

Is it better to donate one of many things... or many of one thing?

For us to be fair to our patient families and have consistency in our available items, it is helpful when a donor gives several of one item. Try delegating items to different groups in doing a drive!



Have any questions or want to schedule a drop-off?

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2025 Wish List:

Helping Blythedale's Families in the Community

LAUNDRY DETERGENT, TOILETRIES & CLEANING SUPPLIES

There is a great need for laundry detergent for our patient families who are in the community. Blythedale is a safety net hospital, since we do not turn away any patients if they cannot pay, and about 75% of our patients are dependent on Medicaid. As a result, we have many families who often must choose what, among necessities, they need to skip over. When faced with buying food, diapers, and laundry detergent, it's the last one that often gets overlooked, and it is often the one not available through other sources. Therefore, collecting laundry detergent (regular detergent and/or unscented is preferred over Dreft) would be immensely helpful!

On a similar note, our families also frequently request toiletries like liquid hand soap, body soap, shampoo, and dental hygiene items. Keeping our patients safe at home requires much disinfecting, so Clorox or Lysol wipes help our families to keep items clean so our patients can continue to heal.

NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

Many of our patient families are grateful to receive non-perishable foods. The most needed items are listed below; focusing on these would be fantastic! Please ensure items are unopened, unexpired, and, when possible, choose plastic over glass jars. Regular-sized items are preferred over bulk-sized ones without individual packaging.

1. Mayonnaise & canned tuna/chicken
2. Peanut butter & jelly
3. Cereals & shelf-stable milk
4. Rice (regular or instant) & beans
5. Pasta & sauce / Mac & cheese boxes
6. Applesauce pouches
7. Canned coffee
8. Olive oil & bouillon cubes / chicken stock
9. Crackers
10. Pancake mix & maple syrup
11. Low-sugar bottled juice or juice boxes
12. Canned soups, fruits, & vegetables (with pull-tabs if possible!)
13. Can openers (since not all our families have one at home)
14. For our parents staying bedside:
 - a) Items that come in their own microwavable packaging and do not need refrigeration, such as:
 - Cups of instant mac & cheese
 - Instant soups (including ramen)
 - Shelf-stable meals (like Hormel)
 - b) Granola bars (nut-free)
 - c) Individual bags of snacks
 - d) Instant oatmeal packets
 - e) Canned soups & vegetables (with pull tabs)
 - f) Microwavable bowls (to allow families to heat up other food)

CVS GIFT CARDS

Many of our patients in the community have a variety of over-the-counter needs, ranging from generic vitamins and lotions to specialized medical items. These items are usually not covered by Medicaid and can be quite costly. CVS gift cards (\$25-\$50 each) are very helpful to our patient families in making ends meet – it alleviates the frequent dilemma of choosing between their child's health needs and basic living essentials. When doing a service project or donation drive, if you find that there are people who want to donate money rather than buy items, this is an easy way to put that money to good use!