

Dear Supporters and Donors:

Patients admitted to Shriners Hospital for Children receive the finest medical treatment, emotional support and loving care available anywhere. However, our children and families have other special needs that are met through the generosity of individuals and organizations like yours.

Your gifts of toys, handmade items, decorations and time can go a long way towards brightening a patient's hospital stay. This letter provides suggestions for items that you and your organization can make or buy to donate to the young patients at Shriners Hospital for Children.

Please remember:

*All donations must be new, due to infection control.

*To ensure the safety of our younger patients, we cannot accept small choking hazards, sharp pieces, or items that fall apart easily.

*We are a Latex free hospital, so no items that contain latex will be permitted

(Keep in mind that environmental factors can trigger allergies and breathing problems in our patients. Please do not store donations in: dusty warehouses or smoking facilities or homes.)

Shriners Hospital for Children - Houston Donation Wish List

Toys

Infants/Toddlers

baby gyms with plastic, not cloth
rattles
baby mobiles with plastic, not cloth
crib mirrors
push toys
pop-up toys
music box toys
busy boxes
squeeze toys
sturdy cars/trucks
see-n-say
puzzles
blocks
Fisher Price toys

School-Age

Match Box cars
remote control cars
Barbie dolls/products
view masters
puzzles
slinkies
Large Floor Puzzles

Teenagers

remote control cars
basketballs/footballs
model Cars (snap together and glue)
make-up set for girls
hair accessories for teen girls
bath and body sets (lotions, perfumes, etc)

Games

Chutes and Ladders
Candyland
Sorry
Connect Four
Guess Who?
Monopoly
Checkers
Jenga
Cards: Uno, Skipbo, etc
Memory Games
Wheel of Fortune
Operation
Perfection

Distraction/Therapeutic (these items help patients cope with painful procedures)

"I Spy" books
"Where's Waldo" books
Bubbles (miniature size)
Glitter Wands
Sound books (interactive noise books)
View masters and slides
hand-held electronic games
kaleidoscopes
"Find It" game (from Kazoo Toys)

Arts and Crafts

coloring books (all age types)
play doh
crayola markers
crayola crayons (small boxes)
stickers
elmer's glue/glue sticks
colored pencils
glitter
pipe cleaners/chenille sticks
tempera paints
paint cups/ ice trays for holding paint
ceramics (unpainted)
paint by number
beads (letters, shapes, etc)
jewelry making kits
yarn
cross stitch
sand art
craft projects with instructions for teens, and adults
construction paper
fuse beads
scrap booking materials in a package (everything needed is together)
Sculpey Keepsake Clay (No-Mess Clay and Frame Set)

Electronics

AM/FM radios with CD player

VCR/DVD combos

movies - DVD (pg-13 and under)(also look at the back of DVD and see if movie can be changed to Spanish from English language)

game systems and games cartridges (Xbox 360 system and games, Wii system and games, playstation 3 system and games , playstation 2 games, gamecube games)(rated E for everyone or other ratings for younger children)

gameboy and gameboy games

discman with headphones

1 Digital Camera

13" - 20" colored tv's for games systems (5)

Miscellaneous

gift cards: Walmart, Target, etc

gift certificates: McDonalds, CiCi's Pizza, etc

digital sport watches with dual alarm

batteries:

all sizes, including the watch batteries for the sound books

small and large size ziplock baggies

If you have questions about any of these suggestions or would like to know our greatest needs at the time, please contact our Child Life Department at 713-793-3812 or 713-793-3839. Thank you for your support.