

Holiday Giving: Child Life Donations

Thank you for considering the patients and families at Nemours!
Your generous toy donations, gift cards, and cash donations help to support our patients needs all year long.

Join the holiday fun at our Holiday Joy Drive Event!
Drop off your new, unwrapped toy on Saturday, December 7th anytime from 8am to 5pm.

There are many ways you can help! Check out our Holiday Donation website here for more information: [Holiday Toy Drive 2024 - Give to Nemours \(ggiv.com\)](https://www.ggiv.com/HolidayToyDrive2024)

1. Make a Financial Contribution

Help support the purchase of toys for our patients. Your donation helps us purchase highly requested items for each child in our care. These funds also help us purchase new musical instruments for our Music Therapists, new gaming carts and provides funds for our patient programming and special events.

You can also gather your friends, colleagues or family members to form a fundraising team and raise money as a group to help our Child Life Department purchase toys for our patients. Please click below and make a donation today!

[DV 2024 Child Life Holiday Toy Drive \(ggiv.com\)](https://www.ggiv.com/DV2024ChildLifeHolidayToyDrive)

2. Amazon Wish List

Visit our Amazon Wish List and have a gift shipped directly to the Child Life team. Easily browse some of our patients' favorite toys and send cheer right to our door.

[Amazon Gift List](#)

3. Donate a New and Unwrapped Toy or Gift Card

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For those who cannot attend the Holiday Joy Drive Event, Nemours Children's will accept holiday donations between 9 a.m.- 6 p.m each day between *November 25th and December 20th*. Donations will be received at the main atrium entrance. The latest the hospital can accept holiday toy donations is noon Dec. 20.

Gifts cannot be accepted from Dec. 21-Jan. 3. Drop-offs will resume on Jan. 3 at the main hospital tower entrance. Due to patient confidentiality and infection control, any donated items will be distributed by Nemours staff only.

We cannot accept used items. Please do not donate any toy guns, food, candy, or any items that are breakable, sharp or contain latex. Please do not gift wrap toys; however, we are happy to receive donations of wrapping supplies along with the toys!

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What kinds of donations makes the largest impact?

Your financial contributions make the greatest and most immediate impact on our patients and families. From purchasing specialized adaptive toys, to celebrating milestones like graduations or birthdays, your gift helps us sustain the programs and projects that bring comfort to our patients and families each day. [DV 2024 Child Life Holiday Toy Drive \(ggiv.com\)](https://www.ggiv.com/DV2024ChildLifeHolidayToyDrive)

2. What's the most needed items right now in the hospital?

Our most needed items include:

- Infant items: rattles, teething rings, o-balls, binkies, musical & light up toys, boppy pillows, etc.
- Play-Doh (tubs, sets, & cutting tools)
- \$25 Gift Cards for Amazon, Target, Walmart, etc. (in amounts of \$25)
- Children and adult coloring books and artist sketch pads
- Crayola crayons (24 count), washable markers and colored pencils (sets of 8-24)
- Teen and tech items including Bluetooth speakers and headphones and advanced crafts
- New stuffed animals with their tags attached
- Uno, board games, teen card games and decks of playing cards
- Crafts kits for school-age children and teens: art sets, science kits, STEM building, etc.
- Sensory balls and toys, Pop its, Find It Games. Please note: All donations must be new in its original packaging, including attached tags.

3. Are there items that you cannot accept?

Out of concern for the safety, immunity and allergies of many of our patients, we are only able to accept new items with the tags still attached. We are unable to accept the following donations:

Toys

- Used/previously played with items, toys, books, games or stuffed animals
- Latex toys, games and balloons
- Collections of items, toys, books, games or stuffed animals that have never been played with but have been stored away or are vintage collectables
- Full-sized sports equipment (soccer, basketballs, nets, etc.), bikes, skateboards, scooters
- Toys that resemble weapons (swords, violent action figures, etc.)

Other Items

- Displays or art work intended for use or display in the hospital
- Handwritten cards, messages or letters for patients and families
- Handmade/sewn clothing
- Homemade food/treats (cookies, cupcakes, bars, etc.)
- Used medical equipment

4. Can I deliver my donation directly to the children?

Due to patient confidentiality and infection control, donors are not able to deliver gifts to our patients. We are also not able to provide pictures with patients in them once a donation is received.

5. I do not live in the area and would prefer to mail the gift. What is your mailing address?

Nemours Children's Hospital
ATTN: Child Life
1600 Rockland Road
Wilmington, DE 19803

6. Can we send a wrapped gift?

While we appreciate your thoughtfulness, all toys need to be unwrapped so it is easy for us to determine which child would best benefit from that gift. You are welcome to donate wrapping supplies as part of your donation.

7. I'm interested in giving a bigger value item or large financial donation.

Please contact us at childlifeprograms@nemours.org.