

you are invited to **BEad inspired**

A fundraising event for Beads of Courage, Inc. (a section 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation)



Inspire: to affect, guide; to fill with exalting emotion; to stimulate to take action, motivate; to affect or touch; to stimulate energies, ideals or reverence.

◆ **BEad Inspired** by the courage in children who must cope with cancer and related treatments.

◆ **BEad Inspired** by your generosity in helping children, and by your own creativity that will be tapped when working with beads during the evening.

event details:

what: 2 Fundraising events

1) when: Saturday April 5 4-7pm
where: Borgata Courtyard (6166 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale)

2) when: Saturday April 12 4-7pm
where: Plaza Colonial (SW Corner Skyline & Campbell, Tucson)

cost: \$40 per person (\$25 tax deductible)

includes:

- ◆ Wine and hors'douvres
- ◆ Artists of Arizona Glass Bead Society
- ◆ Beads from around the world
- ◆ 1 Bracelet making kit
- ◆ Silent auction
- ◆ Bead historian
- ◆ Live music



what is beads of courage, inc.?

As a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization, we provide innovative, arts-in-medicine programs to promote the well-being of children coping with serious illness, their families and the health care providers who care for them.

Founded March 2005 by pediatric nurse Jean Baruch who realized children were in need of creative outlets for their emotions and were seeking tangible signs of their accomplishments during the challenging time of cancer treatment.

Our programs address a need for art as a means to strengthen resilience based processes (engagement coping strategies, derived meaning and social support) while decreasing adverse outcomes such as depression, anxiety, uncertainty, and symptom distress in children with serious illness.

Since the program was piloted at Phoenix Children's Hospital in 2004, more than 40 hospitals now provide it. We have successfully identified ways to foster enhanced communication and connectedness for patients, their families and health care providers.



our programs:

- ◆ **Beads of Courage Program** Our premier bead guide driven program for children with cancer, blood disorders, cardiac conditions and traumatic burn injuries. Children tell their story using colorful beads as meaningful symbols of courage that commemorate milestones they have achieved during treatment.
- ◆ **Beads of Courage Sibling Program** Honors siblings of children with serious illness and includes a colorful, illustrated book and 25 unique beads. It is distributed to over 5,000 siblings nationwide through our partner SuperSibs!.
- ◆ **Beads of Courage Creative Courage Journal** Collaborate effort of artists and nurses created this journal. It includes animal beads that guide each child through reflective writing and drawing activities during their journey to wellness.
- ◆ **heARTful Reflections Workshop Series** Creative and interactive workshops for children in treatment, their families, and health care providers.
- ◆ **Caring for the Caregiver Retreat** Unique retreats to facilitate reflection and renewal for the professional provider.
- ◆ **Compassion and Courage Bereavement Program** Support at end of life.

the facts:

Funds raised from the Bead Inspired event will be used to purchase program materials for more than 5,000 children coping with a serious illness who receive the Beads of Courage Program nationwide. We exist solely through the compassionate support of caring individuals. Please help us continue our mission.

We welcome you to attend our annual fundraiser. You can purchase tickets at the door. Simply go to Childhood in the Borgata or Radiance MedSpa in Plaza Colonial. Or simply contact us by phone or email. Thank you.

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