



# The Chip Pile



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## SPECIAL ISSUE: Delivering the Beads of Courage

On Thursday, September 12, Johnny and Marcia Tolly, Charles Kay and Hilda Carpenter travelled to the Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas to deliver 36 bowls to the kids in the Beads of Courage program. They met with Cindy Fitchpatrick, M.Ed., CCLS, the Psychosocial Program Coordinator, several staff members and some absolutely precious children.

I wish each one of our members could have seen the kids eyes sparkle as they chose their Beads of Courage box. CTWA had the largest representation of Beads of Courage Box at the SouthWest Association of Turner's recent symposium.

Moreover, it was evident that more Beads of Courage boxes are needed. Dr. Fitchpatrick said the Beads of Courage program has been extended to include children with blood disorders in addition to chemo-treatment patients.

As I gazed upon the long strands of beads these children had, I realized the larger boxes are better for the kids.

Thanks to all of you who contributed your time, talent and wood to this worthy effort. Let's make sure that we have even more next year.

Special thanks goes to those children and parents who let us visit and watch how the bowls will be put to use. It

was our honor.

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The 36 bowls fit into four boxes, so Marcia, Charles and Johnny unloaded on a table in the kitchenette next to the treatment rooms as a couple of kids watched nearby.



Then again, some just wanted some ice cream!



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# Courageous Kids and their Beads of Courage

This lovely lady watched with interest as the bowls were placed on the table.



The staff pitched in to get the bowls ready for selection.



Then the kids the tough problem of selecting their favorite bowl.



This little girl liked Charlie's flower-topped bowl!



This precious little girl checked them ALL out! She liked the mouse.



Yes, they often have surprises in the lid!



Before she picked up her bowl, she kept her beads in a sack that could barely hold all of them.



# Courageous Children

Some kids have quite a few beads of courage as shown by the staff here.



The mouse was a big it!



Marcia's art won her over!



Thanks kids, Dr. Fitchpatrick, Johnny and Marcia Tolly and Charlie Kay.

Mom and daughter having fun looking at the lid surprises.



Dr. Fitchpatrick had fun, too!



She liked the handle!



P.S. The lids make cute hats!