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 (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

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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.
Be Strong, Carry On
Made for you By Cadette Girl Scout Troop 70442

Find Comfort in Silliness
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Don’t Worry, Bee Happy
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You are STRONG!
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Live, Laugh, Love
Made for you By Cadette Girl Scout Troop 70442

Just be Happy
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Cancer Stinks!
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Giggles make Me Laugh
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Find Your Happy Place
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