

# PAEDIATRIC / CHILD LIFE SERVICES

<b>Cash Donations</b>	Cash donations can be directed to Child Life Services for toys, games and items that assist patients in coping with their illness or hospital stay or can be directed to equipment needs such as vital signs monitors and other equipment.
<b>Gift Cards / iTunes Cards</b>	With gift cards we can go shopping for exactly what we are in need of, any time of the year. Gift cards for Walmart, Michaels, Dollartree, Amazon and Dollarama are particularly useful. iTunes cards allow us to purchase new apps for our iPads.
<b>Hygiene Items</b>	New toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, chapstick for patients who are admitted suddenly/long term/low income, etc.
<b>Puzzles</b>	Puzzles ranging from 24 up to 300 pieces of popular themes for school age & teenage kids.
<b>Child Life Supplies</b>	Coping and distraction items such as I-Spy and 'Look & find' books, small containers of bubbles. Lipsmackers chapstick are used to scent OR masks for kids prior to surgery. Please only purchase Lipsmackers Brand: Skittles Fruit variety and Pop variety. Best source to purchase these is on Amazon as they are not readily carried in stores.
<b>Treasure Box Items</b>	Paediatric patients are invited to select a prize from our treasure box following any type of procedure. (small toys from dollar store, party packagers, etc).
<b>Event Tickets</b>	Tickets for sporting events, plays, movies, etc. If there is a specific date for the event, please allow for sufficient time for us to find a recipient for these tickets.
<b>Potable DVD Players</b>	Portable DVD players are wonderful resources for patients and families to watch movies while in hospital. In particular, our children who return from day surgery enjoy watching movies while they rest. We prefer portable players with a brand name (Sony or Phillips), 9" screen and audio visual hookup so they can be plugged into a TV.
<b>Newly Released DVDs</b>	All newly released and popular movies are a great addition to our movie library. We accept movies for preschooler all the way up to teen.
<b>Video Games and Controllers</b>	Playstation 4 and Xbox360 games and controllers. Games that are non-violent, rated "E" for Everyone, sports and adventure games.
<b>iPads</b>	Child Life Specialists utilize iPads to prepare patients for procedures through the use of brochures, photos, audio and video. iPads are also a valuable resource for distracting a child during procedures using music and games. Our patients enjoy using ipads during their stay to go on WIFI, keep in touch with family and friends and play games. We also need replacement iPad wall chargers.
<b>Magazine Subscription</b>	Teen magazines, Parenting magazines, Nintendo magazine, Sports magazines, Owl, Chickadee.
<b>Preschool Toys</b>	Buttons, lights and music always entertain our youngest patients.
<b>Thomas Trains</b>	A very popular activity for kids in both our Inpatient and Outpatient department.
<b>Action Figures or Plastic Dolls</b>	Superheroes, popular character figurines such as Dora, Princesses etc. (plastic only please – no hair or clothing). Bath baby dolls that are all plastic are ideal for our playroom.
<b>Board Games</b>	Connect 4, Scrabble, Trouble, Guess Who, decks of cards, Uno, Skipbo, etc. Ideally games that are all plastic or wipeable pieces as these are the easiest to keep clean. Please do not donate board games that have a lot of paper pieces as we are unable to clean these.

## ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT

Unfortunately due to strict infection control and safety guidelines, we cannot accept:

- gently used or previously owned toys/stuffed animals
- food items (this includes candy, gingerbread houses, etc.)
- homemade crafts & cards
- used clothing
- used furniture
- VHS tapes, TVs, etc.

