

## Service Projects

Some groups like to be involved in a community service project and we appreciate your generous support. If a scout troop or grade school class wants to become involved in a service project we can suggest the following:

### Birthday Supplies

When patients celebrate their birthday in the hospital we like to provide a birthday party. We can use birthday paper plates and napkins, all occasion wrapping paper. NO CANDLES OR LATEX BALLOONS.

### Posters

Children in the intensive care unit like colorful posters to help brighten their rooms. Best sizes 16"-18" x 20"-24."

### Snacks

Evening volunteers take a "snack cart" around to every patient. The kids really enjoy pre-packaged, store bought snacks like Goldfish, Oreos, chips, pretzels, mini candy bars, etc.

### Pop Tabs

A hospital volunteer collects pop tabs (only) and takes them to a local recycling plant. The money generated from the pop tabs is used to buy such things as holiday decorations, children's clothing, DVDs, developmental toys, magazine subscriptions and bingo prizes.

### Tray Favors

Our nutrition staff likes to include tray favors for each meal. Simple craft projects or mini baggies with several pieces of individually wrapped candy are always fun for the kids. We ask that you do not include button eyes, pieces of felt a child could chew on, pipe cleaners, or glitter. Children can not have any candies with nuts. We only use safety suckers (those with the rope loop) and no bubble gum products are permitted.



### About Shriners Hospitals for Children

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## Patient Gift Guide





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We realize that it's important to incorporate playtime for children in the hospital. Providing a safe, non-threatening environment offers children a place they can do what they do best, play. Every child admitted to our hospital receives a toy bag with age appropriate items. The child life specialists carefully select toys and games best suited for each child.

For the safety of all our patients, strict infection control policies are followed. We only accept **new** toys, games and stuffed animals. Gently used books and toys pose the risk of bacteria that could cause infections. For this reason used toys and books cannot be accepted.

We suggest donating your used items to your local Goodwill or Salvation Army or other charitable organizations.

We have listed suggestions for toys and games we can use with patients of various ages. If you have any questions about donations, please call (513) 872-6059 or e-mail Louise at lhoelker@shrinenet.org.

## Acceptable Gifts

### Infants (Birth to 1 year)

- Activity centers
- Infant mirrors, Musical toys
- Rattles and squeeze toys
- Nesting and stacking toys
- Please no water filled toys

### Toddlers (1 year to 3 years)

- Blocks, Toy telephones, Stacking rings
- Jack-in-the-box toys
- Push & pull toys
- Shape-sorting boxes
- Sorting & grouping toys

### Preschool (3 years to 5 years)

- DUPLO blocks
- Musical toys
- Board games: Memory, Picture Lotto, Chutes & Ladders
- Popular TV character toys: Clifford, Sesame Street, Blues Clues, Disney

### School Age (6 years to 10 years)

- Board games: Outburst, Jr. Pictionary
- Art/activity kits
- 30–100 piece puzzles
- Fashion and career dolls (all races)

### Teenage (11 years to 18 years)

- Board Games: Sorry, Trouble, Monopoly
- Remote Control Cars
- Model/craft/science kits
- Diaries, Stationary
- Teen, Word Search and Sports Books
- Teen Movies, Music and Magazines
- Hand-held electronic games
- Nerf Balls
- Personal CD Players with Headphones
- Caps & T-shirts with professional/college logos (adult size L, XL, XXL)
- Wristwatches

### All Ages

- Game Boy Advance & games
- Paint by number sets
- Disposable cameras
- Scrapbooking material
- Mini bottles of bubbles
- Polaroid 600 film
- Books or CD's in Spanish
- CD players and CDs
- Stickers
- Blank journals
- "I Spy" books
- School supplies
- DVDs (G or PG rated)
- Batteries (AA and AAA)

### Unsuitable Gifts

Over the years we have been very fortunate to have the generous support of Shrine Centers, their clubs and units. Subsequently we do not need the items listed below:

- Hospital gowns/dresses
- Knitted slippers/bed socks
- Infant bibs
- Pre-op dolls
- Large afghans
- Barbie dolls
- Coloring books
- Match box cars
- Wagons
- Used toys or stuffed animals

We only accept **new** toys, games, books and stuffed animals. | [Small to medium size toys and games that can be used in a wheelchair or bed are preferred for our patients who have limited physical mobility.](#) | Due to airline luggage restrictions, avoid large items; dollhouses, keyboards, race track toys. | [Games and books that depict violence and toy weapons are not accepted.](#) | Sharp, glass or breakable items are not accepted. | [Gift bags are helpful but you do not need to wrap toys.](#) | Patient privacy regulations (HIPAA) prevent us from allowing donors to personally distribute toys to the children.