

2020 HOLIDAY DONATION GUIDELINES & WISH LIST

Thank you for considering a donation to The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center! We are grateful for your donation as it supports our patients and families during the holiday season as well as year round. During December we aim to create a fun and safe holiday experience for our patients and families while they are in the hospital. In addition, we use donations to provide therapeutic activities and programming throughout the year.

**** Due to COVID-19, we are not able to have community members drop off donations at the hospital****

Donation Guidelines

- Donations must be brand new, in original packaging, and shipped directly from a store or on-line retailer or purchased from one of our local retail partners (see below)
- We are unable to accept any used or handmade items
- Due to hospital infection control and safety practices, we are **not** able to accept stuffed animals
- We are a fragrance free environment and cannot accept items with a fragrance (i.e. lotions or lip balm)
- We are not in need of crayons as we are fully stocked, thanks to the Crayon Initiative
- Please do not have your donation gift wrapped
- For the safety of our patients, if donated items do not meet our guidelines, we will redistribute them to local charities

Local Portland Shop Partners

We have partnerships with the following Portland shops. You can support local by shopping with our wish list items in mind. If you purchase a donation with one of these shops, the shop will store your donation and the BBCH team will pick them up.

- Treehouse Toys, Portland: <https://www.treehousetoys.us/>
- Diversions Puzzles & Games: <https://www.diversionsgames.com>

****Please note, these stores are not "donation drop off locations", donated items must be purchased from the store****

On-line Wish Lists

In addition to our general wish list below, check out our Amazon Wish List: [BBCH Wish List 2020](#)

Shipping Information

Due to COVID-19, DONATIONS MAY NOT BE DROPPED OFF AT THE HOSPITAL IN PERSON, NO EXCEPTIONS. All donations from a store or online marketplace can be shipped to the Child Life team at:

Child Life Department
The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital
22 Bramhall Street
BBCH Room 6052
Portland ME 04102

Donation Deadline

In order for the BBCH holiday elves to sort and wrap donations for our patients and families, we ask that donations of toys and games arrive at the hospital by **FRIDAY DECEMBER 18th**. If you choose to shop with one of our local partners (see above), our last donation pick up at these shops will be Friday December 18th.

Questions and Contact Information

For more information or questions regarding an in-kind donation receipt from BBCH, please contact the Child Life team: (207) 662-2424 / childlife@mmc.org

Arts & Crafts

Arts & craft kits
Coloring books
Markers & colored pencils
Glue & glue sticks
Glitter glue
Water color paint & brushes

Infants & Neonates

Rattles (all plastic)
Teething toys
Bibs
Muslin swaddle blankets

Toddlers & Preschoolers

Cause & effect toys (pop-up & light-up)
Shape sorters
Train toys
Baby dolls
Fisher-Price little people (individual & sets)
Puzzles

School-aged

Lego kits (sm, med & lg)
Lego Friends kits
Action Figures
Barbie dolls
Small puzzles (24 – 50 piece)
Playdoh (individual & kits)
Board games

Teenagers

Headphones
Gift cards (Amazon, Target, Bull Moose, iTunes)
Puzzles (100- 500 pieces)

Miscellaneous

Latex free kid design Band-Aids
Squeeze/stress balls
Bubbles
Decks of cards
Card games (UNO, Skip-Bo, etc.)
Gift cards (Amazon, Target, Hannaford's)

Toiletries

(Must be travel size & fragrance free)
Johnson & Johnson shampoo
Dove fragrance free shampoo & conditioner
fragrance free deodorant
Hair brushes
Wide tooth combs
Hair elastics and barrettes
Pull-ups (all sizes)
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Nail polish
Hair detangle spray
(Does not need to be travel size)

Books

Support our book giving library by donating **new** books for all ages
Board books
Picture books
Chapter books