



# COMER CHEER

## Bringing the Holidays to Sick Kids Who Need It Most

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### TOP 10 WISH LIST ITEMS

- Small LEGO Kits
- Infant/Toddler Toys (plastic)
- Medical play kits
- Art Supplies & Craft Kits (non-toxic)
- Play-Doh Party Packs
- Board Books
- Picture Books
- Matchbox Cars
- UNO Cards
- Gift Cards (Amazon, Target, Walmart)

### WAYS TO GIVE

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- **Amazon Wish Lists** (shipped directly to the hospital):  
[www.uchicagomedicine.org/comercheerdonations](http://www.uchicagomedicine.org/comercheerdonations)

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

This year we are excited to have local Chicago businesses support bringing holiday cheer to the kids at Comer. These community partners will coordinate delivery of items to Comer.

- **Toys et Cetera:** <https://www.toysetcetera.com/> 1502 E. 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Hyde Park.  
Shop online, by phone, or in the store. Your donation will be matched with a toy of equal or greater value. For online orders choose "local pickup" & include "Comer donation" in the notes.
- **57<sup>th</sup> Street Books:** <https://www.semcoop.com/comerbookdrive>.  
Your purchase of a gift card in any denomination will provide a selection of books.  
Shop on-line or by phone at 773-684-1300.
- **Frankie's on the Park** Help support our teen needs.  
15% of all sales on **Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** will come to Comer Children's Hospital.  
Shop online at: <https://www.frankiesonthepark.com/discount/comercheer?redirect=%2Fcollections%2Fcomer-cheer>

### MONETARY SUPPORT

Generous gifts of gift cards and cash are an incredible way to make an impact on the needs of the Child Life and Family Education Program at Comer Children's.

Please visit our website: [giving.uchicago.edu/comercheer](http://giving.uchicago.edu/comercheer)

Checks can be made out to Comer Children's Hospital Child Life and mailed to:  
Comer Children's Hospital  
Attn: Amy Carter – Child Life, K-135,  
5721 S. Maryland Avenue, MC 8008  
Chicago, IL 60637

# DONATION GUIDELINES

The Child Life Program at Comer Children's is an essential component to helping patients and their families cope with a hospital stay. Our specialists know children with any medical condition are in need of more than just medical care to heal and recover—they need development-focused support, interaction with their peers, and time to play. These critical programmatic elements are made possible because of the generous contributions and gifts from individuals, foundations, and groups. In-kind donations enable our team to carry out their important work. We are deeply grateful for your support!

For any donation questions please contact Amy Carter at

[amy.carter@uchospitals.edu](mailto:amy.carter@uchospitals.edu) or 773-702-0407.

## GENERAL TOY DONATION GUIDELINES

In order to adhere to Hospital Policy and Best Practice, all toy donations must follow these strict guidelines:

- Brand new, with original tags and packaging on all items;
- Non-violent, no weapons including guns & knives;
- Durable, non-toxic, and plastic;
- Non-denominational;
- *Not* gift-wrapped.

Due to safety & infection control guidelines, we are UNABLE to accept:

- Handmade items
- Anything with latex
- Small rubber balls
- Magnetic toys
- Foam toys
- Candles
- Food
- Breakable items (ceramic/glass)
- Sharp items (nail clippers, files...)

## DELIVERY / SHIPPING: Online Donations Encouraged

Due to the pandemic, we encourage donations to be made online and shipped directly to our team at the following address:

Comer Children's Hospital  
Child Life K135  
5835 S. Cottage Grove Ave, MC8008  
Chicago, IL 60637

\*If items are unable to be shipped, contact [amy.carter@uchospitals.edu](mailto:amy.carter@uchospitals.edu)

Thank you for helping bring toys to sick kids this holiday season!

We are grateful for your support.



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