

Child Life and Education Donation Guidelines

Thank you for thinking of our patients and families at MetroHealth - we truly appreciate your support!

To donate through the MetroHealth Foundation, please call 216-778-5665 or visit <https://www.metrohealth.org/foundation/donate>. After selecting the amount of your donation, select Other in the Designation section and type Child Life and Education in the box that appears below.

To donate new toys, games, craft supplies, and books, used to enhance emotional safety during the hospital experiences, please review the guidelines below. If donating during the winter holiday season, please consider donating as early as November.

Please Donate:

- Items in smaller quantities, spread throughout the year due to limited storage availability.
- Items that are new. Items should be in original packaging or with tags attached.
- Toys that are plastic or have a washable surface
- Arts and crafts materials that are labeled non-toxic.
- Items in large trash bags for easiest transport.
- Items that are appropriate and safe for children birth through 18 years old.

Please Do Not Donate Items That Are:

- Stored for an extended period or have a strong odor.
- Wrapped, but feel free to include gift wrap for wrapping later.
- Violent, such as games, books, toy guns, or projectile toys. They will not be accepted.
- Cloth, wood, food, such as candy or religious material.
- Toys with detachable parts which can be removed and swallowed (for children under 3 years old).
- Latex items due to some children's sensitivity to natural rubber latex.

Please contact Child Life at 216-778-1213 or childlife@metrohealth.org to set up a donation time and location.

Please include your name, contact information and what the donation is. Drop off locations have changed. We will contact you with a confirmation of the date, time and location of drop off. The Child Life and Education team will distribute gifts directly to our patients.

Thank you!