

Donation Guidelines

- * Only **new toys**, in their original packaging, can be given out to the children.
- * **Hand-made blankets**, hats, etc. should be made from all-new material.
- * **Toys are needed year round.**, for all age groups. Our patients range in age from a few hours old, to 21 years.
- * **Please do not wrap gifts.** Safety regulations require even labeled gifts to be checked. Donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, ribbons, and tags are most welcome.
- * Items with **religious themes** cannot be shared with our patients.
- * **We do not share** R-rated movies, music with explicit lyrics, toy guns, or provocatively dressed dolls with our patients.
- * **Stuffed animals** can only be used if they are brand new and stored in a sealed plastic bag or bin. Collections (like beanie babies), can be given to patients as long as they have never been displayed and have been stored in a sealed container.
- * **Toys should be sturdy.** Avoid toys which can break and leave sharp edges, such as those made of glass or brittle plastic.
- * **Be careful of lead content!** Crayons and other art supplies should say "conforms to ASTM D-4236" on the box
- * Painted toys should be non-toxic.
- * **All items MUST be Latex Free.**

Please note:

Because our patients are acutely ill, we are unable to allow donors to deliver gifts directly to the children.

Thank you for your interest in donating to the children at our hospital!

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