

BRAVERY BEADS GUIDE

Yellow:	Chemotherapy
White:	Pokes
Fuchsia:	Tests/Scans
Silver:	Lumbar Puncture
Bone:	Bone Marrow Biopsy
Dark Blue:	Inpatient Admission
Brown:	Hair Loss/Thinning
Red:	Transfusion of Blood
Green:	Tube Insertion (e.g. Catheter, Chest)
Glow in the Dark:	Radiation
Orange:	Surgery
Black:	Dressing Change
Purple:	TPN
Teal:	Morphine Infusion
Glass:	Stem Cell Harvest/Dialysis
Gold Metal:	A Good Day!
Heart:	A Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad Day!
Salmon:	Emergency, Ambulance
Feet:	Physiotherapy
Lime Green:	Isolation
Pearl White:	Dental
Teal:	Not Allowed to Eat
Sparkle:	Birthday
Gem:	Nutrition
Star:	Relapse
Seasonal:	Holidays
Happy Face:	Completion of Treatment

ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT OPTIMISTS

2015-2016

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CAMP QUALITY
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OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CCC
KIDS KICKING CANCER (Club Grant)
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FOR MORE INFORMATION



“Providing the Care ... Finding the Cure”



*Michigan Optimist
Clubs Support the
Childhood Cancer
Campaign*

PROVIDING THE CARE... FINDING THE CURE

The Childhood Cancer Campaign was established by Optimist International in 2001 with the mission of “being the leading force to rid the world of childhood cancer.” Since the program’s inception, Optimist Clubs in Michigan have participated in various activities focused on building awareness of the disease, providing assistance for children and their families, and supporting research to find a cure.



FACTS

- Each year more than 12,000 children and teenagers will be diagnosed with cancer.
- One in every 330 Americans develops cancer before the age of 20.
- Cancer remains the number one disease killer of children.

HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Michigan Optimist Clubs support the Childhood Cancer Campaign through many different programs. They make generous contributions to support research at Johns Hopkins University. Optimist Clubs also partner with local hospitals to provide needed service for the children undergoing treatment, their families and staff. They help in the following ways:

- Donate restaurant gift cards, phone cards, gas cards, and meals.
- Support local camps that are tailored to meet the unique needs of children with cancer.
- Donate Magic Hug Squares. Club members have knitted squares of love to swaddle around a beanie baby. These beanie babies are presented to children in the Childhood Oncology Units to give them comfort as they undergo treatment.



BRAVERY BEAD PROGRAM



The Michigan Optimists are now supporting the Bravery Bead program for our Childhood Oncology Units. This program allows children undergoing treatment to collect special wooden or plastic beads, called Bravery Beads, to form a necklace that documents and honors their cancer experience, enabling them to tell their story in a tangible, visual way. The necklace becomes a precious keepsake that is viewed as a medal or badge of courage for patients and their families. Children have also worn the beads as wristbands, or attached to toys, IV poles, or given to parents.

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