

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."

Since our last newsletter, we welcomed two new hospitals to our family, marked the 500th Warrior Wagon given, and received many generous donations. Warrior Wagons now cruise through seven hospitals in five Midwestern states. With the help of our wonderful team of 13 volunteers, Warrior Wagons is stronger than ever and it's all thanks to YOU! Thank you for supporting us so we can help more and more Warriors each year.

New Branches



Sanford Health in Sioux Falls, South Dakota joined our network in August, 2024. Jessica Benney and her family are our local coordinators. Jessica works at Sanford and shares our passion for helping children with cancer.



St Louis Children's Hospital in St Louis, Missouri, became our seventh branch in December, 2024. Breanna Scott, a Child Life Specialist at the hospital, is our branch coordinator making Warrior Wagon coordination and drop offs easy!

Words from a Warrior Family

Amelia, Age 5
Rhabdomyo Sarcoma,
Sanford Health



"The countless amount of times our wagon has saved us on trips to and from the doctors is amazing." Chandra Larson



Wagon Counts

Mayo Clinic:	159
Children's MN:	208
Lurie Children's:	137
U of M:	22
Children's Wisc:	12
Sanford Health:	8
St Louis Children's:	6
Total To-Date:	552



WARRIOR WAGONS Team

Branch Coordinators:

- Kelly and Meagan Osborne**, Children's Minnesota, Minneapolis
- Barb Trotz**, M Health Fairview, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Jeff and Kayleigh Borchardt**, Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
- Martijn and Katy Bos**, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota
- Amanda and Eric Uting**, Children's Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- Jessica Benney**, Sanford Health Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- Breanna Scott**, St Louis Children's Hospital, Missouri

Web designer: **Melissa Kline**

Intern: **Kali Meiergerd**

Hospital Tour

Heidi and Molly Becker, of our founding family, visited the Midwest this summer for another tour of our Warrior Wagon branches! They met with coordinators and hospital staff across Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois. It was a meaningful trip that strengthened relationships and shared encouragement with those who make Warrior Wagons possible.



How to Help

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

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Clovis, CA, 93613



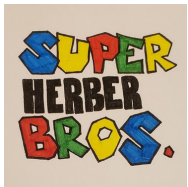
We also would appreciate your time, connections, or services! Specialized help for our organization is so valuable. Reach out at warriorwagons@gmail.com

Support

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for all the support Warrior Wagons received throughout our communities in second half of 2024. The Byron, MN, **Lady Bears Varsity Soccer** team, **Metropolitan Dance Alliance** in Shakopee, MN, and the Canistota, SD, **Hawks Volleyball** team all held fund and/or item drives for Warrior Wagons this fall and winter.



Embris Group, Optum Health, Art Moms Boutique, and Llyod Companies were businesses that supported our program in 2024. **Super Herber Bros Foundation** again shared proceeds from their annual fundraiser, and former coordinator **Sarah Steele** held a book drive to help us fill Warrior Wagons in Minneapolis. We continue to be blessed by local quilters who pass on their handiwork. **United Methodist Church of Canistota, the Canistota Lion's Club, and South Dakota State University Extension** donated to their local Warrior Wagons branch.



We are very grateful to all of our Individual, family, and monthly donors. Thank you for your support in 2024!

Words from the Beckers

We are amazed and humbled by how God continues to grow Warrior Wagons. This living memorial to our son and brother, Drew, stands as a reminder that cancer never wins. We all have the power to make a difference, to do good right where you live. Thank you for joining us in our mission to give ease and hope to new families just beginning their journey.

~The Becker Family— Josh, Heidi, and Molly



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