

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



- **Purchase items from the wish list:** an up to date list of toys, games, and technology items can be found at 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 or supplies.*
- **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, 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.
- **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 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 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 small note pad, pen, hand sanitizer, lip balm, pack of tissues, deck of playing cards, bottle of water, granola bar, etc.
- **Create mini "coping kits":** Assemble zip top bag with items that promote coping- bubbles and pinwheels for breathing; squishy balls, and Play-Doh for squeezing; stickers, light up toys, picture books for visual distraction.
- **Book drive:** collect new 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.*

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If you have questions please call Family and Volunteer Services at (614) 722-3635.



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