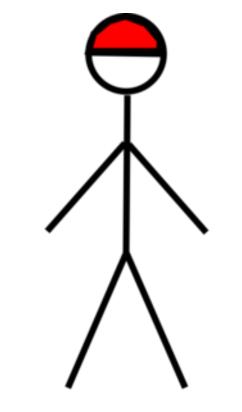
**The Beanie Brigade** began in January 2015 by asking for donations of beanies and money though social medial. The original goal was to provide 200 beanies to a local doctor. This goal was achieved by February 2015. However, the need was much greater. To date **The Beanie Brigade has** now distributed almost 700 beanies to doctors, hospitals, child life groups and individuals.



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## **Our Mission**

The mission of The Beanie Brigade is to "warm the heads and hearts of children/teens undergoing brain surgery, chemotherapy or radiation by providing them a beanie for comfort and support."





## **Our Story**

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, staples 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!

# How Can I Help? \*Donate Hats \*Donate Money for the Purchase of Hats

