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## Morrissey Law Firm to Present Check!

Springfield, MO- On May 10<sup>th</sup>Thomas Morrissey, The Morrissey Law Firm, P.C., presented a check to The Beanie Brigade for \$1,000 as part of a matching challenge grant. Mr. Morrissey issued a challenge to the community to help send a beanie out to kids undergoing surgery, chemotherapy or radiation in November. Morrissey offered to match dollar for dollar any donations made to The Beanie Brigade until the end of the year. The community responded and met this challenge! The Beanie Brigade was able to raise \$2,000.

The organization was founded when a 13 year-old boy had undergone surgery in December 2014 to remove a brain tumor. He sat in his hospital bed with his head partially shaved and incision in full view. He felt self-conscious and wanted to cover his head when his friends came to visit. His friends and family rushed out to try to find a hat that fit his swollen head and also made him feel better. That hat was a beanie. Two weeks later the family learned of another little boy who had undergone surgery. The family mailed him three beanies to hopefully make him feel better if only for a minute. The Beanie Brigade was born!

"When Stephanie shared with me the story that inspired the Beanie Brigade I knew I wanted to help. Childhood should be about smiles and laughter. Not feeling self-conscious," said Morrissey.

The Beanie Brigade has delivered over 1300 beanies to doctor's offices, hospitals, child life groups, and individuals since January 2015.