



## Snowpile 2024

Thank you for your interest in donating to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation in support of the Snowpile program at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Snowpile offers families admitted on the date of the event the opportunity to choose gifts for all the children in their family. This amazing event is the highlight of our holiday season and impacts many, many patients and families, helping to create special memories during a special time of year.

**Individuals or groups can help by following the below rules/regulations when donating gifts.**

### Please keep in mind:

- **SAFETY is the most important consideration when selecting items**
- **NO USED ITEMS PLEASE.** We only accept newly purchase and unused toys, games, books, and stuffed animals
- Violent games and books, toy guns, swords and projectile toys are not accepted
- Please do not donate drones, slime kits/items, candy, food, glow items or chalk of any kind
- Please refrain from donating items which contain specific religious or political themes
- Due to safety recalls, please do not include dollar store items
- Arts & craft materials must have the non-toxic seal (AP, CP, health label Non-Toxic)
- Crayons (including those in art kits) must be Crayola or Rose Art brands secondary to lead standards
- Some children are sensitive to natural rubber latex, please:
  - Buy only specific name brands whenever possible
  - Do not donate items known to contain natural rubber latex including, but not limited to: basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, rubber balloons, rubber stamps, rubber balls, rubber erasers, paddles with rubber balls attached, etc.
- Leave gifts unwrapped as it will allow caregivers to see what their gifts options are when choosing items for their child
- Grouping like items together in your donation at drop off is very helpful! For example, all Lego sets together, all infant toys together, etc.
- Please note that secondary to a variety of hospital policies, donors are not able to directly hand out or provide donations to patients and families. Rather, our staff will ensure the items are utilized for the benefit of patients and families during the Snowpile event and beyond.

**See the following pages to learn what to donate and the needed items this year!**



**The following items are most helpful to our patients and families, and most needed for 2024!**

**INFANT-TODDLER (newborn to 2 years)**

Bouncer seats  
Crib gyms  
Fisher Price crib attachments and mobiles  
Infant sound machines  
Infant mirrors (no glass, must be shatterproof)  
Oball/Sassy rattles and balls  
Teething toys and straw/sippy cups  
Bathtub toys  
Mr./Mrs. Potato Head  
Interactive light/sound/push button toys

Fisher Price ring stack toy  
Fisher Price shape sorters  
Push and pull toys  
Fisher Price xylophone and other play instruments  
Play telephones  
Tonka/Little Tykes first trucks & cars  
LEGO Duplo My First Bricks sets  
My First Crayola art sets  
Simple wooden puzzles

**PRESCHOOL (3 to 5 years)**

LEGO Duplo blocks  
Fisher Price doctor play kits  
Fisher Price Little People & play sets  
Beginner board games: Memory, UNO Moo, Chutes and Ladders, CandyLand, and Zingo  
Beginner puzzles (12-48 pcs)  
Hot Wheels/Matchbox cars & play sets  
Play-Doh brand modeling clay & accessories

Play food sets  
Baby Alive dolls  
My First Crayola art sets  
Crayola Color Wonder art sets  
Wikki Sticks art sets  
Squigz toys  
Duplo & Mega Blocks sets

**SCHOOL – AGE (6 to 10 years)**

Superhero action figures  
Barbies  
Craft kits  
Basic science/STEM kits  
Board games: Connect Four, Sorry, Guess Who, Trouble, Monopoly, Headbandz, Jenga, and Apples to Apples Jr.

Card games: Uno, Phase 10, Skip Bo, and Spot it  
Puzzles (48 pcs +)  
Video games: rated E for PlayStation 4/5, Xbox One/Series X, and Nintendo Switch  
Hot Wheels/Matchbox cars & play sets  
LEGO sets

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### **PRE-TEEN AND TEEN (11 years and up)**

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| Bead/jewelry kits   | LEGO sets  |
| Craft kits  | Headphones/earbuds                                   |
| Sketch pads & art supplies  | Model/Science Kits                                   |
| Adult coloring books and colored pencils  | Nail, hair, and body care sets, makeup palettes      |
| Board games – Monopoly, Battleship, Blokus, Rummikub, Yahtzee, Scrabble, Apples to Apples, and Life | Fuzzy socks, PJ pants                                |
| Card games—Uno, Phase 10, and Skip Bo   | Travel bottles/cups/mugs (plastic and aluminum only) |
| Videogames: rated up to E 10+ for PlayStation 4/5, Xbox One/Series X, and Nintendo Switch           |  |

### **ALL AGES**

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| “Where’s Waldo?” or “Look and Find” Books   | Sound machines and white noise machines |
| Books (infant through young adult)          | Journals & pens                         |
| Crayola crayons, markers, & colored pencils | Nerf basketballs/footballs              |

### **GIFT CARDS**

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| Amazon   | Meijer   |
| Wal-Mart | Michaels |
|          | Target   |

**All Monetary donations should be directed to the Children’s Foundation—Child Life Toy Fund for the purchasing of toys.**

## **How to drop off your items for donation:**

Snowpile donations are made at the Detroit location by appointment.  
Please contact Sinéad Nimmo, Child Life Projects Specialist to schedule your donation drop off:  
snimmo2@dmc.org  
313-745-5364

**The 2024 deadline for donation drop off for Snowpile is  
Friday, December 13th**

**THANK YOU!**