

“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 continues to thrive at our home hospital, Mayo Clinic. With the help of a network of volunteers, we continue to serve Mayo Clinic families. Our Mayo Clinic Volunteer Coordinator, Morgan Core, along with other volunteers have accepted donations, dropped off Warrior Wagons, and even implemented community outreach. We greatly appreciate how our Warrior Wagon community has come together to support our original branch! 55 Warrior Wagons have gone through Mayo Clinic to date.

Operations



Children's Minneapolis

Our second branch, Children's Hospital of Minnesota in Minneapolis, began operations in January of 2019. So far, ten Warrior Wagons have been placed with families. Once again, volunteers in the community have made it possible for Warrior Wagons to serve area families. The Steele family, our Children's Minneapolis Volunteer Coordinators, have done a great job handling distribution during the first six months. We are developing a solution to source many of the Warrior Wagon items online so that both Children's Minneapolis and the Mayo Clinic branches are always stocked with supplies.

Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

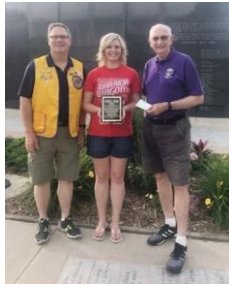
This summer we are excited to announce the beginning of the third branch of Warrior Wagons at the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago! After relocating to the Chicago area last fall, we have been working hard to bring the program to its second state. Shortly after registering Warrior Wagons in the state of Illinois, we met with staff at Lurie Children's in Downtown Chicago. Within the first few weeks of operations we have gifted three families with Warrior Wagons. It is both humbling and amazing to see our Drew's little red wagons on the streets of downtown Chicago! Already, volunteers are coming forward within our new community to be a part of Warrior Wagons and we are so grateful.



Support

At the local level, people continue to support Warrior Wagons in a variety of creative ways including: At-home business parties, family celebration collections, financial gifts honoring a loved one, and quilting group donations.

In June, Warrior Wagons was honored to receive the Carroll L. Bruske Memorial Award, presented by the Rochester Morning Pride Lion's Club. We are very grateful for this \$5,000 grant!



Local contest winners have chosen to direct their prize money to Warrior Wagons as well. The largest such donation was from the Rochester Post-Bulletin's Salute to Nurses contest, a \$500 award.



Product donations have been received with gratitude in 2019 as well. Chicago based Radio Flyer donated ten collapsible wagons in January.

We are so thankful for all donations, and are actively seeking out further ways to gain funding and product donations for our Warrior Wagons.

Public Relations

Warrior Wagons continues to have a physical presence in the communities we serve. Presentations are given to local groups by request.



In January, Morgan Core presented on Warrior Wagons to the Austin Chapter of the Beta Sigma Pi sorority

In April, Heidi Becker visited a group in Blooming Prairie, MN, to tell Drew's story and how it inspired Warrior Wagons.



In May, KIMT ran a feature story on Warrior Wagons. The piece included an interview with a Mayo Warrior family, as well as an interview with Heidi Becker

We intend to keep spreading awareness about pediatric cancer and what we're doing to help.

Pulling Together

Warrior Wagons will be launching a Funding Drive during the month of September, childhood cancer awareness month. Our campaign, Pulling Together for Warrior Wagons, will be a chance for all three of the communities we serve to pull together and support our Warriors by raising funds.

A fundraiser event will be held in Rochester on **Saturday, Sept 28th**, hosted by the Thrivent Financial group.

Additional information will follow next month, and provide specific details on how you and/or your business can be a part of the campaign. But for now, mark your calendars, and plan to pull together with your community for Warrior Wagons in September!



Warrior Wagons lives on and has expanded because of the help of our community. We are so very thankful to count you as one of those helpers! Whether it's with your money, your time, your skills or your prayers—we appreciate your support and so do our Warriors and their families. It is an honor to serve with you in this active memorial to our son, the Original Warrior, Drew Becker.

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