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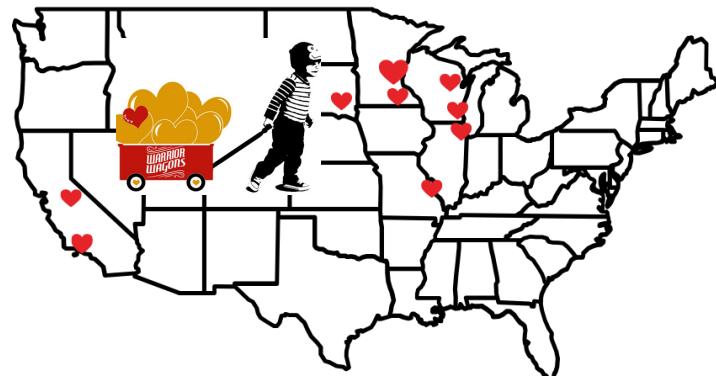


"We give newly diagnosed pediatric cancer families collapsible wagons filled with both practical and comforting items to help them on their cancer journey."

Happy New Year!

Warrior Wagons continues to grow as we start 2026! This month we're adding our second branch in California, expanding our reach to ten partnered hospitals nationwide. The total Warrior Wagons given continues to climb, now over 740. With your help, we are making Warriors' journey a little easier--like Forrest and his family!

What started as a family project has become something much bigger that belongs to everyone involved with Warrior Wagons. Thank you for your continued support of our program. Please return the envelope provided and help us serve even more families with our Warrior Wagons!



## Warrior Wagons **Totals**

Mayo Clinic:	176
Children's MN:	253
Lurie Children's:	179
U of M:	31
Children's Wisc:	17
Sanford Health:	23
St Louis Children's:	37
Green Bay:	4
Valley Children's:	21
<b>Total To-Date:</b>	<b>741</b>

## Words from a Warrior Family

"We didn't really know what a life saver [our Warrior Wagon] would be...Our sweet boy was sedated every day for 28 days for proton beam radiation. There is no way we could have done that without our Warrior Wagon. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!" – Brooke Heethuis

**Forrest, Age 8**  
Rhabdomyosarcoma  
Sanford Health



## Welcome!

Cottage Children's Medical Center in Santa Barbara is joining our network of hospitals this January. Nanci Alvarado, a Medical Social Worker for Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Cottage Children's, will serve as our local coordinator. Nanci and her team are SO excited to give out Warrior Wagons to deserving families to make their lives just a little bit easier.



## New Delivery Collaboration

Our Chicago branch is happy to partner with **Medspeed** for Warrior Wagon deliveries! As a part of their Medspeed Cares program, a driver for the health care logistics company picks up Warrior Wagons from our coordinator in the suburbs and takes them downtown to Lurie Children's Hospital. This collaboration saves time and allows us to send more Warrior Wagons at once to awaiting families at Lurie's.



**Victoria Rae**, "Warrior Wagon #751" demolition derby driver in Washington state, found our organization due to our shared name. She fulfilled her pledged to donate a portion of her 2025 prize money to our Warriors.



## Our Team

**Josh & Heidi Becker**, Founders and Directors

Branch Coordinators:

**Kelly & Meagan Osborne**, Children's Minnesota, Minneapolis

**Barb Trotz**, M Health Fairview, Minneapolis

**Jeff & Kayleigh Borchardt**, Lurie Children's Hospital, Chicago

**Martijn & Katy Bos**, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

**Amanda & Eric Utting**, Children's Wisconsin, Milwaukee

**Jessica Benney**, Sanford Health Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**Breanna Scott**, St Louis Children's Hospital, Missouri

**Kathy Aicher**, HSHS St Vincent, Green Bay, Wisconsin

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**Nanci Alvarado**, Cottage Children's, Santa Barbara, California

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~Josh, Heidi, and Molly Becker

## Quilt and Blanket Donations

We were honored to be the 2025 recipients of **Top Stitchery's** incredible "Buy a Book, Make a Quilt" project. 39 quilts, along with the book that inspired them, were donated to Warrior Wagons Minneapolis branches.

Handmade quilts and blankets from the community made their way into our Warrior Wagons at other branches as well. A big thank you to these additional groups and individuals that donated in the second half of 2025: **Eaton Sapphires, Faith Lutheran LWML Church, Kay Wessman, and Gloria Erickson**.



## More Support Highlights

**Super Herber Bros Foundation** once again shared the proceeds from their annual fundraiser in September with Warrior Wagons. We were thankful to receive \$1,000 from this year's event!

Several large monetary donations were made from individuals, families, and congregations that are very much appreciated. And our monthly contributors help us so much!

## Your Turn!

Your support allows us to continue serving fellow childhood cancer families. Would you please fund a full Warrior Wagon, \$250, for a newly diagnosed family?

All gifts are appreciated. Donate online (QR code below) or use the enclosed envelope. Our mailing address is:

Warrior Wagons, Inc.  
PO Box 823  
Clovis, CA, 93613



## Words from the Beckers

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