

Words From



"We give newly diagnosed pediatric cancer families collapsible wagons filled with both practical and comforting items to assist them on their cancer journey."

Happy New Year!

Warrior Wagons had another strong year, smoothly handling transitions within our team and hospital staff. We celebrated several Warriors who successfully finished treatment this fall, while also mourning with those who received bad news. Our local coordinators and hospital staff problem solved and worked together to make sure each new Warriors who met our guidelines received a Warrior Wagon. In our almost five years of operation, 264 Warriors have been given a Warrior Wagon across all three of our branches in Minnesota and Illinois.

Operations

This fall, Warrior Wagons crossed a milestone at our home hospital of **Mayo Clinic** in Rochester, Minnesota—100 Warrior Wagons given to newly diagnosed children and their families! At the same hospital our family received treatment, we are honored to have reached this milestone. The Bos family will now serve as local coordinators for our Mayo branch. We ended the year at Mayo with 106 Warrior Wagons given out at Mayo Clinic.

Our program at **Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago** continues to be our busiest hospital in terms of volume. Jeff and Kayleigh Borchadt do an amazing job keeping up as coordinators for this branch. We continue to be blessed with support by the community in the Chicago area. Lurie experienced some changeover in staff this year, but no potential Warrior was missed who came through the Downtown hospital. It's hard to believe we've already given out 68 Warrior Wagons in Chicago!

Coordinators Kelly and Meagan Osborne at **Children's Hospital of Minnesota** were busy the second half of the year as well. Warrior Wagons is celebrating 3 years at Children's Minnesota this month! And in that much time have given 90 Twin Cities families a Warrior Wagon at this branch.

Keeping an inventory of supplies, receiving shipments, packing out Warrior Wagons, and arranging drop offs with hospital staff takes a lot of time and effort. We're thankful for each of our branch coordinators who really are the hands and wheels of Warrior Wagons. Thank you to each of them and their supporting community of volunteers!



Wyatt, age 2

B-cell Leukemia, Mayo Clinic

"Wyatt LOVES his wagon, and it is not only useful for wheeling around the hospital—he is totally comfortable at his appointments sitting in his wagon while getting de-accessed, or anything else! Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts."



Ryent, age 2

ALL Leukemia, Children's Minnesota

"[Ryent] loves walks but with all his extra weight from steroids he has been struggling in the stroller. With the wagon he had support and we can give him more access to his snacks so he doesn't have to bend so much. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do."

Warrior Wagon Team Updates



We are excited to officially welcome the Bos family to our Warrior Wagons team! The Bos family received their own Warrior Wagon in 2018 at Mayo Clinic. Their son, Christian, has recently finished treatment for Leukemia and the family of five are eager to serve fellow Warrior families. Morgan Core did an excellent job as past coordinator, and we thank her for her time and excellent work.

Support

Warrior Wagons continues to be blessed with support from many communities. The creativity in gathering resources for donations continues to amaze us! The second half of 2021 was filled with contributions from all sorts of groups, businesses, and individuals. Below are some highlights:



This fall, **Tom Nechodomu** of Austin, Minnesota, and owner of Behind the Bread Box, made a donation to Warrior Wagons for each loaf of bread his business sold. He also had a collection box at his local farmer's market booth, and rallied the whole market to join him in supporting our Warriors. At the end of the season, he presented Warrior Wagons with a check big enough to fully fund two Warrior Wagons!

Elizabeth Gigler continued her pledge to sponsor a Warrior Wagon for each house she sold in 2021. Elizabeth had a great end of her year, and in total, gave \$3,500. Fourteen Warriors will receive a Wagon thanks to her generosity. We are so grateful for this Chicago-area realtor's support this year.



Our friends at **F3 Naperville** banded together once again to collect funds for Warrior Wagons. In July, the men raised \$10,000—enough for 40 Warrior Wagons! Founding family members Heidi and Molly Becker were able to accept the check personally in August. Our Chicago branch is honored to have kept this awesome group as a partner and we appreciate all the support.

In September, we were thankful to again receive some of the proceeds from the **Super Herber Bro Foundation's** annual fundraiser. This year, the past Warrior family gave \$750 to our organization.



How You Can Help!!

Funds help the most, so we can purchase and fill Warrior Wagons for our three branches. You can donate online (on our Facebook page or website) or use our address to mail checks:

Warrior Wagons, Inc.
PO Box 83
Firestone, Colorado, 80520

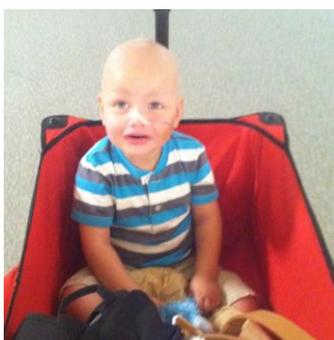
Other ways to help:

- Use Amazon Smile and set Warrior Wagons, Inc., as your preferred charity
- Purchase items from our Idea List on Amazon: <http://a.co/5UnsFTn>
- Volunteer your time or services



Also in September, **Mistwood Golf Club** of Romeoville, Illinois, held a "Putting for Pediatric Cancer" fundraiser to benefit our Warriors. **Ben Hutchison** organized the event, which netted \$2,750!

And in the last few weeks of 2021, Des Moines-based **Stelter Company** gave Warrior Wagons many unique and fun items that their crafting group had worked on during the fall. The donation also included a monetary portion as well. We are so excited for our Warriors to see and play these creative gifts this group made for them!



It has been five years since our family's childhood cancer journey ended with the death of our Drew. Not a day goes by that we don't think about our son and brother, and miss him. Each child who's received a Warrior Wagon rides in his memory, as they move through their own journey. Thank you for allowing us this privilege to serve families who follow behind us.

~The Becker Family—Josh, Heidi, and Molly

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