Doing a community drive or collection.

CHOOSING SIMPLE ITEMS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS:
Small things make the day easier and everyone’s stay a little brighter!
Crayola Crayons- 24, 48 or 64 pack
Washable Crayola Markers
Colored pencils
Drawing pads
Children’s theme stickers and band-aids
Popular and classic picture books for school age children
Cardboard cover books for infants and toddlers
Matchbox cars
24-100 pc puzzles
Popular Board Games
Craft/Art kits
Word Search Puzzles for school age and teens
Playing cards
Batteries

Theme collections:
Some groups choose only one age group or even choose only one item, like a nail polish collection for teens or a socks collection for toddlers. Some groups make a tiny items list
Themes that are very helpful to children while they are hospitalized are listed below:

A school age theme might be coloring books (non holiday are better because we can use them all the time).
  • Matchbox Cars
  • Art materials (markers, crayons, colored pencils, watercolor, model magic)
  • Small boxes of 100 pc puzzles

A toddler theme would be cardboard books.
  • Socks or Favorite Character T-shirts and underpants
  • Stickers
  • Stacking and sorting toys (plastic only)

A baby theme could be Rattles and teethers (wrapped in store packaging)
  • Sippy Cups
  • Socks
  • Small bathtub toys (plastic only)

For Teens
  • Playing cards
  • Nail Polish
  • Pen and notepad
  • Teen or sports magazine
Things to avoid

- Chokables (toys smaller than a half dollar)
- Shooting toys, war toys, ghoul or other scary toys or images
- Please, no food, snack, gum or drink items