

Service Projects | Gifts to Make

- Purchase items from the wish list. An up-todate list of toys, games and technology items can be found at NationwideChildrens.org/ Wishlist. We are particularly in need of items for babies 2 years and younger and teens 13 and older. Due to infection control, we are unable to accept any used toys or supplies.
- **Coloring book and crayon drive.** Coloring and drawing can help many children and families cope with health care experiences and ease stress when waiting in clinics or the Emergency Department.
- **Package sets of crayons.** Use small zip top bags to make sets of crayons with less than 10 crayons per pack. These are given away throughout the hospital and ER.
- Make blankets. Receiving something that is handmade is a great way to know 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 35"x45".

- 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.
- Make a support person care kit. Assemble a bag of items supportive to adult family members such as a small notepad, pen, hand sanitizer, lip balm, pack of tissues, deck of playing cards, bottle of water, granola bar, etc.
- **Create mini "coping kits."** Assemble a zip top bag with items that promote coping bubbles and pinwheels for breathing; squishy balls and Play-Doh for squeezing; stickers, light-up toys and picture books for visual distraction.
- Infant/toddler development kits. Each year, thousands of babies under the age of 2 are hospitalized. They benefit from toys that promote their development. Rattles, teethers, board books, toy linking chains and crib mirrors are welcomed by parents of our youngest patients.

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If you have questions, please visitNationwideChildrens.org/Giving/Ways-to-Give or call Family and Volunteer Services at (614) 722-3635.

