



DONATION GUIDELINES

Because we are a hospital, we handle donations a little differently than other nonprofit organizations. Our main focus is keeping young patients healthy and safe, so there are certain items we are unable to accept. This list can help guide you through our donation process.

Used Items

Due to a strict infection control policy, we are unable to accept donations of used items. Many patients have allergies to dust, animal hair, second-hand smoke, and pollen. All items must be newly purchased. We are unable to accept donations of collections that have been stored or displayed.

Religious Items

Our patients have many different faiths and beliefs. Our hospital's chaplains provide interfaith spiritual care, and to best help them serve our patients and families, they can accept donations of items from their wish list, which can be found [HERE](#).

Gift Wrap or Bags

Please do not apply labels, wrap, or place items in gift bags. We have to inspect every item to make sure it is safe and appropriate for patients. If possible, group similar items together.

Handmade Items

We are unable to accept handmade or crafted items unless they are machine washable. Accepted items include knitted, crocheted, or sewn items.

Blankets

Per hospital policy and our infant safe sleep guidelines, we can only accept blankets measuring 40" x 60" or larger. All blankets must be brand new or made from new materials.

Infant Items

Due to our updated infant safe sleep guidelines, we are no longer able to accept hats, headbands, blankets, etc. for infants. All such items must be toddler size or larger.

Clothing

We only accept NEW clothing, newborn up to adult sizes. Best options are unisex items that have flexible sizing, such as t-shirts, pajama pants, leggings, athletic pants/shorts. We also accept underwear of all sizes.

Weapons

No weapons of any kind (real or play) will be accepted.

Balloons

No latex balloons are allowed in the hospital.

If you have any questions about these guidelines, please contact Champ's Toy Chest:

Phone: (615) 322-2379 Email: ChampsToyChest@vumc.org

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can my group bring our donations in and distribute them to patients in the hospital?

Due to strict infection control policies, donations are processed through our Family Resource Center. Patient & Family Centered Care Staff will ensure that all donations are shared with patients in the most appropriate way.

Can we donate gently used stuffed animals?

We can not accept any used donation items, including stuffed animals for infection control reasons.

Can I bring food or baked goods to patients?

Many patients have restricted diets and food allergies, so we are unable to accept food or candy donations for patients. We can accept store-bought food for families and hospital staff. Please call (615) 322-2379 to learn about our most needed food items.

Can I dress up as a character and visit patients?

These special volunteers must pass hospital screenings, background checks, and training on how to help us with our special event needs. Please reach out to Volunteer Services to inquire.

How many gifts do I need to bring?

We accept donations of all sizes. We combine our donations so all children receive the same quantity. No donation amount is too small. , so if you have a large donation, please share that with our team when inquiring about scheduling your drop off appointment.

What if I have a large donation?

Storage can be limited, so we ask that you please contact Volunteer Services at least one week in advance to inquire about making a large donation.

Can my group make handmade cards?

Due to strict infection control policies, we are unable to accept handmade or crafted items unless they are machine washable. Accepted items include knitted, crocheted, or sewn items. We cannot accept cards, letters, or paper crafted items.

Do you accept gift cards?

We accept donations of gift cards to help families and patients while staying at the hospital. Ideal cards include gas, phone, and food (Pizza Hut, Subway, Taco Bell, Ben & Jerry's are in our food court). Store gift cards (Wal-Mart, Target, Walgreen's, CVS) and GameStop are other good ideas. We ask that the gift card increments are in the range of \$10 to \$20.

Can I order online and have it delivered to Monroe Carell?

Yes! We have wish lists on Amazon. Items ordered through these wish lists should automatically be shipped to us. You can also mail your donation to the address below. Please include your name and mailing address in the package so that we may send a thank you.

Mailing Address:

Attention: Champ's Toy Chest donations
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