



AT THE FOREFRONT OF **KIDS' MEDICINE**

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Comer Children's

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Dear Friend of Comer Children's,

It is hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us. This year, we **need your help more than ever** as we continue to foster hope and healing during what should be the most wonderful time of the year.

This year is unlike any other at Comer. Due to the dramatic increase in respiratory illnesses, the hospital is experiencing a record number of pediatric admissions. These circumstances have challenged our Child Life team to ensure we support the needs of every patient and their family, and the increase of patients in our emergency department and on our inpatient units has rapidly depleted our toys and supplies.

Our number one goal is to support the emotional health and well-being of children throughout their healthcare experience. Despite these unprecedented times, our Child Life team continues to provide creative ways throughout the holiday season to boost spirits at Comer Children's. We hope for your generous support to help us continue the **Comer Cheer Program**, our annual tradition of offering spirit-lifting holiday gifts and activities, including virtual Santa Claus visits, magic shows, and art projects.

Comer Cheer is the gift that keeps on giving no matter what the season. With your help, our Child Life team can purchase gifts and host activities for children during the holidays and throughout the year. Our program supports families by offering a holiday store where parents and caregivers can choose gifts and even gift-wrap the presents for their children.

Please consider purchasing toys or making a monetary donation to allow our Child Life specialists to select items of greatest need for our patients and families. Your gifts will help bring smiles to children's faces and will keep the spirit of the season alive.

We are extremely grateful for your partnership – and thank you for supporting the kids at Comer.

Wishing you all the best this holiday season.

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P.S. Help us bring cheer to our patients at Comer Children's Hospital! Make a monetary donation today: <http://giving.uchicago.edu/comercheer> or purchase a gift from our wish lists or partners here: www.uchicagomedicine.org/comercheerdonations.

JOIN US IN BRINGING COMER CHEER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Toy, book, or game donations are a most welcome and appreciated way to bring joy directly to our patients. The holiday toy donation deadline is **Friday, December 16th**. Donations received after this date will support hospitalized children throughout the year. Please follow the guidelines provided in the enclosed Donation Wish List, and note that these generous donations should be new, unwrapped, and non-denominational.

- **Toys et Cetera:** <https://www.toysetcetera.com> 1502 E. 55th Street, Hyde Park. Use coupon code **COMER** for 20% off any toy purchased that is donated to Comer Children's. Shop online, by phone, or in store. Enter "Local Pickup" as the shipping option for online orders and include "Comer Donation" in the notes.
- **Amazon Wish Lists located here:** uchicagomedicine.org/comercheerdonations
Amazon donations are delivered directly to the Hospital.
- **57th Street Books** - <https://www.semcoop.com/comer-book-drive> Your purchase of a gift card in any denomination will provide a selection of books to Comer Children's Hospital. Purchase your gift cards online using the above link starting Friday November 25th.

Make a monetary gift at giving.uchicago.edu/comercheer or by completing and returning the donation form below.

Please ship **ALL** toy donations to the following address:

Comer Children's Hospital, Amy Carter - Child Life K135, 5835 S. Cottage Grove Ave, Chicago IL 60637

Please contact our donation coordinator with any questions or additional ideas at amy.carter@uchicagomedicine.org

MONETARY DONATION FORM

Print Name: _____ Contact Email: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to support the Child Life & Family Education Program's areas of highest need this holiday season with a gift:

\$ 25 \$ 50 \$ 100 \$ 500 \$ 1,000 Other: \$ _____

Enclosed is my check, payable to the University of Chicago Comer Children's. Mailed to:
Comer Children's Hospital, Amy Carter, Child Life K135 5721 S. Maryland Ave, MC8008 Chicago, IL 60637

Charge my full gift to my credit card today.

Monthly installments charged to my credit card to support year-long efforts of Child Life & Family Education needs.
Number of monthly installments: _____

Card type: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**FROM ALL OF US AT THE UCHICAGO MEDICINE COMER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
THANK YOU & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

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