

Dear Notre Dame Families:

Our Youth Ambassadors for Christ (YAC) Committee have been social justice leaders in our school for the past 12 years. We have helped local and global charities including Haiti in My Heart, the Caledonia and District Food Bank and the Brant County SPCA. This year, we are not able to meet but the spirit of the YAC Committee lives on, especially as we approach Christmas and the Season of Giving. We have recently donated to the Caledonia and District Food Bank so for Christmas, we are looking to support children receiving treatments or staying at McMaster Children's Hospital for the holiday season.

McMaster Children's Hospital Child Life Department has provided us with a wish list but as a result of Covid-19, they have very specific protocols in place to keep their patients safe. They are unable to accept any stuffed animals or used items. All items must be brand new, in their original packaging and purchased within the last 2 months. They are most in need of pajamas (sizes 2T to adult XXL— especially those that would fit teens), small acrylic paint sets (8-10 tubes), water colour brushes and adult colouring books. They have also suggested Gift Cards to such places as Walmart, Amazon, Best Buy, Dollarama, Indigo/Chapters, Prepaid Mastercard or Visa and Shoppers Drug Mart. Please read the additional lists provided by the Child Life Department at the Hospital (attached).

If you wish to donate any items from the list, please send them to the school by Friday December 4th so that our staff can deliver them to the Hospital drop off by the 15th. If donating gift cards, please have your child take them to the office for safe keeping. For those people who wish to donate without shopping, we have made donation amounts available on School Cash Online. We will take your donations and deliver them to Children's Hospital for them to distribute. In addition, you may donate directly to McMaster Children's Hospital via [www.mackids.ca/toys](http://www.mackids.ca/toys) and they will take the time to purchase items for the children in the hospital.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

YAC Committee, Mrs. Consoli and Mrs. Porco

*"Love each other as I have loved you."  
John 15:12*





# Patient WISH LIST

On behalf of McMaster Children's Hospital, we thank you for thinking of us and supporting the programming offered to our patients. Our first priority is patient safety and for that reason we need to be very specific about some items. Below is a list highlighting a variety of items that we are able to accept, in whatever volume you choose. Donations make such a difference, thank you!

## Helpful gifts:

### UNDER \$10

- Play Doh
- Single Hot Wheels cars
- Non-toxic washable markers in packs of 10 or less
- Regular and jumbo crayons in packs of 24 or less
- Pencil crayons in packs of 24 or less
- Watercolour and acrylic paint in sets of 12 or less
- Watercolour/fine tip paint brushes
- Canvases of various sizes up to 11x14 inches
- Decks of cards
- Card games
- Colouring books (all ages, including teens)
- Sketchbooks
- Teen activity books (Sudoku, Crosswords)
- Puzzles (all ages; up to 500 pieces; popular or generic themes)
- Sticker books
- Mini Lego and Playmobil sets
- Small notebooks

### UNDER \$20

- Small Lego sets
- Infant rattles (must be brand names Fisher-Price, Little Tikes, Bright Starts, Oball, Vtech, Melissa and Doug, Baby Einstein, Leap Frog, Hape, Skip Hop, Imaginarium)
- Shape sorters
- Board books
- Mandala/adult colouring books
- Children's picture books
- Teen chapter books (new releases/best sellers)
- Nail polish sets
- New release DVDs and complete TV series (ratings **not** to include "R" or "18A")
- Small bracelet making kits

### UNDER \$50

- Medium Lego sets
- Board games (brand names preferred)
- Musical and light up toys (must be brand names Fisher-Price, Little Tikes, Bright Starts, Oball, VTech, Melissa and Doug, Baby Einstein, Leap Frog, Hape, Skip Hop, Imaginarium)
- Toiletry/bath/makeup gift sets
- Craft kits (jewelry making, knitting, ceramics, room decorations, mosaics, painting, PlushCraft, Klutz, Crayola)
- Play Doh sets (kitchen, builder etc.)
- Little People toys and sets
- Pajama sets (sizes 2T to adult XXL)

### UNDER \$100

- Hot Wheels tracks and sets

### GIFT CARDS

- Denominations of \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25
- Suggested companies: Amazon, Best Buy, Chapters/Indigo, Dollarama, Hamilton Health Sciences cafeteria/gift shops, Prepaid Visa/MasterCard, Shopper's Drug Mart, Walmart

**Our needs are always changing.  
Before donating these items, please  
ask about our current needs:**

- Dolls
- Barbies
- Train sets
- Duplo
- Wooden puzzles
- Imagination/dramatic play toys (ie. play food, house and people sets, animals, dinosaurs, cars and trucks, superheroes, princesses, Mr. Potato Head products)
- Non-toxic slime kits
- Remote control cars
- Action figures
- Art kits
- Small Kinetic sand

**For storage reasons, we ask that  
donated items are no larger than the  
size of a standard pillow case.**

**For infection control reasons, we are  
unable to accept any fabric items such as  
stuffed animals, throw blankets, and pillows.**

**NEW  
ITEMS  
ONLY!**

**Must be  
non-toxic.**



We realize that not everyone is comfortable shopping right now. If you would prefer, you can make a monetary donation and we will purchase items we need. Please visit [www.mackids.ca/toys](http://www.mackids.ca/toys) for details.

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Our first priority is patient safety and for that reason we are very specific about what we can and cannot accept. With that said, we can only accept items from the “yes” list below.

**YES**

## **ACCEPTABLE DONATIONS ARE:**

- Any items from our wish list that are brand new, unopened, still have the tag, and come from a smoke free home
- New pajamas
- New or used Xbox 360 games. Ratings not to include “M” for Mature and “A” for adult, as well as games involving guns or war, or later than the 2012 version

**NO**

## **ITEMS WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT:**

- Fabric items such as stuffed animals, blankets, pillows (except for new pajamas)
- Used toys
- Used clothing
- Used magazines or books
- Furniture
- Glass items
- Wagons and tricycles
- Artwork
- TVs, computers, VHS or DVD players, video game systems
- Video games (except for Xbox 360)
- School supplies ie. binders, lined paper
- VHS movies
- Large baby items ie. swings, bouncy chairs, strollers and high chairs
- Toys that project pieces ie. imitation weapons, Nerf items, drones
- Personal notes or cards for patients

**While we appreciate  
your generosity,  
to protect the privacy  
of our patients, you are  
unable to hand out your  
gifts to patients.**

**Thank you!**