



Snowpile 2023

Thank you for your interest in donating to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation in support of the Snowpile program at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Snowpile offers families admitted on the date of the event the opportunity to choose gifts for all the children in their family. This amazing event is the highlight of our holiday season and impacts many, many patients and families, helping to create special memories during a special time of year.

Individuals or groups can help by following the below rules/regulations when donating gifts.

Please keep in mind:

- **SAFETY is the most important consideration when selecting items**
- **NO USED ITEMS PLEASE.** We only accept newly purchase and unused toys, games, books, and stuffed animals
- Violent games and books, toy guns, swords and projectile toys are not accepted
- Please do not donate drones, slime kits/items, candy, food, glow items or chalk of any kind
- Please refrain from donating items which contain specific religious or political themes
- Due to safety recalls, please do not include dollar store items
- Arts & craft materials must have the non-toxic seal (AP, CP, health label Non-Toxic)
- Crayons (including those in art kits) must be Crayola or Rose Art brands
- Some children are sensitive to natural rubber latex, please:
 - Buy only specific name brands whenever possible
 - Do not donate items known to contain natural rubber latex including, but not limited to, rubber balloons, Koosh balls, rubber stamps, rubber balls, rubber erasers, paddles with rubber balls attached, etc.
- Leave gifts unwrapped as it will allow caregivers to see what their gifts options are when choosing items for their child
- Grouping like items together in your donation at drop off is very helpful! For example, all Lego sets together, all infant toys together, etc.
- Please note that secondary to a variety of hospital policies, donors are not able to directly hand out or provide donations to patients and families. Rather, our staff will ensure the items are utilized for the benefit of patients and families during the Snowpile event and beyond.

See the following pages to learn what to donate and the needed items this year!



The following items are most helpful to our patients and families, and most needed for 2023!

INFANT-TODDLER (newborn to 2 years)

Bouncer seats
Crib gyms
Fisher Price crib attachments and mobiles
Infant sound machines
Infant mirrors (no glass, must be shatterproof)
Oball/Sassy rattles and balls
Teething toys and straw/sippy cups
Bathtub toys
Mr./Mrs. Potato Head
Interactive light/sound/push button toys

Fisher Price ring stack toy
Fisher Price shape sorters
Push and pull toys
Fisher Price xylophone and other play instruments
Play telephones
Tonka/Little Tykes first trucks & cars
LEGO Duplo My First Bricks sets
My First Crayola art sets
Simple wooden puzzles

PRESCHOOL (3 to 5 years)

LEGO Duplo blocks
Fisher Price doctor play kits
Fisher Price Little People & play sets
Beginner board games: Memory, UNO Moo, Chutes and Ladders, CandyLand, and Zingo
Beginner puzzles (12-48 pcs)
Hot Wheels/Matchbox cars & play sets
Play-Doh brand modeling clay & accessories

Play food sets
Baby Alive dolls
My First Crayola art sets
Crayola Color Wonder art sets
Wikki Sticks art sets
Squigz toys
Mega Blocks sets

SCHOOL – AGE (6 to 10 years)

Superhero action figures
Barbies
Craft kits
Basic science/STEM kits
Board games: Connect Four, Sorry, Guess Who, Trouble, Monopoly, Headbandz, Jenga, and Apples to Apples Jr.

Card games: Uno, Phase 10, Skip Bo, and Spot it
Puzzles (48 pcs +)
Video games: rated E for PlayStation 4/5, Xbox One/ Series X, and Nintendo Switch
Hot Wheels/Matchbox cars & play sets
LEGO sets

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PRE-TEEN AND TEEN (11 years and up)

- Bead/jewelry kits
- Craft kits
- Sketch pads & art supplies
- Adult coloring books and colored pencils
- Board games – Monopoly, Battleship, Blokus, Rummikub, Yahtzee, Scrabble, Apples to Apples, and Life
- Card games—Uno, Phase 10, and Skip Bo
- Videogames: rated up to E 10+ for PlayStation 4/5, Xbox One/Series X, and Nintendo Switch
- LEGO sets
- Headphones/earbuds
- Model/Science Kits
- Nail, hair, and body care sets, makeup palettes
- Fuzzy socks, PJ pants
- Travel bottles/cups/mugs (plastic and aluminum only)

ALL AGES

- “Where’s Waldo?” or “Look and Find” Books
- Books (infant through young adult)
- Crayola crayons, markers, & colored pencils
- Sound machines and white noise machines
- Journals & pens
- Nerf basketballs/footballs

GIFT CARDS

- Amazon
- Wal-Mart
- Meijer
- Michaels
- Target

All Monetary donations should be directed to the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation Child Life Toy Fund for the purchasing of toys.

How to drop off your items for donation:

Snowpile donations are made at the Detroit location by appointment.
Please contact Sinéad Nimmo, Child Life Projects Specialist to schedule your donation drop off:
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313-745-5364

The 2023 deadline for donation drop off for Snowpile is Friday, December 8th.

THANK YOU!