

Survivor Kits

Survivor Kits help people who are going through chemotherapy or dialysis. Below are some ideas for what each kit can contain (bags can be purchased at dollar stores, in dollar bins or can be homemade):

- Sugarless hard candy
- Lemon Head candy
- Ginger chews
- Water bottles
- Magazines/ word search/Sudoku
- Relaxation or soothing music CDs
- Lip balm
- Journals/pen
- Biotene mouth rinse/gum
- Hand lotion
- Soft bristle toothbrushes



The following cancer or dialysis centers have agreed to accept donations. Please contact the center nearest to you and let them know you are coming to drop off donations. If you know of other cancer or dialysis centers in your area, or if you have a family member that visits one, please feel free to contact them to help the cause. *If you know of other locations that accept these kits, please email [Ashley Christensen](mailto:achristensen@girlscoutsgcnwi.org) (achristensen@girlscoutsgcnwi.org) to add to this list.

Chemotherapy:

Cancer Resource Center
926 Ridge Rd.
Munster, IN
(no candy)
(219) 836-3349

Cancer Wellness Center
215 Revere Dr.
Northbrook, IL
Contact Vicki
(847) 562-4971

Cancer Support Center
2028 Elm Rd.
Homewood, IL
(708) 798-9171

Cancer Support Center
19645 South La Grange Rd.
Mokena, IL
(708) 478-3529

Gilda's Club Chicago
537 N Wells St.
Chicago, IL
(312) 464-9900

Living Well
442 Williamsburg Ave.
Geneva, IL
(630) 262-1111

Wellness House
131 N County Line Rd.
Hinsdale, IL
(630) 323-5150

Northwestern Medicine
Cancer Center
4405 Weaver Pkwy
Warrenville, IL
(630) 352-5450

Dialysis:

Davita Dialysis Centers:
New Lenox: 1890 Silver Cross Blvd - (815) 320-3049
Chicago: 7009 W Belmont Ave - (773) 889-6051

Portage, IN: 5823 U.S. Hwy 6 - (219) 764-0564
Munster, IN: 9100 Calumet Ave. - (219) 836-1299

Back story:

Mokena Cadette Troop 70442 started collecting things to make Chemo Survivor Kits in the fall of 2013. It started as a Service Unit Overnight for younger Scouts led by the Cadettes to celebrate Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday. Juliette died of breast cancer, and a few families in the troop had been confronted with family members both fighting cancer and some cancer survivors. The troop decided to help those battling with a bright side to their day. Troop 70442 collected items to put in the kits through the Service Unit, setting up donation boxes at school, as well as purchasing some items at the local dollar store.

The troop also wanted to learn how to sew, so the leaders got fabric donated and brought the girls together over winter break from school to learn how to sew a simple little bag to put their items in. Together the 4 girls sewed 50 bags. After posting this photo of the girls and their hard work to the Service Unit's Facebook page, the leader had several "requests" from leaders who had friends or family that were going through chemo and asked if the troop could pass along a bag to them. The thankful words that have been returned have given troop 70442 something to be proud of. The remaining bags were donated to the local Cancer Support Center in the troop's hometown. When the girls delivered the kits, the Cancer Center was very overwhelmed with the hard work that the girls had put in and were very thankful for the donations.





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Just be Happy

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Giggles make Me Laugh

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