Child Life Services’
GUIDE FOR ACCEPTABLE TOY DONATIONS

Donations are welcomed

Ages 0-3
No-Spill Bubbles, plastic blocks and stacking rings, dolls, non-cloth mobiles and cradle gyms, Fisher-Price toys and Little People, play telephones, trucks, sight and sound books, lullabies and classical music CDs, infant; crib soothers, infant aquariums, non-cloth rattles, plastic infant; links, musical and light-up toys, pop-up toys, new spoons and sippy cups

Ages 4-8
Cars, trucks, arts and craft supplies and kits, crayons, play doctor kits, pretend play sets, dollhouse people, animal toys, Play-Doh, I SPY books, LEGO; LEGO kits, toy trains, board games such as Connect Four, Guess Who, Sorry and UNO, dolls

Ages 8-12
Art supplies, craft and sand art kits, colored pencils and markers, jewelry-making kits, Matchbox cars, non-violent action figures, Pillow Pets, superheroes, new DVD movies rated G or PG, playing cards, and card or board games, such as Guess Who, UNO, Connect 4, and Sorry

Ages 13 and up
Art supplies and craft kits, beading kits, nail polish sets, hair brush sets and accessories, photo albums, stamp kits, yarn and knitting or crocheting kits, journals, stationary sets, sports team items, new magazines, advanced LEGO kits, plain white tee shirts in all sizes, board games such as: Pictionary, trivia games, Scrabble, DS systems and games (rated E-T), Wii games (rated E-T), Xbox 360 games (rated E-T), controllers (PS4, PS3, Xbox, Wii), Xbox 1 controllers and games (rated E-T), portable CD players, new DVDs rated PG-13, and yoga mats

Gift cards
Gift cards make wonderful gifts, especially for our teens. Examples: Mastercard/Visa, iTunes, Target, Best Buy, Michaels, AC Moore, Walmart, Toys ‘R’ Us, Amazon

Unacceptable Items
NO USED TOYS of any kind are accepted due to infection control guidelines, as they could be harmful to children. This includes used stuffed animals.
- No small toys a child might choke on or homemade cloth toys.
- Please DO NOT WRAP donations as items must be checked before being given to a child.
- Other unacceptable items include FOOD and USED COMPUTERS.

Delivery
Please contact the Child Life office at 617-355-6556 to make donation delivery arrangements to our main campus, or to any of our satellite locations including Martha Eliot Health Center, Waltham, and Peabody.
Due to infection control, safety and the privacy of our patients and families, donors are not allowed to personally distribute gifts directly to patients. Small items can be brought to the front desk at the main entrance in the lobby.
Please provide your name, address and telephone number so that we can send an acknowledgement.
Items can also be mailed to:
Child Life Services
300 Longwood Ave
Boston, MA 02115

Note
Gifts to Boston Children’s are deeply appreciated. However, many gifts are received at the holiday season. Your gifts of toys at other times of the year will help children year round and not overload them at the holidays. Thank you!
Other ways you can help support our
Child Life Services are:
- Yard sales
- Bake sales
- Lemonade stands
- Joining our team for EVERSOURCE Walk for Kids
- Making a gift in someone’s honor for great care received at Boston Children’s. Please make checks payable to “Child Life Services.”

For more information, please contact: Child.Life@childrens.harvard.edu