

# Child Life & Creative Arts Donation Guidelines

## PLAY: A Prescription for Recovery!

Thank you for taking an interest in donating toys and activities for our children. Play is a child's work. In the hospital where children are separated from most of what is familiar, play and activities become valuable and safe outlets for their feelings.

Toys and games from our community friends will help keep the playrooms and waiting areas in the hospital well stocked. They help turn special occasions, such as birthdays and holidays, into happy celebrations.

The Child Life staff carefully selects age-appropriate, personalized gifts for our children year-round. We are grateful for your help and invite you to review our donation guidelines below. Please also feel free to check out our [NYP Komansky Child Life Wish List](#) on Amazon. Thank you for your interest in supporting our program and the patients we serve.

### Important Reminders:

- ★ All donations must be new and in original packaging.
- ★ Please do not wrap gifts.
- ★ Gifts are accepted on behalf of all the children in the hospital, not specific patients
- ★ We are sorry we cannot allow donors to personally distribute gifts to bedside patients; this is due to patient confidentiality and for infection control reasons.
- ★ Due to our policy of promoting non-violent play, please avoid donating guns, swords or war theme games.
- ★ Children in the hospital play with a lot of energy! Please make sure toys are of high quality with no sharp edges or brittle plastic.
- ★ Electrical spark-producing or friction-producing toys are prohibited by fire regulations.
- ★ Please be aware of recent toy recalls when donating items. The hospital cannot accept any toys that have been recalled. [www.cpsc.gov/](http://www.cpsc.gov/) is a government website with all the latest toy recalls.
- ★ Gift cards are also a great gift! See some recommended stores listed below for ideas.
- ★ Please remember to include your donor's name and address so we can thank you!

### Essential Items:

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|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| ★ Crayons     | ★ Paper         | ★ Bubbles               |
| ★ Markers     | ★ Paint Brushes | ★ Craft Kits            |
| ★ Paints      | ★ Play-Doh      | ★ Fabric Markers        |
| ★ Dot paints  | ★ Model Magic   | ★ Wiki Sticks           |
| ★ Glue Sticks | ★ Pipe-cleaners | ★ Lip Smackers Flavored |
| ★ Liquid Glue | ★ Stickers      | ★ Chapstick             |

## Developmental breakdown and suggestions:

**\*\*Items in blue are high demand items on our various pediatric units\*\***

### Infants 0-12 months

Mobiles (that are all plastic), rattles, baby-friendly mirrors, hand held music toys, board books, pop-up toys, plastic squeeze toys, stacking toys, sensory toys (lights and sounds), crib toys, pacifiers, sippy cups, teethingers

### Toddlers 12-36 months

Stacking toys, crayons, blocks, push/pull toys, picture books, manipulative toys, beginner puzzles, shape sorter, Duplo sets, dolls, crazy straws (plastic), bubbles

### Preschool 3-5 years old

Doll houses, farm houses, puzzles, pop up books, toy animals/people/vehicles, dolls, cooking toys, Mr. Potato Head, train sets, play tool kits, Play dough and accessories, (Please small containers of play dough!) bubbles, pinwheels, stickers, doctor kits, musical instruments

### School age 5-11 years old

Magna-Tiles, Age-appropriate reading material, hand held video games/tablets, Lego kits, cars/trucks/trains, G rated DVD's (English and Spanish), puzzles, dress-up dolls, I spy books, Cards (UNO, Monopoly Deal and regular cards) models, art and craft kits, drawing material (markers/pencils), action figures, stress balls

### Adolescent 12 years old and up

PG/PG13 DVD's (English and Spanish), games for game systems (X-Box 360, Xbox One) advanced art/craft supplies, stationery, card games (UNO cards and decks of playing cards), adult coloring books, gel-pens, coloring pencils

### Gift Card Ideas

I-Tunes or Apple  
Guitar Center  
Amazon  
Best Buy  
GameStop

Target  
Barnes & Noble  
Starbucks  
Forever 21/H&M  
Old Navy

**If you have any questions please contact:** [DonateKomanskyChildLife@nyp.org](mailto:DonateKomanskyChildLife@nyp.org)