CHILD LIFE SUPPLIES

Priority Level: HIGH

Our Child Life Specialists are licensed professionals that provide psychosocial care and guide the patient and family through the surgical experience. They utilize their knowledge of child development to ease patient fears and anxieties by explaining and demonstrating every aspect of care. They facilitate therapeutic play and activities, working with parents, and act as the child’s and family’s advocate in the potentially confusing world of the hospital.

If you would like to assist our team and provide fun and engaging toys to help calm our patients before surgery, please only choose items from the list below.

INFANT/TODDLER (AREA OF HIGH NEED)

- Rattles (handheld)
- Stacking cups/toys
- Baby/toddler textured blocks
- Soft foam balls/textured rubber balls
- Sassy brand infant toys

PRESCHOOL

- Toy Medical Kits (Fisher Price or similar)
- Fisher Price “Little People” (or similar brand) plastic/rubber people, animals and cars
- Baby dolls (variety of skin tones)
- Pull-along style toys
- See-n-Say Toys

SCHOOL AGE

- Matchbox style cars and trucks
- Wall mount/inflatable basketball hoop
- Barbie dolls (variety of skin tones)
- Jewelry making bead/string kits

ARTS, CRAFTS & GENERAL USE

- Liquid Bubbles (2 – 4 oz. size)
- Coloring & Activity Books
- Kids ring toss game
- Kids bowling pins and ball
- Building blocks set (medium size)
- Glitter Tube Wand
- Sidewalk chalk
- Blow-up balls
- Crayons (any size)
- Markers (any size)
- Construction paper
- Rolls of art/easel paper
- Stickers
- Masking tape or scotch tape
- Foam or Carpet play mats
- Large sheets for floor play
- Sanitizing wipes to clean play space

SPECIAL NOTE: We cannot accept donations of toys with weapons or violent themes such as guns, knives, swords, or other projectiles (including Styrofoam), or any toys with religious symbols.

We cannot ship toys with lithium batteries due to international shipping regulations.

For more information on Child Life Therapy Supplies, or if you have any questions about this list, please contact us at communityrelations@operationsmile.org, or 1-888-677-6453.