



Snowpile 2026

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Snowpile program. Snowpile offers families the opportunity to choose gifts for all the children in their family. This amazing event is the highlight of our holiday season and impacts many, helping to create special memories during a special time of year.

Individuals or groups can help by following the below rules/regulations when donating gifts.

Please keep in mind:

- **SAFETY is the most important consideration when selecting items**
- **NO USED ITEMS PLEASE.** We only accept newly purchase and unused toys, games, books, and stuffed animals
- Violent games and books, toy guns, swords and projectile toys are not accepted
- Please do not donate drones, slime kits/items, candy, food, glow items or chalk of any kind
- Please refrain from donating items which contain specific religious or political themes
- Due to safety recalls, please do not include dollar store items
- Arts & craft materials must have the non-toxic seal (AP, CP, health label Non-Toxic)
- Crayons (including those in art kits) must be Crayola brand secondary to lead standards
- Some children are sensitive to natural rubber latex, please:
 - Buy only specific name brands whenever possible
 - Do not donate items known to contain natural rubber latex including, but not limited to: basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, rubber balloons, rubber stamps, rubber balls, rubber erasers, paddles with rubber balls attached, etc.
- Leave gifts unwrapped as it will allow caregivers to see what their gifts options are when choosing items for their child
- Grouping like items together in your donation at drop off is very helpful! For example, all Lego sets together, all infant toys together, etc.
- Please note that secondary to a variety of hospital policies, donors are not able to directly hand out or provide donations to patients and families. Rather, our staff will ensure the items are utilized for the benefit of patients and families during the Snowpile event and beyond.

See the following pages to learn what to donate and the needed items this year!



The following items are most helpful to patients and families, and most needed for 2026!

INFANT-TODDLER (newborn to 2 years)

Bouncer seats	Fisher Price ring stack toy
Crib gyms	Fisher Price shape sorters
Fisher Price crib attachments and mobiles	Push and pull toys
Infant sound machines	Fisher Price xylophone and other play instruments
Infant mirrors (no glass, must be shatterproof)	Play telephones
Oball/Sassy/Fisher Price rattles and balls	Tonka/Little Tykes first trucks & cars
Teething toys and straw/sippy cups	LEGO Duplo My First Bricks sets & Mega Bloks
Bathtub toys	My First Crayola art sets
Mr./Mrs. Potato Head	Simple wooden puzzles
Interactive light/sound/push button toys	

PRESCHOOL (3 to 5 years)

LEGO Duplo blocks	Play food sets
Fisher Price doctor play kits	Baby Alive dolls
Fisher Price Little People & play sets	My First Crayola art sets
Beginner board games: Memory matching, Chutes and Ladders, CandyLand, and Zingo	Crayola Color Wonder art sets
Beginner puzzles (12-48 pcs)	Wikki Sticks art sets
Hot Wheels/Matchbox cars & play sets	Squigz toys
Play-Doh brand modeling clay & accessories	

SCHOOL – AGE (6 to 10 years)

Superhero action figures	Card games: Uno, Phase 10, Skip Bo, and Spot it
Barbies	Puzzles (48 pcs +)
Craft kits	Video games: rated E for PlayStation 5, Xbox One/Series X, and Nintendo Switch/Switch 2
Basic science/STEM kits	Hot Wheels/Matchbox cars & play sets
Board games: Connect Four, Sorry, Guess Who, Trouble, Monopoly, Headbandz, Jenga, and Apples to Apples Jr.	LEGO sets

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PRE-TEEN AND TEEN (11 years and up)

Bead/jewelry kits

Craft kits

Sketch pads & art supplies

Adult coloring books and colored pencils

Board games – Monopoly, Battleship, Blokus, Rummikub, Yahtzee, Scrabble, Apples to Apples, and Life

Card games—Uno, Phase 10, and Skip Bo

Videogames: rated up to E 10+ for PlayStation 5, Xbox One/Series X, and Nintendo Switch/Switch 2

LEGO sets

Bluetooth headphones/earbuds

Model/Science Kits

Nail, hair, and body care sets, makeup palettes

Fuzzy socks, PJ pants

Travel bottles/cups/mugs (plastic and aluminum only)

ALL AGES

“Where’s Waldo?” or “Look and Find” Books

Books (infant through young adult)

Crayola crayons, markers, & colored pencils

Sound machines and white noise machines

Journals & pens

Nerf basketballs/footballs

GIFT CARDS

Amazon

Wal-Mart

Meijer

Michaels

Target

All Monetary donations should be directed to the Children’s Foundation of Michigan—Child Life Toy Fund for the purchasing of toys.

How to drop off your items for donation:

Snowpile donations are made at the Detroit location by appointment.

Please contact Sinéad Nimmo, Child Life Projects Specialist to schedule your donation drop off:

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**The 2026 deadline for donation drop off for Snowpile is
Friday, December 11th**

THANK YOU!