



CHILD LIFE CARE PACK DONATION SUGGESTIONS

Assembly Guidelines:

- Care pack items should be contained in [plastic containers](#) or [paper](#) / [reusable fabric bags](#). Plastic bags are prohibited as they present a choking hazard. Click on links above for sample containers/bags.
- Items must be brand new.
- Assembly must happen in a clean work environment free from smoke and pet dander.
- All participants must wash hands with soap and water prior to assembly.
- Please refrain from eating during assembly.

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| NICU & Family Birth Center (Maximum Quantity: 90, Gender Neutral) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board books• Rattles (Ages 0+)• Burp cloths• Receiving blankets (store bought) |
| Infant (Birth – 12 Months) (Maximum Quantity: 30, Gender Neutral) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board books• Rattles• Teethers• Small toys labeled for ages between birth to 12mo |
| Toddler (13 – 36 Months) (Maximum Quantity: 20, 10 Boy, 10 Girl) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small toys labeled for “under 36mo old” (i.e. Little People, Cars, handheld one piece musical toys)• Board books• If plush items, they must be labeled appropriately for this age (i.e. 0+ or 12mo+) |
| Preschool/School-age (3 – 10 Years) (Maximum Quantity: 36, 18 Boy, 18 Girl) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Playdoh• Puzzles (24-48 piece) – to fit on bedside tray• Small Lego kits• Coloring books and crayons• Plush animals (new with tags still on)• Bubbles• Small toys or fidget/sensory toys (pop-its, squishes)• Card games (Go Fish, UNO)• Craft kits• Non-violent action figures• Hot wheels/Matchbox Cars• Barbie |
| Teen (Ages 11+) (Maximum Quantity: 40, 20 Boy, 20 Girl) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult coloring books• Word searches• Colored pencils/pens• Small Lego sets• Plush animal (new with tags still on)• Lip balms• Puzzles• Playing cards (UNO and regular)• Socks with grippers• Earbuds• Electronic handheld games• Travel size games• Stress balls• Nail polish |

CHILD LIFE DONATION GUIDELINES

The Child Life Program at Comer Children's is an essential component to helping patients and their families cope with a hospital stay. Our specialists know children with any medical condition are in need of more than just medical care to heal and recover—they need development-focused support, interaction with their peers, and time to play. These critical programmatic elements are made possible because of the generous contributions and gifts from individuals, foundations, and groups. In-kind donations enable our team to carry out their important work. We are deeply grateful for your support!

GENERAL TOY DONATION GUIDELINES

In order to adhere to Hospital Policy and Best Practice, all toy donations must follow these strict guidelines:

- Brand new, with original tags and packaging on all items;
- Non-violent, no weapons including Nerf items, guns & knives;
- Durable, non-toxic, and plastic;
- Non-denominational;
- **Not** gift-wrapped.

Due to safety & infection control guidelines, we are UNABLE to accept:

- Handmade items
- Foam toys or puzzles
- Candles
- Food
- Breakable Items
- Sharp Items (nail clippers, metal nail files)
- Anything with Latex
- Glitter or Sand Art activities
- Small Rubber Balls
- Magnetic Toys
- Plastic gift bags (paper bags are safest)

SHIPPING

Online purchases are encouraged and may be shipped directly to our team at:
Comer Children's Hospital
Amy Carter – Child Life K135
5835 S. Cottage Grove Ave, MC8008
Chicago, IL 60637



CURBSIDE DROP-OFF

When shipping is not possible, please contact our donation coordinator at amy.carter@uchicagomedicine.org or via phone at 773-702-0407 to review guidelines and arrange a date and time if a curbside drop off is determined feasible.

Due to infection control & confidentiality guidelines, the following must be adhered to:

- Donors must remain outside the building for drop off. The child life team will make certain that all items are utilized appropriately with our children and families.
- All donors must monitor for illness and may not come to campus if you have any symptoms or have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days or flu in the past 7 days.
- Drop offs must be coordinated in advance. Donors will be given a designated area to park and a phone number to call upon arrival.

MONETARY DONATIONS

Generous gifts of cash are an incredible way to make an impact on the needs of the Child Life and Family Education Program at Comer Children's. Checks can be made out to Comer Children's Hospital Child Life and mailed to:

Comer Children's Hospital
Attn: Amy Carter – Child Life, K-135,
5721 S. Maryland Avenue, MC 8008
Chicago, IL 60637

Or, please visit our website: give.uchicago.edu/child-life