

# Child Life Services

## GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTABLE TOY DONATIONS

**Infants** Plastic mobiles and cradle gyms, non-cloth rattles, vibrating crib soothers, crib aquariums, crib mirrors and sound machines.

**Toddlers** No-spill bubbles, sight and sound books, board books, plastic blocks, stacking rings, shape sorters, pop-up toys, musical and light-up toys, Fisher Price toys, sippy cups, teethers.

**Preschoolers** No-spill bubbles, cars, matchbox cars, trucks, trains, dolls, play doctor kits, pretend play sets (including toy food and kitchen items), Fisher Price Little People, animal toys, Play-Doh, I SPY books, picture books, magnatiles and Grab & Go Play Packs, prize bin items-Disney, Marvel, My Little Pony, Hatchimals.

**School Age** Crayons, markers, colored pencils, other art supplies and craft kits, Legos, Lego kits, dolls, non-violent action figures, superheroes, playing cards, board games (Uno, Monopoly Deal, Monopoly, the Game of Life, Headbanz & Operation).

**Unacceptable Items:** No used toys, baby equipment, or cloth items of any kind are accepted due to infection control guidelines, as they could be harmful to children. Other unacceptable items include: hand written personal cards, small toys that can be choking hazards, homemade cloth toys, used computers, and/or food items. Please do not wrap donations as items must be checked before being given to a child. Please use clear garbage bags or boxes.

**Delivery:** Donations can be dropped off at the reception desk in the main lobby at 300 Longwood Avenue, Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm. For larger donations, contact Child Life Services at [child.life@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:child.life@childrens.harvard.edu) to schedule a drop-off time. Please complete our donation receipt available at the front desk so we can acknowledge your donation.

- Martha Eliot Health Center, Waltham, and Peabody also accept donations. Please refer to Patient Resources/Getting Here for contact information..
- Items can also be mailed to: Boston Children's Hospital Attn: Child Life Services, 300 Longwood Ave Boston, MA 02115

**Due to infection control, safety, and the privacy of our patients and families, donors are not allowed to personally distribute gifts directly to patients.**

Gifts to Boston Children's Hospital are deeply appreciated. However, many gifts are received at the holiday season. Your gifts of toys at other times of the year will help children year round and not overload them at the holidays. Thank you!