

October 17, 2016

Dear Friends of the Mount Sinai Child Life and Creative Arts Therapy Department,

As we approach the upcoming **2016 Holiday season**, we are contacting you to provide some helpful reminders as you start to plan your holiday gift-giving for our pediatric patients at the Kravis Children's Hospital at Mount Sinai this year!

The Child Life & Creative Arts Therapy Department will directly coordinate holiday gift inquiries and arrangements now through December 21st. Our period for receiving/accepting holiday donations by mail or drop-off is **November 28th through December 21st**. Please email or call Sherry Smith to discuss your desire to donate and to learn more about our gift needs for our hospitalized children this Holiday season. Enclosed for your convenience is a suggested toy list for review. This list represents age-appropriate gift ideas. **We also gladly accept gift cards in value from \$5.00 – \$25.00 each.**

Please keep the following in mind:

- All donations to our department must be pre-arranged and delivery pre-scheduled.
- All gifts must be new and unwrapped.
- Please limit the number of individual gifts to 20 items per donation.
- The Pediatric Visitors policy restricts personal visits to patients in the clinical environment to hand out gifts.
- Donations can also be made through our Amazon.com Wish List program. Visit <https://amzn.com/w/30M6CFN7AN8SC>
- We're partnering with The Container Store this holiday season to deliver Holiday Hugs to our patients. Drop off unwrapped, new books and small toys, games, toiletries and gift cards at any The Container Store location from **October 22 – December 18**. They'll put the gifts in large Holiday Hug Sacks so they can be delivered to children staying with us during the holiday season. Learn more about the Holiday Hugs program at standfor.containerstore.com/holidayhugs beginning October 22nd.
- If our department is approached with more toy donation offers than we can use in the inpatient pediatric areas, we can reach out to other Pediatric areas in the hospital to assess their interest in contacting you directly to accept the donation.
- Many donors are interested in gifts that can benefit hospitalized children throughout the year. If interested in a donation of this kind, please contact me directly at 212-241-8024 or diane.rode@mountsinai.org.

We are always extremely grateful to our donors for their support of therapeutic play programming throughout the year, and especially during the holidays! **Please contact Sherry Smith, Administrative Coordinator, at 212-241-1863 or by email at sherry.smith@mountsinai.org** to begin your holiday giving planning!

Please contact our Development office by telephone at 212.659.8500 or email your name and address to philanthropyOptOut@mountsinai.org if you wish to be removed from our distribution list of fundraising materials.

Thank you,



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