

Kudos

Here we will periodically post testimonies of folks that have been blessed by woodturners, programs, and facilities. Received 12/20/2019 source OVWG.org submitted by K Crowell

Beads of Courage Update –SPW needs to make some bowls for SWAT

Dear Dedicated Woodturners,

Happy holidays! Beads of Courage would like share an overview of the woodturner community's generosity as we wind down to the end of 2019. We would also like to inform you of some changes that are happening as we move into 2020.

I would like to virtually introduce everyone to our [Volunteer Coordinator, April Cleveland](#). Beginning in 2020, she will be your new contact concerning woodturning for Beads of Courage. I would like to personally thank all of the groups and individuals I have gotten to know over the years. I will remain with Beads of Courage but will be focusing my efforts on Beads of Courage programming. It has been my pleasure working with all of you and I leave you in the very capable hands of April!

We would also like to recognize those that have donated bowls this past year. It is wonderful to see where all of these donations are going to as well as the number of bowls that have been donated. The information below has been gathered from the gift-in-kind donation forms that have been submitted this past year.

Here's a sneak peek of 2019:

- 1256 bowls were donated to 25 different hospitals as well as directly to Beads of Courage and our Beads in the Mail program.
- 29 different woodturning groups donated bowls (accounting for over 50 individuals!)
- The estimated value of these donations surpasses \$60,000!!!
- A donation of this size accounts for THOUSANDS of hours of work...that's a lot of turning!

The gift-in-kind form is a wonderful way to capture all of the great work people all over the country are doing in support of the organization. We know that we are missing information. If you have donated in 2019, please complete [our gift-in-kind](#) form.

Please also remember, if we do not receive the gift-in-kind form, we will not be aware of your contribution. Hospitals do not report back to Beads of Courage when you donate. We are so grateful for you so please let us know! All forms and information are available on our [website](#).

Thank you for your interest in woodturned bowl donations for Beads of Courage! These wonderful pieces of art become a sacred vessel for our members to contain the numerous amount of beads they will receive during their treatment.

Review the information on this page to familiarize yourself with our donation process, requirements, and forms. If you have additional questions, please contact April Cleveland, Volunteer Coordinator, at April@beadsofcourage.org for further assistance.

Things to remember: (click all that apply)

- [Woodturner Checklist](#) – Review our woodturner checklist for key information on the donation process
- [Woodturner Guidelines](#) – Familiarize yourself with the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) Guidelines for [Beads of Courage bowls](#)
- [Register as a Beads of Courage woodturner](#)
- [Logo Bead Product](#) – Donors are encouraged to include a Beads of Courage logo bead into their bowls
- [Report all donations](#) – Please report to Beads of Courage with the Woodturner's gift-in-kind form