

CORPORATE VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Create activity packets for our patients and their siblings. Packets will be distributed throughout our inpatient units to patients and their siblings, as well as to families in our emergency room and patients visiting our clinics. **Important: Please do not include any items which may contain latex or nuts.**

BEFORE YOUR START: All items in activity packets are provided by your group—check out our helpful 'Wish List' sheet to know what to buy and what you should avoid, for example anything made of latex, guns, swords or any toys resembling weapons, etc. **50 activity bags max!**

TIME TO PACK! These kits are to be made off-site at a location of your choice. Please package these so they can be passed out to patients and families – try using Ziplock bags, tote bags, or paper gift bags.

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED:

Friendship Bracelets: Gather beads, string, and other bracelet-crafting materials, along with instructions and designs (supplies for both young kids & teens are needed!)

Play-Doh Fun: Assemble a few small Play-Doh containers with small Play-Doh toys

Teen Kits: Help to entertain our teenage patients by creating the kits below:

Girls: Nail polish, nail polish remover pads, art sets, glow sticks/glow jewelry

Boys: Ear buds/headphones, Nerf sports items, card games, word puzzles, fun pens/pencils

Journals: Journaling is something we encourage our older patients to do on a regular basis. Gather materials such as a creative notebook, pen, etc., and include tips on how to journal

Origami: Include pre-cut paper with folding instructions to create a box or other shapes

Activity Kits: Activity/coloring books, crayons, markers, sticker books, dot paints and books, Mad Libs and gel pens, puzzles, travel-sized games such as Trouble, Connect Four, Spot It, etc.

Baby Kits: Put together a bag full of fun things with which parents can keep their baby entertained! Rattles, o-rings, mirrors, board books, etc.

FAMILY KITS

Snack Kit: Using our Snack Wish List, put together a kit of snack items like granola bars, 100 calorie snacks, fruit snacks, and other snack items

Sleep Kit: Include an eye mask and ear plugs

Amenity Kit: Put together a kit of basic items like a deck of cards or puzzle book, stamps, pen, mints, hand sanitizer, lip balm, etc.

Scrapbooking Kit: Gather die-cuts, pens, stickers and more

Needle-Craft Kit: Include knitting, crochet, or sewing needles, thread, yarn & other mending materials

Game Kit: Word games/crossword puzzles, card games, puzzles, etc.

EMERGENCY ROOM KITS

Families can be in the ER for up to 16 hours at a time. Gather a group and put together small packages of nonperishable snacks, i.e. granola bars, dried fruit, fruit snacks, crackers, etc. This simple gift can make a difficult day less stressful! **Please do not include any food items containing nuts.**

ART OUT OF THE BOX KIT

Provide materials and assemble kits for Children's Art Out of the Box program. You will need: Crayola Model Magic in white (2 individually wrapped 1 oz. packages), Crayola magic markers (2-4 in each kit), Crayola watercolor pencils (2-4 in each kit), paint brush, pencil, pencil sharpener, white cardstock paper (8.5x11), glue stick and scissors. We will provide the boxes.

YOUR'RE DONE—NOW WHAT? Complete the Children's Minnesota in-kind form so that we can process your gift. Bring your in-kind form and your donation to the Welcome Center on either our Minneapolis or St. Paul campus during the hours listed below:

St. Paul – Drop-off Location

345 N Smith Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55102

Welcome Centers (first floor or second floor)

[651-220-6000](tel:651-220-6000)

Monday – Friday: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minneapolis drop-off location

2525 Chicago Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Welcome Centers (first floor or second floor)

[612-813-6000](tel:612-813-6000)

Monday – Friday: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you would like to have someone meet you to receive the donation, or if you would like a tour of the public spaces of the hospital, reach out to your Foundation contact to set up a time.

HOST A DRIVE

Get a team together and encourage your co-workers to collect much-needed items for Children's, such as toys, games or non-perishable food items! Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Check out our [Wish List](#). These items are in high demand at the hospital and have been specifically requested by Children's and patient families:
<http://www.childrensmn.org/giving/giving-toys-and-gifts/wish-list>.
- When you are completed with the drive, collect the items and bring them to either Minneapolis or St. Paul with a completed in-kind form. See 'Activity Packet' information above for drop-off locations and hours.
- **IMPORTANT:** Children's is only able to accept new toys because of allergen and immunity concerns. Children's Child Life Staff will accept the toy items and hand them out to the kids. Groups are not able to hand out items due to HIPPA privacy regulations. All donated food items will be put in the food pantry located in the Family Resource Center.

If you're interested in any of these activities, please contact us at:

giving@childrensmn.org

We can help you design a program that fits the needs of your organization!