



Stony Brook Children's

# Our Wish List

Thank you for considering a donation of new toys, games and crafts for the children at Stony Brook Children's Hospital. Your gift will go a long way to brighten the hospital stay for our children and their families. Please use the pictures as a guide when you plan your donation. Commonly asked questions with answers are on the page that follows. Thanks so much for helping hospitalized children!

- Here are some examples of the toys that we need the most and that work best on a hospital unit.
- Please use the information as a guide when planning your donation. Thanks again for your generosity.



### ART SUPPLIES:

- Crayons 8, 16 and 24 packs
- Crayola® art kits



### BOYS: 5-10 years

- Lego® building sets
- Action figures
- Action play sets



### GIRLS: 5-10 years

- Lego® Friends
- Doc McStuffins
- Monster High
- Frozen



### INFANTS:

- VTech®, Baby Einstein®, light-up toys
- Hand-held toys
- Basic pop-up toys
- VTech®, activity cubes/balls (all in one – no loose parts, etc.)



### BOYS: 10-12 years

- Complex Lego® building sets
- iTunes gift cards \$5-10
- Xbox games (rated E)



### GIRLS: 10-12 years

- Craft kits
- Diaries/notebooks
- iTunes gift cards \$5-10



### TODDLERS AND PRE SCHOOLERS:

- Fisher-Price® Little People® toys
- Plastic early building toys
- Mr. Potato Head toys
- Electronic learning toys



### BOYS: Teens

- Complex Lego® building sets
- iTunes gift cards \$5-10
- Xbox games (rated E or T)
- Teen films (rated PG-13)



### GIRLS: Teens

- iTunes gift cards \$5-10
- Latch hook kits
- Paint by number kits (acrylic paint only)
- Teen films (rated PG-13)



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why do children need toys in the hospital?**

Hospitalization can be very stressful on children and their parents. Familiar toys and projects help comfort children by providing joy and distraction. Toys that reduce stress and engage attention in colorful, musical and soothing ways help children feel better and heal faster.

### **Can I bring my gently used toys?**

Because some hospitalized children may have allergies or other sensitivities to toys that have already been played with, we cannot accept gently used toys. New toys (that will be unwrapped for the first time in the hospital playroom or at a child's bedside) ensure that all children will be safe and comforted.

### **Are there any other guidelines I should follow?**

Toys made of strong, safe plastic are the safest and easiest to keep clean. Children who are stressed greatly benefit from calming and soothing toys. Please do not bring toys with violent themes or that shoot or launch missiles. Please avoid plush toys (stuffed animals, etc.) because it is hard to make sure they remain clean.

### **What about books?**

Children love books and so do we. We suggest books with short stories, especially picture books. Just like toys, all books must be brand new. For infants and toddlers, board books (books with cardboard covers and pages) are always appreciated.

### **Should I wrap my gifts?**

We prefer that you do not wrap gifts. That way we can see gifts and match the best gift to each child. If you wish, you can include gift bags in your donation. If you feel you must wrap your gifts, please use clear cellophane (like you see in gift baskets).

### **Where, how and when do I deliver my donation?**

All donations must be scheduled with the Child Life staff in advance. To make an appointment call (631) 444-3840. Whenever possible, a Stony Brook Child Life Specialist or Volunteer will greet you in the main lobby of Stony Brook University Hospital, near the Information Desk. At other times, staff members at the Information Desk will accept your donation. You will be asked to complete the Donor Log Form before accepting your donation.

### **May I hand my donation directly to the patients?**

To preserve patient confidentiality and reduce the potential for infection exposure, donors are not allowed to visit pediatric units to deliver gifts directly to patients.

### **Can I make a monetary donation to the hospital?**

Absolutely. If you would like to donate money, please contact University Advancement at (631) 444-2899 for information on how and where to send your donation.

### **What toys do you need most?**

Page one of this document shows examples of the toys that work best on a hospital unit. Please use this list as a guide when you plan your donation. Thank you so much for helping hospitalized children!

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