



Northern Virginia Bead Society  
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Dear Members of the Northern Virginia Bead Society:

On behalf of the Creative & Therapeutic Arts program at Children's National Health System, I would like to thank you for your generous donation \$500 towards the Beads of Courage Chronic program. Your commitment to helping hospitalized children, adolescents and their families is sincerely appreciated. We take pride in offering innovative, creative and therapeutic experiences to those we serve and are honored that you support us so generously!

Each year Children's National continues to advance its mission of:

- Improving health outcomes for children regionally, nationally and internationally.
- Being a leader in creating innovative solutions to pediatric healthcare problems.
- Excelling in Care, Advocacy, Research, and Education to meet the unique needs of children, adolescents and their families.

We will keep you posted on the success of the program and look forward to working with you in the future. Please find attached for your review the 2018/19 Beads of Courage impact statement – much of it in part to your support!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Stemas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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## The Northern Virginia Bead Society's Philanthropic Impact



### Sharing stories of courage, honor and hope, through beads.

Thanks to your longstanding generosity, we've been able to provide opportunities for narrative and creative coping through Beads of Courage to hundreds of children who are often overlooked or underserved outside of the hospital/medical environment. We can reach those who endure countless procedures and appointments, may need extra support and encouragement, and those who may not be able to speak for themselves. Many of these kiddos and their families cope with crohn's, colitis, seizures, liver and intestinal disease, and/or are enrolled in the hospital's Complex Chronic program, and/or the Palliative Care program (PANDA) due to extensive medical and support needs.

### FY 18 Beads of Courage Highlights:

*"Those beads represent over 12 years in this fight for life! Every visit, every procedure, every therapy session is another step forward on this medical odyssey. We look at those beads and celebrate every surgeon, researcher, doctor, nurse, phlebotomist, and tech that has crossed our path and enabled us an opportunity to see, experience, and actively participate in life."*

*-TjaMeika Davenport, mom to Kennedy*

**107**

patients enrolled in  
Beads of Courage  
Program



### Rollout of

### "Bead Strong"

New bead,  
mindfulness & art initiative  
for nurses, staff, patients  
& families