

“We give newly diagnosed pediatric cancer patients a collapsible wagon filled with many practical and comfort items to help them on their cancer journey”

## Mayo Clinic

Warrior Wagons have become a regular part of pediatric oncology life at our home hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. Mayo Coordinator Morgan Core and a team of volunteers continue to keep things running smoothly at our original branch. We are glad we've been able to gift 63 families with Warrior Wagons through Mayo Clinic to-date!



## Operations

## Children's Minneapolis

It's our one year anniversary of expanding our program to Children's Hospital of Minnesota in Minneapolis! Minneapolis is currently our busiest branch. Sarah and Matt Steele, our Coordinators in Minneapolis, are doing a great job keeping up, even with a new baby in the family this fall. They are starting to receive item donations from the local area, and recently assembled a group of volunteers to put together and fill Warrior Wagons. In this first year, 29 Warrior Wagons have been placed with families through Children's Minneapolis.

## Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

At our newest location, we are working to get ourselves established. Communication and procedures are being ironed out to get more applications from families. The community has been enthusiastic about supporting our program—volunteering their time, contributing to local fundraisers, and donating items to our cause. So far we've given five Warrior Wagons through Lurie and hope to see that number grow!



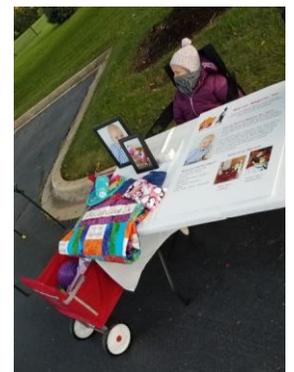
## Public Relations

Warrior Wagons strives to be present in the communities we serve and share not only what we do, but an awareness and understanding of those affected by pediatric cancer.

In December, we were thankful to be invited into classrooms in the Chicago suburb of Plainfield to tell our family's story and how it led to the founding of Warrior Wagons.



Warrior Wagons was also invited to be a part of two fundraisers this fall. Setting up a table and talking with the public about our program and why we started was a great opportunity to educate people about pediatric cancer and how they can help.



## Support

We remain thankful for donations from individuals, families and groups in the communities where our Warriors live and receive treatment. Monetary donations, Thirty-One totes, quilts/blankets, and books, activities & toys are just some of the things we have received in the second half of 2019. Here are some other support highlights:



We are happy to have gained a partner in CLIF Bar & Company in 2019 who will be donating their granola bars formulated for kids to be included in our Warrior Wagons. They sent us our first shipment in August.

In December, the elementary school attended by Molly Becker hosted an item drive with the goal of filling our Warrior Wagons for Chicago families. We were delighted by the amount of items donated!



This fall, Affinity Plus gifted us \$250 on their "Plus it Forward" day in Rochester, Minnesota.

Fontanini Italian Meats, located in the Chicago area, generously donated \$2,100 to our program in October.



Also in October, a local men's workout group, F3, held a 5K race in Naperville, IL, and gave half of the proceeds to Warrior Wagons! At \$7,500, this is our single largest donation to-date. We couldn't be more thankful for the funds, but also the support in our newest community.



## Pulling Together 2019

We tried something a little different for our 2019 annual fundraiser. We hosted a month long funding drive during September, encouraging our communities to "Pull Together" for Warrior Wagons. Our supporters answered our call, and contributed to the campaign in many creative ways! Work groups took collections. At-home businesses gave items/products or proceeds from sales. Families and friends gave larger contributions together. Businesses provided high levels of support that covered the cost of many full Warrior Wagons.

The Rochester Group of Thrivent Financial organized a fundraiser in coordination with our Pulling Together campaign. The Sept 28<sup>th</sup> event in Rochester, MN, was such a gift and a pleasure for our whole team to attend!



In all, Warrior Wagons received over \$21,000 through our Pulling Together campaign. THANK YOU to all who contributed to that amazing total!! We truly could not do what we do without your support and help.

*It wasn't really that long ago that our family was right where our Warrior Families find themselves. Therefore, we know the power of support, encouragement and hope. Thank you for contributing to this living memorial to our Drew and helping us give our Warriors and their families all those things and more. We look forward to what God has in store for us in 2020!*

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