



**Shriners Hospitals**  
for Children®—St. Louis

# Ways to Help

## Supporting the St. Louis Hospital

For more than 90 years Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis has been bringing love to the rescue of more than 110,000 children with orthopaedic conditions and bone diseases. Our world-renown pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals results in our co-listing by *US News and World Report* as one of America's top pediatric orthopaedic hospitals, with St. Louis Children's Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis relies on the generosity of donors to continue improving the lives of children.

### Ways to Give

There are many ways to support the hospital's mission including:



**Cash Donations** – Donations, unless otherwise specified, are earmarked for the St. Louis hospital's general donation fund, which supports the areas of greatest need in the hospital. Checks can be made payable to:

*Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis*  
Attn: Development Office  
4400 Clayton Ave. | St. Louis, MO 63110



**Third-party fundraisers** – Third-party fundraising involves independent projects or events hosted for the purpose of raising money for Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis. There are 100's of examples of fundraisers – including everything from car washes, tractor pulls, auctions, sporting events and raffles. Pre-approval must be obtained from our headquarters office prior to completing a third-party fundraiser, which can be accomplished by going to [lovetotherescue.org/host-your-own-event](http://lovetotherescue.org/host-your-own-event).

While we are able to provide some materials for your event/project (donation envelopes, informational materials etc.) we do not have the manpower to handle the organizational details. We cannot underwrite any of the costs, recruit volunteers, create marketing materials or guarantee hospital, Shriner or Patient Ambassador attendance. For approved fundraisers it is always a good idea to check with your local city and state municipalities to see if any permits are required for the event.



**Create your own fundraising page** – You can create your own donation web page to support the life-changing care, innovative research and medical education provided by Shriners Hospitals for Children®. A donation web page can be created as a way to honor a friend, remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or support an offline event or effort. To get started, visit [lovetotherescue.org](http://lovetotherescue.org) and click the "Fundraise" tab on the top right or bookmark this shortcut: [lovetotherescue.org/fundraise](http://lovetotherescue.org/fundraise).

If there is a third-party fundraiser associated with your online fundraising efforts, please go to [lovetotherescue.org/host-your-own-event](http://lovetotherescue.org/host-your-own-event) prior to beginning any fundraising activity.



**Special Tributes** – Donors may wish to create a tribute in memory or honor of a loved one or friend. Acknowledgment letters are mailed in keeping with IRS regulations. When next of kin name and address information is provided, we will send notification letters letting them know gifts were made. For privacy reasons, the specific gift amounts are not listed.



**Pledges** – A pledge allows donors to make a larger donation over a period of time. Our fundraising efforts are significantly enhanced by these types of gifts. Donors can extend pledge payments over a 2-5 year time period and reminders can be sent at agreed upon intervals.

### Ways to Serve

For individuals or groups interested in becoming involved in a service project, here are some suggestions:

- ♥ **Create a Craft Kit** – Collect all supplies necessary to create a small art project in a ziplock bag with instructions.
- ♥ **Volunteer** – For more information about our current volunteer opportunities, please contact Breanna Wyman at [bwyman@shrinenet.org](mailto:bwyman@shrinenet.org) or 314-692-6413.

**For more information on monetary donations, contact the Development Office at 314-692-6441.**  
**For toy donations, call 314-432-3600 and ask for Recreational Therapy.**  
**If you know a child we can help, email [helpachild@shrinenet.org](mailto:helpachild@shrinenet.org) or call 800-850-2960.**

## Donations of Toys & Other Items

For individuals or groups wishing to purchase specific items, we are most in need of the items below. Please keep in mind that 50% of our patients are teenagers ages 11–18.

### We Can Accept Recently Purchased/Brand New

- Board games such as Rummikub, UNO Attack, Sequence, Monopoly Empire
- Playing cards such as UNO, Skip-Bo, Phase 10
- Hair and nail care sets, nail polish
- Makeup sets, makeup bags
- Bath and body sets, lotions
- Individual and Gift sets of Axe, Adidas or Old Spice with shower gel/shampoo
- Professional sports apparel with team logos – caps, t-shirts (adult sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL)
- Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon, Google Play, Microsoft, or popular fast food restaurants
- Holiday items prior to the holiday
- 9 volt, AA, and AAA alkaline batteries
- Earbuds and headsets
- Infant and preschool toys
- Dolls and Barbies (all races)
- Popular character toys
- Matchbox car sets
- LEGOS kits and Bionicles
- Coloring and activity books, crayons
- Art/activity kits
- Backpacks/sports bags
- Fleece tie blankets in small quantities of 4 bags or less. (Patients LOVE fleece tie blankets – they are their #1 preference!)

**Donations of 4 bags/boxes or less are accepted at the hospital on weekdays between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm. For larger donations, advance notice is requested.**

**When applicable and with advance notice, larger in-kind donations will be directed to the Moolah Temple at 12545 Fee Fee Rd., St. Louis, MO 63146. Phone: 314-878-6301. Donations acceptance times are weekdays, 9 am to 4 pm.**

### Edible Gifts & Holiday Treats

Unfortunately, we cannot accept any food items as gifts. In addition to the increasing prevalence of food allergies, children in hospitals can be fasting or on special diets.

### Visits to Donate Gifts

To protect our patients against infection and to respect confidentiality, presentations of gifts and donations cannot be made directly to patients.

### We Cannot Accept

- Used toys
- Used stuffed animals
- Beanie Babies
- Dollar store toys
- Any type of toy gun (nerf guns, dart guns, military guns, etc.)
- Large blankets/quilts/afghans
- Pillow cases
- VCR tapes
- Books/comic books
- Sports collector/trading cards of any type
- Collectible postage stamps
- Greeting cards (new or used)
- Campbells soup labels
- Large ride-on items
- Holiday items after holiday has passed
- School notebooks, paper, scissors, erasers
- Used medical equipment
- Personal collections of any type (cars, dolls, bears, beanie babies, figurines, etc.)
- General items (new or used)

#### PLEASE NOTE

**Our accepted donation items policy has recently changed! Please review the lists of the items we are currently accepting and those that we do not.**

### Helpful Information

- ♥ Small toys and games that can be used in a wheelchair or bed are preferred for our patients who have limited physical mobility.
- ♥ Due to travel restrictions, please avoid donating large items.
- ♥ Games and books that depict violence, as well as toy weapons, projectile toys, or adult themes and languages are not accepted.
- ♥ If toys require batteries, please include alkaline batteries.
- ♥ Sharp, glass, or breakable items are not accepted.
- ♥ Please DO NOT wrap gifts.
- ♥ Our hospital is **latex free**. Items such as rubber balloons, koosh balls, rubber stamps, rubber balls, and rubber erasers are not accepted. Mylar balloons and vinyl items are encouraged.

**Due to strict infection control precautions, we can only accept NEW gifts.**

**Patient privacy regulations (HIPAA) prevent us from allowing donors to personally distribute toys to children. Thank you for your understanding.**