



## **Toy and gift donation policy**

The Child Life Department helps children, youth and their families cope with the healthcare experience by offering opportunities for play, developmentally appropriate activities, education, preparation for medical procedures and emotional support.

Hospitalized children and adolescents need play materials and diversional activities year round. Toys and other items donated by the community help us keep playrooms supplied, provide recreational activities and allow us to celebrate special events.

Our wish list provides suggestions for items that you or your organization can give to the Montreal Children's Hospital.

### **In order to ensure patient safety, we kindly ask you to respect the following criteria:**

- Due to infection control measures, **ONLY NEW ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED.**
- All toys must be **SAFE**. Toys should be sturdy and free of any parts which may pinch. Please avoid toys that can break easily or leave sharp edges. (i.e. made of glass or brittle plastic)
- We do **NOT** accept toys that promote aggression: i.e. toy weapons of any kind nor violent video games or movies.
- All craft materials must be non-toxic (ex. Markers, glue, paint)

### **Gift Cards**

If you are generously donating gift cards, please ensure that they are dropped off at the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation or the security desk. Please put it in an envelope and address it to Child Life Services.

### **Gift wrapping**

We ask that you do not wrap the items you donate. Unwrapped items ensure that our patients receive appropriate and personalized gifts. We encourage you to enclose gift bags, tissue paper and wrapping materials for our staff to use in presenting the gifts.



### **Edible Gifts and Holiday Treats**

Due to the increasing prevalence of food allergies, all edible treats must be tree nut and peanut free. No homemade baked goods will be accepted. Please ensure that all edible gifts be individually wrapped by the manufacturer (preferable with the product ingredient list visible on packaging). In addition, all edible donations must be pre-approved by Infection Control and Child Life Services.

### **In person gift giving**

Due to patient safety, privacy, and infection control policies, donors cannot give the items directly to the patients.

### **Donation Process:**

All donations that meet the above criteria may be directed to:

**Montreal Children's Hospital**  
**C/O Child Life Services and Volunteer Services**  
*1001 Décarie Blvd West,*  
*Montreal, Qc*  
*H4A 3J1*

**Monday to Friday:**  
**9:00 am until 4:30 pm**  
**By appointment only**

*Thank you in advance for thinking of the children!*  
*Your donations can go a long way towards brightening a hospital stay.*