



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."

Vada, Age 3
Mayo Clinic



"Thank You WARRIOR WAGONS for this VERY thoughtful gift. You've made this little WARRIOR very, very HAPPY. The world is better because of people like you!"

Hello from Warrior Wagons!

The first half of our program's fourth year has been dynamic. With your support, and through our team of coordinators and volunteers, we have been able to gift 46 families with a Warrior Wagon across our three branches so far in 2021! This brings our total Warrior Wagons given out to 218. That's two hundred and eighteen families just like ours and yours that have received our gift, just when they need it most. All of us at Warrior Wagons are so very grateful for the donations of funds, products, handmade items, and the time our communities have so generously given to our Warriors already this year.

Operations

Warrior Wagons continue to be pulled through the same hallways our Drew was pulled in the little red wagon given to us. Operations at our home hospital of **Mayo Clinic** in Rochester, Minnesota, continue to run smoothly thanks to Coordinator Morgan Core and faithful volunteers. They did a great job maintaining the branch and managing donations so far in 2021. We are so thankful to have had 94 Warrior Wagons given out in four and half years at Mayo Clinic.

We are happy that Warrior Wagons have also become a part of pediatric oncology life at **Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago**. Jeff and Kayleigh Borchardt continue to do an excellent job as coordinators for this branch. Warrior Wagons is gaining more and more support in the local area, with various groups donating to our cause. We are celebrating two years of our program at Lurie's in Chicago this summer and have gifted 55 Warrior Wagons to families in that much time.

Our team in Minneapolis has been working hard serving families at **Children's Hospital of Minnesota** as well. Kelly and Meagan Osborne have done a great job communicating with staff, managing supplies, and bringing Warrior Wagons to the hospital for their new families. We continue to gain enthusiasm and momentum behind the program at Children's Minnesota. Sixty-nine Warrior Wagons have been given to new Warriors since January of 2019 in Minneapolis!



Warrior Wagon Team Updates



Kelly and Meagan Osborne have officially taken over as coordinators for our Children's Minnesota branch in Minneapolis! We are grateful for all the time and energy Matt and Sarah Steele gave to Warrior Wagons, helping us bring the program to Minneapolis in January of 2019. While they will be missed, we welcome the Osbornes to continue serving fellow childhood cancer families with us!



Laney, Age 3
Lurie Children's Hospital

"Laney begs to go for a wagon ride 3-4x a day while we are here inpatient, and of course we bring all of our stuff in/out of the hospital with it too. Our wagon is the best!"

Support

In today's world, we may be tempted to wonder what difference one person can really make. At Warrior Wagons, we see everyday just how much of a difference one person *does* make! The many gifts we receive helped us to brighten the days of our Warriors and their families. Your gifts have kept Warrior Wagons going strong in 2021:



Sue Osier crocheted and donated cute hats for us this spring. These hats will keep the heads of our Warriors in Chicago warm this year!

The Minneapolis small business **2 of a Kind**, founded by two former cancer moms, has committed to donating earrings which will be included in our Warrior Wagons at Children's Minnesota.



The Osbornes in Minneapolis asked for donations for Warrior Wagons at their son's "cancer-versary" party over the summer. Books, toys and other items were contributed, as well as enough funds to sponsor almost two full Warrior Wagons!

Community Outreach

We had a busy year giving virtual presentations to various groups in different states! Heidi Becker spoke to six different audiences including classrooms, adult clubs, and church groups. We told Warrior Wagons' story and mission, shared the experience of childhood cancer, and increased support for Warrior Wagons.

From these presentations, we received donations from the Noon Lion's Club of Austin, Minnesota, and the Kiwanis Sunrisers of Rochester, Minnesota.



Also, after hearing from Heidi, the Legacy High School International Business and Marketing Class in Broomfield, Colorado, decided to make helping Warrior Wagons a spring class project! Students used their knowledge to assist with our social media, website design, and promotional videos. On top of that, they organized a fundraising night at a local Chipotle! So much was gained from these bright young people this spring. We so appreciate their time and skills!



Our heart goes out with every Warrior Wagon—to the mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, who endure treatment right alongside their Warrior. This active memorial to our Warrior, Drew, is such a privilege for our family to oversee. THANK YOU to everyone that helps make Warrior Wagons possible! As always, we are excited to see what God does next in 2021!

~The Becker Family—Josh, Heidi, and Molly, in loving memory of our Drew

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Elizabeth Gigler, a realtor with John Greene Realty in the Chicago area, has pledged to sponsor a Warrior Wagon for every home she closes in 2021. We've already gratefully received her first check and are inspired by this creative way to support our Warriors!



The Community Learning Center of Austin, Minnesota, donated money collected during the month of March to Warrior Wagons! This donation was special, as our Drew once attended classes at the CLC.

Additionally, **Radio Flyer** has again donated ten wagons to our branch in Chicago.

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