

### **Wish List**

Thank you for your interest in donating to the Child Life Services at Metro Health Hospital. Play is a child's language. It allows children to express how they are feeling, escape from daily stresses, and socialize with others. Developmentally appropriate toys and games are essential to providing children with opportunities for play in the hospital. They serve an important therapeutic function by bringing a sense of joy and normalcy in to the life of a hospitalized child. Individuals or groups can help by following these recommendations when donating toys.

#### **Infants and Toddlers (newborn – 2 years)**

- Fisher price aquarium
- Playschool busy pop-ups
- Lights and sounds interactive toys
- Teethers
- Play telephones
- Rattles and squeeze toys
- Shape sorters
- Card board books/ musical books
- Baby blankets

#### **Pre-school (3 years- 5 years)**

- Leapster electronic reading game systems and games
- Fisher Price KID TOUGH DVD player
- DUPLO blocks
- Fisher price doctor play kits
- Hot wheels cars and play sets
- View masters and slides
- CD players and children's music CD's
- Games: Memory, Candy Land, My First UNO
- Crayola Model Magic kits
- Crayola 'Color Wonder' kits
- Lights and sounds interactive toys
- Musical books
- Fisher Price Little People & Play sets
- Fisher Price Rescue Heroes Action Figures
- Musical Toys/ Rain Sticks
- Small bubbles
- Pinwheels

### **School Age Kids (6 years – 10 years)**

- Hand-held video games: 20 Questions, Yahtzee, UNO, Simon, Connect Four
- Nintendo DS or PSP hand held game system and games
- Magna doodle
- LEGO sets
- Games: UNO, Sorry, Guess Who, Trouble, Connect Four, Monopoly JR.
- I-Spy Books
- Etch-A-Sketch
- Puzzles
- Slinky
- Sparkly Wands
- Light and sound toys

### **Pre-teen/ Teenagers (11-17 years old)**

- Bead/ Jewelry Kits
- Craft Kits
- Scrap book supplies
- Nail and Hair Care items
- Word Search books/ Sudoku Books
- Small MP3 players
- Rubix Cube
- Stress Balls
- Headphones / earbuds
- DVD's (rated PG and PG – 13)
- Sports/ Teen Magazines
- Games: Life, Monopoly, UNO attack, Skip-bo, Battleship, Cranium

### **All Ages**

- Nerf balls
- Journals and gel pens
- Stickers
- Crayola or RoseArt crayons, markers and colored pencils
- Coloring Books
- DVD's (G, PG, & PG – 13)
- "I Spy" or "Look and Find" books
- Sand Art Kits
- Washable paint and paint brushes
- Latex free child band-aids
- Rechargeable Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D)

### **Gift Cards**

- Target
- Meijer
- Michaels
- Wal-mart
- Toys R Us
- I-tunes
- Barnes & Noble

### **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, movies, and books, toy guns, swords, and projectile toys are not accepted.
- Please refrain from donating candy, food, or religious materials
- Please avoid dollar store items because of recent safety recalls
- Please do not wrap gifts
- Arts and Crafts materials must have the non-toxic seal (AP, CP, health label NON-Toxic)
- Because some children are sensitive to natural rubber latex, please:
  - Buy only specific name brands whenever possible
  - DO NOT donate items known to contain natural rubber latex including: rubber balloons, koosh balls, rubber stamps, rubber balls, rubber erasers, etc...
- Monetary donations can be directed to the Metro Health Foundation for the purchase of toys.

On behalf of the patients and families at Metro Health Hospital, THANK YOU!