



Child Life

Donation Guidelines

Thank you so much for your interest in supporting the children and families at Children's Hospital of Greenville Health System (GHS)! Our children and families always are so appreciative to know the community cares.

Play is a key component of a child's hospital stay. Research shows that children who have the opportunity to play often go home from the hospital more quickly. We have three playrooms in different areas of GHS Children's Hospital, ensuring that children and families have access to play 24 hours a day, or as their emotional needs and medical condition allow.

Below are some ideas of service project opportunities to help facilitate play and activity as well as the guidelines for items that can be donated.

Service Project Ideas

- Assembling bead kits for bracelets or key chains
- Making ceramics for children to paint
- Making birdhouse kits for older children to assemble and paint
- Cutting out wooden shapes for children to paint
- Assembling individually packaged foam craft kits for children to do at bedside
- Assembling medical play kits (with advance time, we would provide the supplies)
- Decorating small bottles of bubbles with stickers (to be used to help children relax during procedures or help them with breathing exercises)

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- Toys should be able to be fully disinfected and should not include any cloth or fabric parts
- Gently used toys are acceptable as long as they can be disinfected
- Stuffed animals should be new

If you are interested in doing a service project or making a donation, call Child Life Services at (864) 455-7846 to schedule a drop-off appointment or e-mail us at childlifeprogram@ghs.org to receive our donation wish list.

You also may visit VirtualToyDrive.org to donate online!

How *VirtualToyDrive.org* Works

Purchasing an item for Children's Hospital through Virtual Toy Drive is like shopping online. It's fast, convenient and will match what the donor wishes to give with a current need in Children's Hospital. Items start at \$2, so anyone can make a difference!

You can make a gift in three easy steps:

1. Visit the website: VirtualToyDrive.org.
2. Browse items by donation amount, patient age, item type or Children's Hospital department.
3. Select the item and check out!

And you can help make a difference in young patients' lives by starting your own Virtual Toy Drive. To get started, visit VirtualToyDrive.org, click "Start a Toy Drive" on the navigation bar, and fill in the required information.