

## **In-Kind Donation Wish List**

Because our patients' health and safety is our number one priority, infection prevention is of the utmost importance. **All donations must be new and in their original packaging. We cannot accept used items. All individual items must also be less than \$15 in value.** Our guidelines have been developed in consideration of our infection prevention, safety and privacy policies. We are not able to accept donations that fall outside of these guidelines.

### **Infant/Toddler/Pre-School (Ages 0-5)**

- Small Size Diapers (Newborn, Size 1 & 2) and Wipes
- Baby Receiving Blankets
- Infant Sleep Sacks
- Baby Clothes (Onesies, Socks, 2-piece Outfits, Bibs)
- Care Items: Shampoo, Baby Wash, Lotion, Diaper Cream
- Digital Thermometers
- Handheld Rattles (Baby Einstein, Sassy or Fisher Price)
- Crib/Interactive Toys (Baby Einstein, Shape Sorter, Light Up/Musical)
- Infant Board Books/Children's Books (English and Spanish Needed)
- Sippy Cups

### **School Age Gifts (Age 6-12)**

- Unwrapped Toys, (Action Figures, Barbie Dolls, Legos, Small Cars/Trucks, Jump Ropes, Athletic Balls, Small Kid's Meal Toys, Baby Dolls, Board Games)
- Children's Books (English and Spanish Needed, Especially Board Books)
- Easy Craft Kits
- Stuffed Animals – (no larger than 18")

### **Teen/Young Adult (Age 13-17)**

- Journals/Diaries/Note Pads
- DVD Movies (Rated G, PG or PG13)

### **Adults (Age 18+)**

- Lap Blankets
- Toiletry Kits (Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Soap, Toothbrush/Toothpaste, Deodorant)
- Snack Kits (Bottle of Water, Granola Bar, Crackers, Fruit Snack)
- Clothing Kits (Unisex Shirt, Pants, Flip Flops – Sizes Small to XL)
- DVD Movies (No R-Rated)
- Travel/Pocket Size Games (Sorry, Uno, Deck of Cards)
- Daily Medication/Pill Boxes
- Reusable Tote Bags/Walker/Wheelchair Bags
- Women and Men's Underwear (Briefs) and Socks

## Donation Guidelines & Delivery Instructions

Our patients and staff at Harris Health greatly appreciate our community partners and in-kind donors. When considering a donation please note the following guidelines. While we attempt to honor requests for items to go to specific facilities/departments, sometimes items may go to where they are needed the most, first. Patient needs vary by month and item and we work continuously with our hospitals and health centers to manage supply and demand.

### **Handmade Items:**

Infection Prevention is of the utmost importance since our patients' health and safety is our number one priority. **All items must be made in a smoke free, pet free environment and washed before delivery. Items should be placed in an appropriately sized clear, sealable plastic bags immediately after completed to remain sanitary, preferably one item per bag, unless they are very small or a set.**

We are in need of knitted baby hats and blankets (minimum size 36x36), knitted or fleece adult lap/throw blankets, a adult knitted hats, hand-sewn stuffed animals, tote bags, walker/wheel chair bags, a adult scarves and heart-shaped pillows.

### **Snack Kits:**

Snack Kits provide comfort for family members waiting on news of their loved ones, or for patients who have a full day of appointments in our clinics, but haven't the means to buy or bring a snack. Snack Kits may include: small bottle of water and two to three pre-packaged nonperishable snacks (cereal bar, granola bar, fruit snack, crackers, fruit cup, etc.) **Snacks need to be in an appropriately sized clear, sealable plastic bags and all expiration dates must be printed on each individual snack and well within date. We cannot accept expired snacks.** If buying in bulk, look for "packaged for resale" or "packaged for C-stores" which will ensure each individual snack is labeled with an expiration date.

### **Toiletry Kits:**

Toiletry Kits are distributed to patients who are unable to obtain these supplies on their own. These kits are utilized by patients in all patient care areas for basic hygiene needs. Kits should include travel-size essentials such as: toothbrush/toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, comb/brush, deodorant, and mouthwash. **Toiletries need to be in an appropriately sized clear, sealable plastic bags and all expiration dates must be well within date. We cannot accept expired toiletries.**

### **Cancer Care Packages:**

Cancer Care Packages are given to Harris Health patients fighting cancer. Used at our Smith Clinic Infusion Center and at our Cancer Resource Centers at Smith Clinic and LBJ Hospital, these care packages provide care, comfort and support. Care packages can include items of warmth like a blanket, hat or scarf; entertainment items like a book, deck of cards or crossword puzzle; toiletries like lotion and lip balm; and notes of encouragement or a journal. **All items need to be in an appropriately sized clear, sealable plastic bags and all expiration dates must be well within date. We cannot accept expired toiletries.**

**Delivery:**

Please contact the Community Involvement department by phone or email to schedule a drop off day/time. We cannot accommodate unscheduled drop-offs and items may not be left at the front concierge desks or with other staff. All donations should be dropped off at the Community Involvement office at 1504 Taub Loop, unless other arrangements have been discussed prior with the Community Involvement staff.

**Acknowledgements & Receipts:**

Prior to delivery, we ask that you complete a donation information form and attach it to each delivery. We want to acknowledge and thank you for your donation, and this acknowledgement will also provide you with a tax receipt for your donation. Forms are available on our website. If you mail your donation, please complete and enclose a donation information form with your donation. All acknowledgements and tax receipts will be mailed unless you have requested them to be e-mailed.

**Patient Visits & Hospital Activities:**

We recognize the importance family and friends play in healing process and try to make our visiting hours as flexible and patient-directed as possible. There are some units or areas where a patient's request, clinical needs or unit logistics require visitation limitations. To respect the privacy of our patients and to comply with Federal patient privacy laws, individuals who are not visiting a specific patient with permission are not permitted in patient care areas.

We also recognize that music, pet therapy and other activities can offer comfort and aid in healing for patients. Any proposed program or activity that would take place in the hospital and involve our patients (e.g., holiday activities, musical serenade, class project) must be approved prior and planned with sufficient notice for staff coordination. Please allow three weeks' notice. We are not able to accommodate all requests. To explore a program or activity at one of our hospitals or health centers, please contact the Community Involvement office at 713-873-3305.