



## Homemade Donation Guidelines for McLane Children's

Thank you for your interest in donating homemade items to help meet the needs of our patients and their families during their hospital stay. Listed below are guidelines that will help protect our patients. Your consideration of donating your time and talent to provide comfort items to help our patients and families during a time of need is much appreciated.

We are currently accepting:

**Hats**

**Blankets**

**Pillows**

**Pillowcases**

**Cloth Books**

**Infant Positioning Items**- for example: octopus, moon, snakes, bean bags, etc.

### Materials

- Materials must be very soft and machine washable. Acrylic and cottons are best. We cannot accept items made with wool or pompadour.
- Materials should be new and kept in a clean, covered container or air tight bag prior to use and after to avoid accumulation of air-borne products, dust, animal dander, etc.

### Colors

- We accept all child-friendly colors and patterns.
- We want the items to be special all year long! Please avoid seasonal materials (Christmas, Halloween, etc.).

### Donation Making Environment

- Please ensure a clean and germ-free environment when making the homemade items.
- Clean the workspace with an anti-bacterial wipe, wash hands with soap & water prior to working with brand new materials.
- If knitting or crocheting a donation item, please assure all surfaces the item will touch are clean and dust-free.

### Yarn Hats Blankets

- Please weave in all ends and make sure seams are secure.

### Quilts

- Suggested materials are 100% cotton quilting fabric and cotton batting.
- French binding is preferred, as it is more durable and will last longer than "quick turn" and other binding methods.
- Quilts should be machine quilted or hand tied.

### **Fleece Blankets**

- Fleece blankets need to be only a single layer of fleece.
- Edges should be finished; i.e. tied, crocheted, serged or hemmed.

### **Preparing Your Donations**

- Please wash all items **with scent free detergent** before donating item(s).
- Before washing and drying donation items, please wipe the inside drums of both the washer and dryer with an antibacterial wipe. Let the drum surface dry before washing/drying donation items.
- Do not use fabric softener.
- Remove donation item directly from dryer. Immediately package each individual item or set of items in a separate zip-loc bag.
- Include a donation tag (Optional)

### **Delivery & Donation Form**

Prior to delivering items, we ask that you complete a Gift-in-Kind Form and bring it with you when you deliver your donation. If possible, please estimate the value of your items based on materials and time spent.

Please store completed items in unscented plastic bag or plastic container to keep them clean until delivery. Please do not store items in cardboard boxes. Please do not gift-wrap donated items.

Due to patient confidentiality and infection control, donated items are distributed by Baylor Scott and White McLane Children's Medical Center staff. Unfortunately, individuals and groups are not allowed to distribute donated items to patients.

To schedule drop off, please contact the Child Life Department at **254-935-4185**  
And then drop-off at McLane Children's Medical Center  
**1901 SW HK Dodgen Loop Temple, TX 76502**