



Hospital Wish List

Shriners Hospitals for Children – St. Louis In-Kind Donation Guidelines

Thank you for your support of Shriners Hospitals for Children – St. Louis! With your donation of toys and other items, you give kids the opportunity to have fun and play during their visit to the hospital!

Fewer than 4 boxes or bags of toys?

Donations fewer than 4 boxes or bags of toys can be delivered to our hospital during the hours listed below:

Donations accepted Monday – Friday, 10 am – 2 pm

Shriners Hospitals for Children – St. Louis

4400 Clayton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110

Larger than 4 boxes or bags of toys?

For toy donations larger than 4 boxes or bags of toys please contact us in advance at 314-432-3600 to arrange a delivery time. When applicable and with advance notice, larger in-kind donations will be directed to:

Moolah Shrine Center

12545 Fee Fee Rd., St. Louis, MO 63146

Phone: 314-878-6301

Donations accepted weekdays, 9 am – 4 pm

Make your toy donation meaningful!

- Small toys and games that can be used in a wheelchair or bed are preferred for our patients who have limited physical mobility.
- Due to travel restrictions for our patients taking the toys home, please avoid donating large items.
- Games and books that depict violence, as well as toy weapons, projectile toys, or adult themes and languages are not accepted.
- If toys require batteries, please include alkaline batteries.
- Sharp, glass, or breakable items are not accepted.
- Please DO NOT wrap gifts.
- Our hospital is latex safe. Items such as rubber balloons, koosh balls, rubber stamps, rubber balls, and rubber erasers are not accepted. Mylar balloons and vinyl items are encouraged.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I deliver gifts directly to patients?

Patient privacy regulations (HIPAA), as well as the need to prevent infections for our patients, means that we cannot allow donors to personally distribute toys to children.

Can I donate books?

No, our hospital cannot accept donated books.

I like to knit/crochet. What can I make for the patients?

In the past, our hospital has been able to accept homemade crocheted and knitted items. However, because our new hospital does not include laundry facilities on site, we are no longer able to accept knitted and crocheted items.

I would like to donate artwork. What is your process?

At this time we are unable to accept donations of artwork.

What kinds of toys are most needed?

For individuals or groups wishing to purchase specific items, we are most in need of the items below. Please keep in mind that 50% of our patients are teenagers ages 11–18. Below is a list of suggestions:

- Board games such as Apples to Apples, Rummikub, Catch Phrase, Dominoes, Double 12 Sets
- Playing cards such as UNO, Skip-Bo, Phase 10
- Hair and nail care sets, nail polish
- Jewelry – necklaces, bracelets
- Makeup sets, makeup bags
- Bath and body sets
- Gift sets of Axe, Adidas or Old Spice for young men with shower gel/shampoo
- Professional sports apparel with team logos – caps, t-shirts, sweatshirts (adult sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL)
- Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, or popular fast food restaurants
- Holiday items prior to the holiday
- AAA and AA alkaline batteries
- Musical toys
- Light up toys
- Preschool toys
- Dolls and Barbies (all races)
- Popular character toys
- Stuffed animals – brand new, 12” or smaller
- Matchbox car sets
- LEGOS kits and Bionicles
- Coloring and activity books
- Crayons
- Art/activity kits
- Backpacks/sports bags
- Fleece tie blankets and small lap quilts in small quantities of 1 bag or less. (Patients LOVE fleece tie blankets – they are their #1 preference!)

What toy donations are you unable to accept?

Due to safety, allergy and immunity concerns of our patients, we are only able to accept new items. We are unable to accept the following items:

- Used/previously played with toys, books, games or stuffed animals
- Private collections of toys, books, games, stuffed animals or dolls that have never been played with, but have been stored away
- Latex toys, games and balloons
- Used medical equipment
- Crocheted/knit blankets and quilted blankets larger than lap size
- Cards for patients
- Homemade treats (cookies, cupcakes, bars, etc.)
- Beanie Babies
- Large stuffed animals of any kind
- Dollar store toys
- Large blankets/quilts/afghans
- Pillows (handmade)
- Pillow cases
- VCR tapes
- Books/comic books
- Sports collector/trading cards of any type
- Collectible postage stamps
- Greeting cards (new or used)
- Campbell’s soup labels
- Large ride-on items
- Holiday items after holiday has passed
- School notebooks, paper, scissors, erasers
- Used medical equipment
- Clothing (new or used)

My kids have outgrown their toys. Can I donate them to you?

We are unable to accept toys that have been previously played with, or private collections that have been stored away, for concerns of safety, allergy and immunity of our patients.

Can I donate stuffed animals or dolls?

Shriners Hospitals for Children – St. Louis accepts only clean, new stuffed animals that are 12” or smaller.

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