

Woodworker Guidelines

Beads of Courage has had an increase in interest from generous wood artists kind enough to donate their lidded bowls and boxes to our Beads of Courage members. With our Beads of Courage program growing exponentially, there is an even greater need for wooden boxes. Children and young adults are finding strength in a whole new way by receiving handcrafted, beautiful boxes. The gift of having a safe place to keep hard-earned Beads of Courage can bring a sense of comfort to the heart and is a beautiful way to honor the strength and courage of children battling serious illness.

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" minimum), 5" height (4" minimum). 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.
- If possible, please purchase the Woodturner Donation Incentive Package. The package includes personalized Woodworker Artist cards and individual Beads of Courage® ceramic logo beads. Many woodworkers like to use the Beads of Courage® ceramic logo bead in their design (20 beads for \$25 with free shipping). If this is not possible, you can find a way to engrave, burn or letter "Beads of Courage" onto the lid or side of the box. Designed specifically for your donation, each logo bead purchased comes with a Woodworker Artist card that includes your personal signature. Ceramic logo beads can be purchased at www.beadsofcourage.org ⇒ Artists ⇒ Information for Woodturners.
- It is nice if you can personalize your donation. Marking your name or initials, type(s) of wood, and date on the box bottom is one way. It is also nice to include a personal note of encouragement, business card, etc. inside the box.



Meet Caroline...

a member of the Beads of Courage Cardiac Program.
Her bowl was made by MN Woodturner, **Mark Parranto**.



Logo Bead:

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 [Beadsofcourage.org](https://beadsofcourage.org) ⇒ Artists ⇒ Information for Wood Turners.

Process for Donation:

IN ORDER TO DONATE YOUR BOXES, PLEASE FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM AT: <https://goo.gl/f8Vu5b>

There are two ways to donate your handmade treasure boxes.

1. Mail your donated boxes directly to Beads of Courage, Inc. We will ensure they reach a hospital or member in need of a treasure box.

Mail To:

Beads of Courage, Inc.
Attn: Woodturner Treasure Box
3230 N. Dodge Blvd. Suite J
Tucson, AZ 85716

2. Donate your boxes to your local hospital. You are REQUIRED to contact Beads of Courage, Inc. DIRECTLY and NOT the hospital in order to do this. You MUST wait for approval before delivering your boxes. Please understand that even though Beads of Courage is serving 240 member hospitals, we are not in every state, so delivering to a hospital may not be possible. We will do our best to accommodate your donations directly, but you are always welcome to donate to the Beads of Courage, Inc. International Headquarters in Tucson, AZ. We appreciate your understanding.

Steps for donating to your local hospital:

1. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INFORMATION AT: <https://goo.gl/f8Vu5b>
2. Please give at least two weeks for our Encouragement Program Manager to contact you regarding your donation.
3. If you decide to donate locally, we will contact 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 of member hospital and of the date of delivery.
5. Meet in the lobby of your local hospital at the date and time provided by the hospital ambassadors and deliver or ship 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.



We sincerely appreciate the caring and artistry put into these one-of-a-kind works of art. Thank you for the significant effort we know goes into making these wonderful boxes!

Questions, comments and pictures may be sent to angeline@beadsofcourage.org