Ways to support patients and families at Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH)

- Purchase items from the wish list- an up to date list of toys, games, and technology items can be found at http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/wishlist We are particularly in need for items for babies 2 years and younger and teens 13 and older. *Due to infection control we are unable to accept any used toys.*
- Activity bags- Create activity kits for school aged children by assembling the directions and supplies to complete a craft. Or make kits of basic supplies that can be used in many ways. Zip top bags work well to contain items like crayons, stickers, paper, colorful paper or foam shapes, pipe cleaners, etc. Can be age specific with more advanced supplies for teenagers or can be more basic for younger children. We especially need items for boys and girls ages 10 and older.
- Coloring book and crayon drive- coloring and drawing can help many children and families cope with healthcare experiences and ease stress when waiting in clinics, or the emergency department.
- Make blankets- receiving something that is handmade is a great way to know that someone cares. Blankets should be made out of cozy, washable fleece, fabric, or yarn. Can be knit, crocheted, or a simple rectangle of fleece fabric that is cut into fringes or left plain. It is easiest to use those that are no smaller than 32"x45".
- Make a decorate your door kit- help patients to personalize their door or patient room by providing supplies to decorate their room. Kit supplies together in themes such as- tropical, gone fishing, princess, dogs, cats, flowers, hearts, trains, airplanes, or popular themes such as-Sponge Bob, superheroes, Dora, etc.
- Create an activity book- Assemble a collection of games (word search, crossword puzzles, blank tic-tac-toe, dot to dot pictures, Mad Libs type word games and other games that can be done with paper and pencil etc. and put into book form (staple or bind pages together).
- Create a trivia book- Assemble trivia, jokes and fun facts for kids and parents to enjoy put into book form.
- Make pillows- patients often miss the comforts of home create colorful pillows by sewing a rectangle of fabric together and stuffing. A finished size of no less than 16"x16" is preferred.
- Book drive- collect new and gently used books for use by patients and families in playrooms, patient rooms, clinic lobby areas, and patient exam rooms. We especially need books for toddlers, preschooler, and young readers. We cannot use reference books, text books, encyclopedia, dictionaries, or outdated books.

If you have questions please call Family and Volunteer Services at 722-3635.