

# Christmas Wish List

## Kidz First Play Specialist Service

Thank you for considering donating to the Play Specialist Service. We hope the following ideas, broken down by age, gives you some ideas about our most requested and used items.

In addition, we ask that you consider the following:

1. If gifts require batteries, please supply them also as many of our families can't afford to buy any if none are included.
2. We would prefer you didn't wrap the presents so we can select gifts for individual children based on their likes and needs.
3. We are unable to accept or distribute food or lollies to patients and families at Christmas.
4. We appreciate donations of bubbles but are particular about brands as some are toxic. We use the Placo brand in the hospital, which is widely available at the Warehouse, Farmers etc.
5. In addition to gifts, we desperately need \$2 type/McDonald's toys to re-stock our "Treat Boxes". These are used at the completion of often difficult tests and procedures.

### Infants

- Things to hold, reach for, shake and make noise - rattles, large rings, squeeze toys, new soft toys, textured and plain balls
- Things to listen to - soft, vinyl or board books, books with nursery rhymes and poems, and music boxes, raintrees
- Things to look at - mobiles, bright or black and white toys to hang from cots, unbreakable mirrors, light up toys
- Things to calm - baby wraps
- Things to suck on - teething rings and toys
- Sippy cups

### Toddlers

- Things to pretend with – family play toys, toy phones, dolls and doll accessories, Barbie, Frozen and Moana dolls, baby carriages and strollers, puppets, new stuffed toys, cars and trucks, play food, dress-up clothes, sand and water play toys, farm, zoo or sea animals, dinosaurs, play dough sets, doctor sets, Superhero figures like Spiderman and Batman, Farm sets, doll houses
- Things for building - blocks for building complex structures including Lego, Duplo and Mobilo blocks, transportation toys, construction sets,
- Things to create with - large and small crayons and markers, large and small paintbrushes and finger-paint, large and small paper for drawing and painting, coloured construction paper, stickers, colouring books, modelling clay and play dough, modelling tools, glue and small musical instruments
- Things to play with and read - Picture books, board games or card games, Cocomelon, Paw Patrol and My Little Pony toys,
- Things for using their large and small muscles - 60 pieces puzzles, large pegboards, toys with parts that do things (dials, switches, knobs, lids), and large and small balls

### Preschoolers

- Board games like Connect 4, Monopoly Junior, Trouble, Guess Who, Snakes and Ladders, chess,
- Card games -Uno, Phase 10
- Lego
- Fidget toys
- Arts and crafts kits - diamond art, friendship bracelets and dream catchers; simple science kits
- Toiletries and hair ties/hairbrushes/toilet bags
- Books including I Spy books/Where's Wally
- Word searches and puzzles (100 large pieces)
- Things to create with—wide non-toxic washable markers, crayons, and large paper
- Reusable drinking bottles/lunch boxes
- T-shirts and sunhats/caps
- Small vouchers (e.g., Warehouse) \$10, \$20
- Science toys
- Notebooks/diaries and pens
- Stationery/pencil cases/ stickers
- Action figures and Superhero figures (We avoid fighting/weapon type toys)

### School Age

- Things for pretending and building - wooden and soft blocks, transportation toys, construction sets, animals, play food, tea sets, dress-up clothes, dolls with accessories, sand and water play toys, posting toys
- Things to create with - large non-toxic, washable crayons and markers, large paintbrushes and finger-paint, large paper for drawing and painting, coloured construction paper, toddler-sized scissors with blunt tips, chalkboard and large chalk, and rhythm instruments
- Things to read - picture books, board books with simple illustrations or photographs of real objects, musical books
- Things to interact with – balls of all sizes, nesting/stacking toys, stacking rings, pop up, pull and push toys, lights and sounds, cars and trucks
- Things for solving problems—wood puzzles (with 4 to 12 pieces), blocks that snap together, objects to sort (by size, shape, colour, smell), things with hooks, buttons, buckles, and snaps, Shape sorting toys
- bowls and spoons for self-feeding

### Adolescents

- Small vouchers (e.g., Warehouse, Spotify) \$10, \$20
- Card and board games like Uno and Phase 10; Rubix cubes
- Art and craft packs like diamond art and nail art; science kits
- Toiletries such as deodorant and hand cream and hair ties/hairbrushes/toilet bags
- Clothing
- Books
- Puzzles (250 and 500 pieces)
- Notebooks/diaries and pens
- Drink bottles
- Sports bags