Arkansas Children's Remote and Offsite Volunteer Program



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Remote and offsite volunteers are able to fulfill volunteer hour requirements and support patients and families at Arkansas Children's from the comfort of their own home, office or school. The Arkansas Children's remote and offsite volunteer experience includes recognition during our National Volunteer Appreciation Week celebratory events, invitations to volunteer gatherings, and opportunities to volunteer in-person during Festival of Stars and other special events throughout the year.

Below are our current virtual volunteer opportunities:

// Create Craft Kits for patients to enjoy in our hospitals and clinics.*

// Compile Compassion Bags for our frontline team members.* View details on the back for the list of needed items

// Create a Celebration Box to help a patient celebrate a special
occasion while hospitalized.*

// Become a Book Buddy and record yourself reading a children's book and send the recording to your Volunteer Engagement Office. Our patients can enjoy the videos from our internal site.

*Volunteers will obtain one volunteer hour per ten craft kits, shoe boxes and/or compassion bags received. In addition to volunteer hours, all donations will be recorded and recognized through our In-Kind Donation Program, so please include any financial responsibility undertaken through your donation.

// Create Craft Kits

Make a child or parent's day by assembling Craft Kits, which are used to help patients feel welcomed and entertained during their visit.

Craft Kits can be assembled at a location of your choice and delivered or mailed to the Volunteer Engagement Office. We will be excited to greet you at the front entrance of the hospital and snap a photo to share with our team!

GUIDELINES: The health and safety of our patients, families and team is top priority when we accept generous gift donations. Please follow the guidelines below:

We will happily accept Kits with contents that are:

- Brand new (including books)
- Unopened packaging if possible for any scissors, glue sticks, etc...
- Non-toxic and latex-free
- Odor-free

We cannot accept Kits if the contents:

- Are gently used (books, magazines, toys)
- Are edible (pieces contain food)
- Contain latex or toxins (check labels carefully)
- Have been stored or displayed for any length of time
- Promote violence (i.e. guns, swords, light sabers etc.)
- Depict a religious theme of any holiday or other event

// Compile Compassion Bags

Provide healthcare heroes at Arkansas Children's with convenient nutrition through individually packaged/sacked snack bags.

Compassion Bags can be assembled at a location of your choice and can be delivered to the Volunteer Engagement Office. We will be excited to greet you at the front entrance of the hospital and snap a photo to share with our team!

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We will happily accept donations with contents that are:

- Brand new
- Individually wrapped
- Unopened packaging

We cannot accept donations that are:

- Homemade food items
- Expired or stored for any length of time
- Include any religious messaging or theme

NEEDED ITEMS:

Plain/Flavored Bottled Water (8oz/16.9oz) Gatorade® or Powerade® (12oz/20oz) Soda, Capri Sun®, plastic bottled juice Slim Jim® Peanut Butter Crackers Fruit Snacks Chex Mix™/Pretzels/Trail Mix Cheez It® or Gold Fish® Sweet N Salty Nuts Nuts/variety (Cashews, Almonds, Peanuts) Chips/variety Pre-popped popcorn Granola bars Rice Krispie Treats® Nutrigrain® Bars, Belvita, cereal bars Ramen Cups (Chicken/Beef Mac/Cheese cups (Microwavable cups) Chef Boyardee® Pasta Cups: (variety pack Ravioli, Lasagna, Beefaroni , Spaghetti & Meatballs) Fruit cups Individual packages of gum Fun size/Treat size candy: (Chocolate bars, Skittles®, Hershey® kisses etc

// Create a Celebration Box

Decorate a shoe box and fill it with fun surprises to help patients celebrate a special occasion or day. Be creative! Fill the box with items from the approved list below. All toys must be new and in original packaging.

Infant/Toddler PREFERRED BRANDS: Fisher-Price[®] • Leap Frog[®] • Chicco[®] • Infantino[®] • V-Tech[®] • Sassy[®] O-Ball[®] • Baby Einstein[®] • Playskool[®]

- Rattles
- Link rings
- Teething rings
- Light-up/musical toys
- Sippy cups
- Musical crib soothers (i.e Fisher-Price[®] Rainforest Waterfall Peek-A-Boo Soother or Ocean Wonders Deep Blue Sea Soother)
- Mobiles (Nurture Smart Mobile ONLY)
- Shape sorters
- Stacking toys
- Board books/musical books
- Duplo[®] blocks

Preschool & School Age PREFERRED BRANDS: Leap Frog[®] • Fisher-Price[®] • Imaginext[®] • Playskool[®] • Little Tykes[®] Crayola[®] • Mattel[®] • Disney[®] • LEGO[®] • Hot Wheels[®] • Hasbro[®]

- Fisher-Price[®] medical play kits
- Small individual bubbles
- Play-Doh[®] and accessories/cutters
- Hot Wheels[®]/Matchbox[®] Cars & Trucks
- Plastic animals, dinosaurs, etc.
- Popular character toys (Star Wars, My Little Pony, Disney, Nickelodeon, etc.)
- Superhero figures (Avengers, Spiderman, Batman, TMNT, etc.)
- LEGO[®] kits (small & medium)
- Barbie[®] dolls (name brand-all ethnicities)
- Baby dolls (all plastic/vinyl no cloth bodies all ethnicities)

Teen/Adult

- Bluetooth speakers
- Water bottles & insulated tumblers with lids
- NBA, NFL & sports logo wear
- Pajama pants
- Earbuds/headphones
- Adult coloring books
- Advanced arts & crafts kits
- Hand-held electronic games & robotic kits
- Wood projects to put together and/or paint
- Model car kits with non-toxic glue
- Gift sets: bath/body, manicure/pedicure, cosmetics, perfume/cologne
- Journals

Other Items

- Puzzle books (word search & crossword)
- Stuffed animals 18-inch or smaller
- Fleece blankets (non-seasonal)
- Card games (Uno, Skip-Bo, Phase 10)
- Coloring books (popular characters, non-seasonal)
- Crayola[®] 8 & 12 count crayons
- Crayola® markers
- Crayola[®] colored pencils
- Crayola[®] water color sets
- Gift cards: \$10 \$25 value (Walmart, Target, Google Play, Game Stop, AMC, Amazon, Ulta Beauty, Bath & Body Works)

Outpatient Clinics

- Hot Wheels®/Matchbox® cars
- Small, inexpensive toys (i.e. Happy Meal[®] type toys, treasure box prizes, party favors)
- Play-Doh[®] (party favor size)
- Travel-sized games
- Kid-friendly card games
- Small stuffed animals

For more information, please contact your nearest Volunteer Engagement Office.

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