



ATTENTION LAMPWORK BEAD ARTISTS!



Beads of Courage has an urgent and ongoing need for matched pairs of beads for our Carry a Bead program. This program serves two very important functions: 1) Carry a Bead kits help raise funds to support and sustain our mission; 2) The beads that are carried and returned become Act of Courage beads in our program, given to children on tough treatment days to remind them they are never alone in their fight for life.

We want YOU to make custom artist beads for our Carry a Bead Program

Please send us 10 matching pairs of beads (20 beads total) meeting the bead requirements on page 2. We pay \$4 per pair, or \$40 total. We do not cover shipping costs. After receiving these beads, we may contact you to request more. Mail beads to:

Beads of Courage, Inc.
3230 N Dodge Blvd
Tucson, AZ 85716
ATTN: Carry a Bead

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Bead Guidelines

- Preferred hole size is a 2-3 mm mandrel.
- Please note that these are not spacer beads. The beads we request are approx. 9-10 mm wide (hole to hole) with a 15 mm height.
- Sizing rule of thumb: We use safety pins that are 2 inches long, meaning both beads need to fit on the pin. The
- Beads should fill up the space in the safety pin, with only a small amount of movement between them.
- Be creative. Pressed beads and beads of varying shapes are welcome. Include 2-3 colors on all beads, creating designs or patterns. Fun shapes are also needed (cubes, triangles, flowers, etc.).
- Avoid highly sculpted, high-profile beads, as many people who carry beads are athletes. If you want to create sculpted beads (simple animals, flowers, hearts) do not make any pieces that will easily break off the bead.
- Please refrain from using reduction frit or glasses that will give a metallic sheen on the surface, due to heavy metal issues related with these materials. If you do include metallic frit or sheen, encase them in clear glass.
- Ensure that your beads are properly annealed, that all holes are have been rounded and finished so there are no sharp edges, and any present holes are fully cleaned out for threading with string.
- Brenda Howell will follow up with you regarding your invoice and W-9. Beads of Courage will pay artists within 60 days of receiving the beads.

See page 3 for examples ...



