Nemours Children's Health Holds Toy Drive to Celebrate Halfway to the Holidays

Make a difference this summer season with donations

ORLANDO, Fla. (July 3, 2023) – In the spirit of summer, Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida is celebrating Halfway to the Holidays by collecting donations of toys and games for patients. These donated items will help to create a more playful environment for hospital stays. Nemours Children's will be collecting donations through the entire month of July.

"Helping young patients cope with hospital stays includes our ability to reduce their stress through the use of developmentally appropriate toys, games and other items that can incorporate play into their healing," said Certified Child Life Specialist Gloria Leyva. "At this time of year, like all others, we graciously accept monetary gifts and other donations."

This year there are two donation options. Nemours Children's is accepting gifts through our Holiday wish list or individual donations which allow us to purchase toys for patients. Donations can be made <u>here</u>.

Items currently needed most:

- Infant/toddler toys
- Uno cards
- Animals and dinosaurs
- My Little Ponies
- Barbie's
- Lego sets
- Playdoh sets
- Kinetic sand
- Coloring books / puzzle books and adult coloring books

About Nemours Children's Health

Nemours Children's Health is one of the nation's largest multistate pediatric health systems, including two free-standing children's hospitals and a network of more than 70 primary and specialty care practices. Nemours Children's seeks to transform the health of children by adopting a holistic health model that utilizes innovative, safe, and high-quality care, while also caring for the health of the whole child beyond medicine. Nemours Children's also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, KidsHealth.org.

The Nemours Foundation, established through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. DuPont, provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy, and prevention programs to the children, families and communities it serves.

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