

Gift in Kind  
**Holiday  
Wish List**

HOLIDAY SEASON 2024-2025



## Please read before donating...

Please adhere to the guidelines below when donating to the Holiday Toy Drive:

To drop off toys at Children's Health Foundation in person, please schedule a drop-off time [here](#). Specific instructions for delivery will be provided upon scheduling a time slot.

- All items must be brand new and unwrapped.
- Note that anything received after **December 20, 2024**, will not make it over to the hospital for the holiday season. They will be delivered to the hospital in the new year and for special occasions throughout the year.
- Toys will be accepted up until **December 24 at 12 p.m.**

Donation guidelines must be strictly enforced due to infection control policies, allergies, compromised immune systems, safety precautions and limited space.

### Donation guidelines:

**We can only accept donations listed in [this document](#) and all donations must be [new and recently purchased](#).**

We will not accept used toys, stuffed animals, fragile toys with small/sharp edges, violent toys such as guns, items with latex, scented products, food/candy, large ride-on vehicles or sports equipment. No items with corporate branding.

On behalf of our families, we sincerely thank you for your support.

If you have any questions or you would like additional information, please contact the Volunteer Engagement Coordinator, Ashley Wilcox at [awilcox@childhealth.ca](mailto:awilcox@childhealth.ca) or (519)-204-7524.

## How are donations distributed?

Your donations will be distributed to our patients at Children's Hospital during the holiday season and throughout the year. They are given to patients and their siblings to brighten the holiday season, acknowledge birthdays, celebrations, and used in waiting areas and playrooms.

## Looking for items in constant need?

Children's Hospital is always in need of [these items](#). Please refer to this list for year round gift in kind donation needs as well as additional items that can be donated for the Holiday Toy Drive.

## ITEMS IN CONSTANT NEED:



The following list of items are continually needed and used throughout the year:

- Medical/Doctor Play Kits
- Hospital/Coping/Emotion themed books
- Canvases and acrylic paint
- Fidget items (fidget cubes, pop-its, pop-tubes etc.)
- Craft kits
- Sketch books, journals (preferably without metal binding), colouring books, sticker/mosaic books
- Small sets (<24) of fine line and washable markers, gel pens, pencil crayons, crayons
- Sensory Items (kinetic sand, water beads, slime kits, instant snow)
- Small Lego kits (60-150 pieces)
- Play-Doh
- Gift Cards
- Electronics – iPad Mini
- No-spill Fubbles/bubble guns
- Stress balls
- Joy Glow Bubble Gun
- Slime Making Kits (with Elmers Slime Activator)

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## ITEMS IN CONSTANT NEED CONTINUED:

- Small sized whiteboards / whiteboard markers
- Star projectors (Amazon)
- Shashibo Shape Shifting Box
- Rain Sticks
- Light Spinners
- Handheld Massagers
- Glitter Wands
- Finger Paint and Paper
- Card Games (uno, Spot It, Skipbo, etc.)
- National Geographic Kits
- Snow Making Kits
- Advanced Crafting Kits (how-to kits, mosaic, model cars, wooden bridge, chemistry, dyes, soap stone etc.)
- Paint by Numbers
- Play-doh kits and refills
- Lego
- Colouring utensils (crayons, pencils, markers)
- Colouring and activity books

## INFANTS AND TODDLERS:

- Stacking Toys and Building Blocks
- Sorting Toys
- Rattle shakers and teething toys (without water)
- Linking Rings
- Small cardboard books
- Baby night light projectors and glow toys
- Toys with sound, music and lights
- Crib mobiles and crib mirrors
- Peg puzzles

### Suggested brands:

- Fisher-Price, Baby Einstein, Manhattan Toys, Jellycat, Vtech, LeapFrog

## PRESCHOOLERS:

- Fisher Price Little People characters and play sets
- Vtech, Leap Frog, B Toys
- Baby Alive Dolls
- Hot Wheels cars, train sets, planes
- Musical toys
- Melissa & Doug items (reusable sticker pads)
- Pretend and play sets, picnic play sets, play kitchen set, tool sets, food sets, camping sets, cash registers, etc.
- Small plastic animal sets: dinosaurs, barn yard animals, domestic animals
- Card/board games (Hoot Owl Hoot, Peek-A Doodle-Doo)
- Characters and play sets (Paw Patrol, Peppa Pig, Bluey)

## SCHOOL AGE:

- Lego/Lego Friends (100 to 300 pieces)
- Playmobil Sets
- Barbies and dolls
- Hot Wheels cars
- Littlest Pet Shop, LOL Surprise, ShopKins
- Play-Doh Kits and refills
- Drip art paints and sets
- Model Magic (all colours)
- Elmers slime activator (large bottles) / Coloured glues
- Diamond art kits
- Action Figures – Disney, Marvel, Knights, Pirates, Cartoon Figures
- Science Technology Engineering, Math (STEM activity kits)
- Board Games (Connect Four, Rubix Cube, Exploding Kittens, Throw  
Throw Burrito)
- Magnetic Tiles/Blocks
- Variety of Pop It Fidget Toys

## Popular Items:

- Mario Lego (ToysRUs, Mastermind Toys, Amazon)
- Nintendo Switch
- iPad Mini's



## TEENS:

- \$20-\$25 Gift cards: (iTunes, Chapters, Michaels, ToysRUs, Best Buy, Walmart, Amazon, Dollar Stores, Subway, Starbucks)
- Advanced Lego sets and puzzles (500 - 800 pieces)
- Advanced craft kits (Diamond art, crochet kits, paint by numbers, model planes/cars etc)
- Mandala colouring books/Extreme Dot to Dot
- Controllers specifically for PS4, PS5, Xbox One (rated E-Everyone or T-Teen)
- Card/board games (Catan, Code Names, Throw Throw Burrito, Kids Against Maturity, Sushi Go, For Sale, Kingdomino, Blokus, Catch Phrase, Dutch Blitz).
- Escape room kits (like Exit Canada)
- Novelty socks
- Pillowcases and throw blankets with fun designs
- Teen/YA novels (**NOTE:** Books with “cartoon” or animated covers are **NOT** always teen friendly i.e. Adult romance novels like Icebreaker).

## Popular Items:

- LED String Lights (Amazon)
- Marquee Light Box (Staples, Amazon, Chapters)
- Moon Lamp

## TOYS FOR SENSORY AND PROCEDURAL SUPPORT NEEDS:

These kinds of toys help our kids fill sensory needs that help calm and regulate them at anytime, but especially before or after painful procedures like needle pokes or surgery.

- [Fubbles](#) (small containers)
- [Handheld massagers](#)
- [Light spinners](#)
- Fidgets (pop-its, rainbow slugs, [needoh](#), stress balls etc)

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