

## Testimonials

### Former U.S. Surgeon General

**Antonia C. Novello**

"In recognition of your extraordinary efforts on behalf of the children of this nation. God Bless your hard work and creativity on their behalf."

### Past President

### American Academy of Pediatrics

**Howard A. Pearson M.D.**

Professor of Pediatrics

Yale University Department of Pediatrics

"DWW represents an avenue to stimulate the creativity, participation, and enjoyment of children with medical problems, especially those in hospital. It is my hope that the Dances With Wood program can be transplanted to hospitals for children around the country."



## Participating Hospitals

- Children's Cancer and Blood Center (TX)
- Children's Memorial Hospital (IL)
- The Children's Hospital at OU (OK)
- Duke Children's Hospital (NC)
- Hasbro Children's Hospital (RI)
- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center NY
- Tulane Lakeside Hospital (LA)
- Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital (CT)
- NYU Langone Medical Center (NY)

[www.danceswithwood.org](http://www.danceswithwood.org)

For a full list of participating hospitals, please visit our website.

## Founded in 1998...

The Dances With Wood program...

- has been used in 41 states
- has served over 40,000 children

The Dances With Wood program is provided free of charge to children and their families.

We donate all of our program materials and services. We do not receive state or federal funding.



For more information about the Dances With Wood program and how to make a tax-deductible contribution, please visit our website at:

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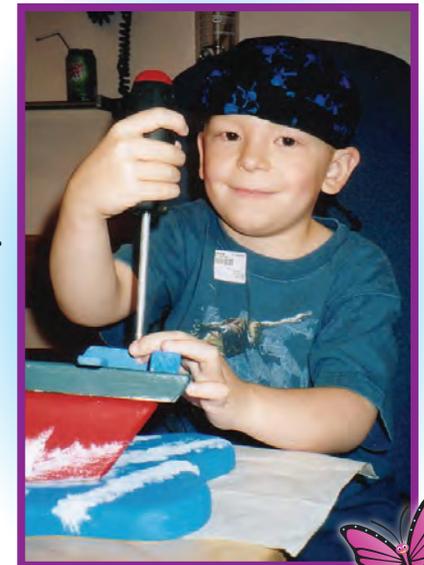
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**Heals and Restores the Spirits  
of Hospitalized Children  
with Cancer and  
Other Serious Illnesses**



**Empowered Creativity:  
Heals the spirit,  
provides hope,  
and strengthens  
the will to live.**

## What is the Dances With Wood program?

Dances With Wood is a creative arts program that serves children in hospitals who have life-threatening or life-limiting illnesses. The program provides children with the opportunity to experience the transforming power of their own imagination and creativity through woodworking projects that can be undertaken while a child is sitting or lying in a hospital bed.



Helps restore energy and enthusiasm.

Each project kit comes with a workbook that provides detailed instructions to guide the child through the steps for building the wooden project. Special exercises in the workbook also promote independent learning skills, writing, reading, math, art, and storytelling - all presented with humor and encouragement.

## What is the Need?

When a child has a life-threatening or life-limiting illness, treatment often spans several years of hospital visits. This may result in severe physical and emotional hardships for the child and family.



Provides a distraction from fear and negative thoughts.

## A Time of Vulnerability

During this time of vulnerability, educational and creative activities can be a powerful aid in fostering cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development. The Dances With Wood program was created to meet this important need. The program has been specifically designed to be used by children who must spend many long days (and often weeks) undergoing treatment in the hospital.

Promotes emotional and psychological growth.



Please make a donation today and give the gift of love.



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Your donation can be used to heal and empower children at a hospital of YOUR CHOICE anywhere in the United States.



**THANK YOU!**