

# Words from **WARRIOR WAGONS**



**“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 from **Warrior Wagons!**

The end of 2023 saw the addition of a new Warrior Wagons branch! We now partner with five hospitals across three states in the Midwest. Our team of volunteer coordinators serve newly diagnosed families with us:

- Kelly and Meagan Osborne at Children’s Minnesota in Minneapolis.
- Barb Trotz at M Health Fairview Masonic Children’s Hospital, also in Minneapolis
- Jeff and Kayleigh Borchardt at Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago.
- Martijn and Katy Bos at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.
- Amanda and Eric Uting at Children’s Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Each of these coordinators and their families maintain supplies for, assemble, and bring Warrior Wagons to their local hospitals. We truly couldn’t do this without them!

## Welcome **Children’s Wisconsin**



Warrior Wagons is happy to welcome Children’s Wisconsin to our community! We began our partnership with the Milwaukee hospital in September. Eric and Amanda Uting are serving as Branch Coordinators. Their son, Samuel, received a Warrior Wagon at Mayo during his treatment, and the family was eager to be a part of our team.

<u>WARRIOR WAGON COUNTS:</u>	
Mayo Clinic:	144
Children’s MN:	154
Lurie Children’s:	112
M Health Fairview:	12
Children’s Wisc:	3
<b>Total To-Date:</b>	<b>425</b>

## Words from a **Warrior Family**



**Louis, Age 2, Leukemia Lurie Children’s**

“When our social worker brought us our Warrior Wagon...it felt like a hug from someone who had been there before.”  
~Emily, Louis’ Mom

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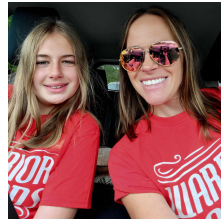
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## SUMMER VISIT

We know it's important to stay connected to our Warrior Wagons team and staff at our partnered hospitals. This summer, Heidi and Molly Becker took a trip to visit hospitals and coordinators in Minnesota.

During the Midwest visit, Heidi gave a presentation to the Hudson Rotary Club, they picked up a donation of 60 quilts from the Comfort Quilters in Roberts, Wisconsin, and had a merchandise meeting in Austin, Minnesota. We hope to do more visits in 2024.



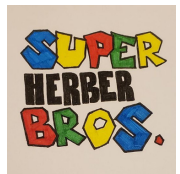
## MERCH DRIVE

In the fall, we offered new merchandise to our community of supporters! Tank tops, hoodies, hats, and more were available for purchase through our friends at Games People Play in Austin, Minnesota. Thank you to all who supported us through this fundraiser!



## SUPPORT

We are grateful to every gift Warrior Wagons received in the second half of 2023. Here are some highlights:



In September, The Super Herber Bros foundation once again shared proceeds of their annual fundraiser with Warrior Wagons. Also in September, we received 34 Thirty One totes from a drive organized by Liz Torgerson. Darling hats were lovingly made and donated by Becky Harris for our Mayo branch Warriors in December.

Individual, group, and family monetary donations continue to be a vital part of keeping Warrior Wagons operating. Thank you to everyone who has set up monthly donations, keeps us on their holiday charity giving lists, and makes one-time contributions to ensure every qualified Warrior at our hospitals receives a Warrior Wagon.

## Words from the Beckers

We begin a new year filled with gratitude and optimism for Warrior Wagons. It's been seven years since Drew's journey ended and Warrior Wagons' began. Each newsletter, we marvel at all this living memorial to our son has become.

Thank you to everyone who has helped, supported, encouraged, and volunteered with us. You enable all of this, and are making a difference in the lives of childhood cancer families.

Also, we have moved again! Please note the new address of Warrior Wagons Headquarters:

PO Box 823  
Clovis, CA, 93613



~The Becker Family— Josh, Heidi, and Molly

## PLEASE GIVE.

Each Warrior Wagon has an approximate value of \$250. Monetary gifts help the most, allowing us to purchase and fill Warrior Wagons for our five branches. You can donate online (on our Facebook page or website) or use this mailing address to send donations:

Warrior Wagons, Inc.  
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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!

