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New Jewelry Benefits Charities

Last summer my dad was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. After many tough rounds of chemo, we are happy to announce he is in remission! So what does this have to do with junk mail? Read on!

As you know, I make hand rolled beads, pendants, and magnets out of my recycled security envelopes. I get tons and tons of blue and black patterns in my junk mail, but rarely receive green or red. I've told my family (who likes to collect envelopes from their mail for me) that I have *more* than enough blue and black, but if they ever come across red or green patterns, I'll take 'em!

Since my Dad's cancer journey began, naturally my parents have been flooded with mail from their medical insurance company...all arriving in red-patterned security envelopes. I did not want to just mix these in with my regular selection, since I consider these red envelopes to be special. Besides being a rare occurrence in my own mail, they are a reminder of how much my dad and mom have been through this past year. So, what to do with them? The answer came to me almost instantly!

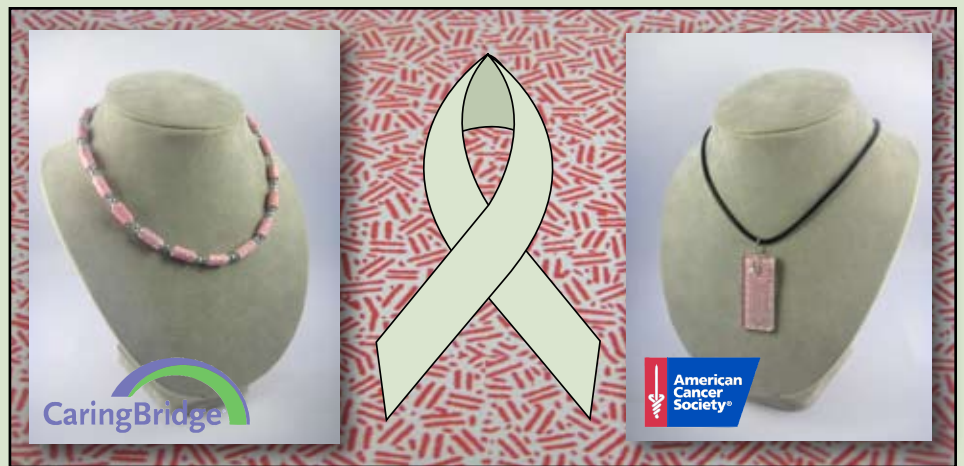
I have decided to create some new red beads and pendant necklaces, and to donate a portion of the proceeds from these items to two very important charities.

For every red envelope glass pendant necklace sold, Junk Mail Gems will donate \$5.00 to the important work of the American Cancer Society.

If you know someone who's gone through tough medical times, you may have heard of CaringBridge.org. They provide free web space for people going through life threatening illnesses, enabling them to post

journal entries & photos, and receive messages from family and friends in their online "guest book." My dad's CaringBridge site has been a great support, not only for family and friends to keep up on his progress, but for all of his loved ones to channel their support through their loving guest book messages. For every red paper bead necklace sold, Junk Mail Gems will donate \$5.00 to this worthy cause. 🌸

Check out my dad's CaringBridge site at <http://caringbridge.org/visit/philbrandt> and the American Cancer Society at <http://www.cancer.org>



Champagne Chairs Touring the US

What can you do to repurpose the corking hardware (foil, cork and wire) on a champagne bottle? Well, I for one always enjoy entering Design Within Reach's Champagne Chair contest every year. This year I am excited to announce that my entry was chosen among the top 50 designs to go "on tour", traveling the US right now! Click here to see if and when the chairs will be coming to your town! You can also visit my blog where I have a couple posts about the contest and my entry, "Silver Chair," shown to the right. 🌸



Offices Closed 3/19-3/29

If you've been to our website recently, you'll notice this temporary note on the top of each page. The Junk Mail Gems office will be closed from March 19th through the 29th. If you place an order on the 18th or earlier, it will ship out as normal. All orders placed from the 19th through the 29th will be processed starting Monday, March 30th. Thank you for your understanding! 🌸

