

## Dr. Bear's Closet Wish List and Guidelines

**Thank you in advance for your generosity! We are currently able to accept donations via our Online Wish List or via mail only. Please review this helpful information and do not hesitate to contact the Volunteer Services department with any questions.**

### Wish List

All items must be brand new – please do not gift wrap!

**Infant** (Popular brands: Fisher Price, VTech, Baby Einstein, Sassy, OBall, Leapfrog, Infantino, Nurture Smart)

- Wubbanubs (pacifiers)
- Teething rings/toys
- Activity centers/gyms
- Playmats
- Plastic crib mobiles/soothers/musical centers
- Rattles
- Shape sorter and stacking toys
- Sound machines
- Swaddles/muslin blankets
- Musical/light up toys
- Board Books

**Toddler** (Popular brands: Fisher Price, VTech, Leapfrog, Little Tikes, MEGA Bloks, DUPLO)

- Little People figures and playsets
- Building blocks (MEGA, DUPLO, wooden)
- Shape sorter and stacking toys
- Walker/Ride on toys
- Musical/light up toys
- Interactive Books (Touch & Feel, Pop-Up, Musical)

**Preschool Age** (Popular brands: Melissa and Doug, Disney, Little Tikes, Leapfrog, HotWheels, Tonka)

- Baby dolls/Barbies (of all skin tones) and accessories
- Action figures
- Building blocks (DUPLO, magnetic)
- Dress up/pretend play sets
- Animal/dinosaur figurines
- Playdoh and tools
- Plastic cars/trucks/trains
- HotWheels /Matchbox cars and tracks
- Doc McStuffins, Paw Patrol, and other current popular TV show toys
- Interactive books

**School Age** (Popular brands: Lego, Hatchimals, Minecraft, American Girl, Marvel, HotWheels, Star Wars)

- Action figures
- Art/craft kits
- Barbies (of all skin tones) and accessories
- Large Dolls (American Girl style)
- LOL Dolls
- Building blocks (Lego sets, Kinect)

- Remote control cars
- Hair/nail accessories
- Science/slime kits
- Playdoh/Model Magic
- HotWheels /Matchbox cars and tracks
- Books

### **Adolescent/Teen** (Popular brands: Apple, Xbox, Beats)

- Headphones/AirPods
- Bluetooth speakers
- Athletic equipment
- Intricate art kits and sketchbooks
- Remote control cars
- Hair/Makeup/Nail accessories
- Gift cards (Target/Amazon/iTunes/Visa/Mastercard)
- Portable DVD players
- Ipads/Tablets
- Game systems and games (Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo Switch)

### **General Items for All Ages**

- Coloring books and art/craft kits
- Coloring utensils (crayons, markers, colored pencils, paint)
- UNO cards and playing cards
- Board games (Connect 4, Monopoly, Sorry, Trouble, Chutes and Ladders, Life, Jenga, Guess Who)
- Puzzles
- Stuffed animals and Pillow Pals (in packaging is preferred)
- Stress Balls
- Books
- Stickers

### **Online Wish List**

- Order toys and games online and have them shipped directly to us via our special [Online Wish List!](#)

### **Items that we cannot currently accept**

- Any used or opened items
- Items that have been in storage (donated items must have been purchased within last 3-6 months)
- Handmade knit, fleece or crocheted blankets or clothing (ie. hats)
- Items that contain latex
- Cards, notes or letters (including homemade cards)
- Items that have been exposed to smoke or other strong scents
- Food/candy/formula
- Stuffed animals without a tag
- Collectible items
- Sharp items (i.e. threading needle, pencil sharpeners)
- Breakable items (ie: porcelain, glass, handmade wooden toys)
- Stuffed animals more than 18 inches tall
- Beanie babies or other stuffed animals with small pellets
- Items that are gift-wrapped
- Items that contain any personal information
- Handmade jewelry
- Toys, books, or movies with sensitive issues (ie. violence, politics, holidays, religion, death, divorce, weapons, etc)

## **Donation Guidelines**

**We are currently able to accept donations via the Online Wish List or via mail only.**

- **Online Donations – Online Wish List**

You can also donate toys and games directly to Dr. Bear's Closet through our [Online Wish List](#). Items will be directly shipped to the Volunteer Services office and utilized for our patients throughout the year.

- **Mailing Donations**

Items purchased from our Wish List can be shipped via mail directly to the Volunteer Services office: **111 Michigan Avenue NW, Suite 1180, Washington, DC 20010.**

Please download our In-Kind Donation Form from our website and include with your donations.

- **Monetary Donations**

Making a monetary donation to Dr. Bear's Closet allows us to purchase highly requested items for our patients. **Please make checks payable to "Children's National Medical Center/Dr. Bear's Closet," or donate online at [giving.childrensnational.org/drbearscloset](http://giving.childrensnational.org/drbearscloset).**

## **Contact Information**

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