



Beads of Courage



The Program is a resilience-based intervention designed to support and strengthen the protective resources in children coping with serious illness. Through the program children tell their story using colorful beads as meaningful symbols of courage that commemorate milestones they have achieved along their unique treatment path. Their Beads of Courage journey begins when each child is first given a length of string and beads that spell out their first name. Then, colorful beads, each representing a different treatment milestone are given to the child by their professional health care provider to add to their Beads of Courage.

- 14-Beige Bead: Bone Marrow Aspirate/Biopsy
- 25-White: Day of Chemo
- 2-Orange: Port Insertion and Removal
- 27-Blue: Clinic Visit
- 2-Brown: Hair Loss
- 40-Lime: Isolation/Fever/Neutropenia
- 30-Purple: Morphine/Dopamine/PCA
- 46-Silver/Black: Pokes
- 89-Light Green: Test/Scans/Etc.
- 100-Red: Transfusion (Blood, platelets, IVIG, neupogen)
- 8-Aqua: Tube Insertion
- 170-Yellow: Each day of hospital stay
- 114-Dark Green: TPN
- 120-Silver: Surgery & Dressing Changes
- 12-Square Heart: Days in PICU
- 26-Other: out of the ordinary and extraordinary experiences
- 1-Black Courage Bead-Handmade for Haley by the International Society of Glass Beadmakers
- 1-Butterfly Bead
- 1-Purple Heart Bead: End of treatment bead

826 Total Beads from 1/26/2010 to 8/18/2010