



We are extremely grateful for gifts to benefit our children and families; however, we do have some guidelines on what we are able to accept for the hospital environment. For infection control and the safety of our patients, we are able to accept only donations that are new and recently purchased. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept gently used or previously owned items.

Aubin Center Donation Guidelines

These guidelines have been developed in consideration of our infection control, safety, and privacy policies. We are not able to accept items that fall outside these guidelines. Items that are dropped off and do not meet our donation guidelines and acceptance criteria will be donated to other community agencies, or disposed of as appropriate.

Activities & Toys

We can accept only donations of brand NEW toys and activities that have been purchased within the last three months. Even if items appear clean or have never been played with, they may have been exposed to dust, pets, and bacteria. We cannot accept gently used or previously owned toys, games, and stuffed animals.

Food & Treats

We cannot accept any food products, dietary supplements, or beverages. This includes unopened food such as candy, baked goods, and food meant for display, such as gingerbread houses.

Clothing & Shoes

We are happy to accept donations of brand new clothing with tags, coats/jackets, and shoes for children of all ages from infants to teens. We are always in need of new, unopened packages of underwear and socks.

Homemade Items

Due to infection prevention and control policies, we are not able to accept homemade items such as toys and crafts. This includes cards, signs, notes, and personal letters. The only exceptions are the items below:

Blankets and Pillowcases

We can accept homemade blankets and pillowcases. Items must be washed after being made and then individually bagged to keep them clean. They must be free of any fragrance, musty odors, smoke, and food smells.

Toiletries & Personal Care Items

We welcome donations of unopened toiletries and personal care items including shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, products for various hair types, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Dropping Off Gifts

For infection control, patient privacy, and safety reasons you are not able to personally hand out your donations/gifts to patients and families. All donations must be delivered to an Aubin Center staff member who will ensure that the items that fit our guidelines are utilized appropriately.

Books

We are happy to accept donations of new books. Books that are beneficial for our patients include board books, hardcover or softcover picture books, fiction, and nonfiction, published within the last two years.

We cannot accept books that have inscriptions, damage, strong odors, or "touch and feel" fabrics like felt or fur.

Please call the Aubin Center at 401-444-3996 to arrange dropping off gifts or donations. All gifts can be dropped off outside the Ambulatory Patient Center at RIH located at 110 Lockwood Street, Providence, RI.

If shipping and/or sending donations directly, please address to:

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