

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, stacking and sorting toys, board and push button 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

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, game systems and games rated E, Playstation II®, Playstation 3®, Nintendo Wii®, Wii Fit®, PSP®, Nintendo DS®, and XBox 360®, board games such as: Guess Who, Uno, Scattergories, Connect Four, Sorry and playing cards, new DVD Movies, rated G or PG

Ages 13 and up
Art supplies and craft kits, glass bead 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®, Backgammon®, Chess®, Othello®, Rat-a-Tat Cat, Slamwich, Apples to Apples, games rated T for teens, hand-held game systems, portable CD players and CDs, new DVDs: PG13 and yoga mats

Gift cards
iTunes®, Target®, Best Buy®, Barnes & Noble®, Michaels, AC Moore, Walmart, Toys ‘R’ Us, Old Navy and Amazon

Unacceptable items, please do not donate
• NO USED TOYS of any kind are accepted due to infection control guidelines, as they could be of harmful to sick children. This includes used stuffed animals.
• No small toys a child might choke on or homemade cloth toys.
• Please DO NOT WRAP toys—the items must be checked before being given to a child.
• Other UNACCEPTABLE items include food, computers.

Delivery
Please contact the Child Life office at 617-355-6551 to make donation delivery arrangements.
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 Avenue, Boston 02115.

Delivery to Boston Children’s Hospital at Waltham:
Call 781-216-1509 Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some suggested donations for this area is new release DVDs, blankets of all sizes, shapes and colors, teen magazines, Matchbox cars, new stuffed animals and UNO or decks of cards.

Note
Gifts to Boston Children's Hospital are deeply appreciated. However, many gifts are received at the holiday season. Your gift 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 the Child Life Department at Boston Children's Hospital are:
• Yard sales
• Bake sales
• Lemonade stands
• Joining our team for NSTAR’s Walk for Boston Children’s Hospital
• Making a gift in someone’s honor or great care received at Boston Children’s Hospital

If you are interested in donating any of these items, please call the Child Life Office at 617-355-6551