO YOUR LOCAL HOSPITAL

1. IF YOU HAVEN’T ALREADY, PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INFORMATION AT: www.beadsofcourage.org/pages/woodturners.html

2. Please allow at least two weeks for our staff to contact you regarding your donation.

3. If you decide to donate locally, we will contact BOC hospital ambassadors in your area to accept your donation. You are REQUIRED to contact Beads of Courage, Inc. DIRECTLY and NOT the hospital. You MUST wait for approval before delivering your donation or contacting the hospital.

4. We will notify you when we set up a connection for you at a member hospital to coordinate the donation.

5. Meet in the lobby of your local hospital at the date and time provided by the hospital ambassador and deliver your boxes to the assigned hospital staff.

6. Hospital staff will hand-deliver your boxes to children and young adults in the Beads of Courage program.
**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” x 6” x 4”.

**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.
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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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#BelieveInBeads

Together, we make healing happen through the arts.

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