



At the Children's Hospital of Michigan-Troy, Toys & Games are also Good Medicine

Thank you for your interest in donating to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. Play allows children to express how they are feeling, escape from daily stresses and socialize with others who may be experiencing similar situations. Developmentally appropriate toys and games are essential to providing children with opportunities for play. They serve an important therapeutic function by bringing a sense of joy and normalcy into the life of a hospitalized child. Individuals or groups can help by following these recommendations when donating toys.

ALL AGES

- Blankets
- Books
- Coloring packets
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- Crayons (Rose Art or Crayola only)
- Hot Wheel cars
- Barbies
- Craft kits
- Legos
- School supplies
- Adult coloring books
- Colored pencils
- Puzzles
- Bubbles (small bottles)
- Small soccer/footballs
- Board games
- Card games

Reminders:

- **SAFETY** is the most important consideration when selecting toys.
- **NO USED ITEMS PLEASE.** We only accept **NEW** toys, games, books, and stuffed animals.
- Because some of our patients have acute illnesses, donors are not allowed to personally distribute gifts directly to patients.
- Violent games and books, toy guns, swords and projectile toys are not accepted.
- Please refrain from donating candy, food, glow items or religious materials.
- Many of the patients have allergies or asthma so chalk/sidewalk chalk is not accepted.
- Due to safety recalls, please avoid dollar store items.
- Please **DO NOT** wrap gifts.
- Arts & craft materials must have the non-toxic seal (AP, CP, health label Non-Toxic).
- Crayons **MUST BE** Crayola or Rose Art brand.
- Some children are sensitive to natural rubber latex, please:
 - Buy only name brands whenever possible.
 - **Do not** donate items known to contain natural rubber latex including, but not limited to, rubber balloons, Koosh balls, rubber stamps, rubber balls, rubber erasers, paddles with rubber balls attached, etc.
 - Only mylar balloons and vinyl items are permitted.
- Monetary donations should be directed to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation Child Life Toy Fund for the purchase of toys. **THANK YOU!**