November 2023

Dear Friend of Comer Children’s,

At Comer Children’s Hospital, our number one goal is to support the emotional health and well-being of children throughout their healthcare experiences. Over the last year, we have continued to see high volumes of hospitalized children and teens. To provide toys and programs to our Comer kids, we need the support of generous donors like you.

This holiday season, our Child Life team continues to provide creative ways to boost spirits at Comer Children’s. Through your generous support, we hope to 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 annual holiday store will once again allow for parents and caregivers to choose 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. Every donation matters.

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 Monday, December 18th. 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**: Use coupon code **COMER** for 20% off any toy purchased that is donated to Comer Children’s. Shop online [https://www.toysetcetera.com](https://www.toysetcetera.com), by phone (773-324-6039), or in store (1502 E. 55th Street, Hyde Park). Enter “Local Pickup” as the shipping option for online orders and include “Comer Donation” in the notes.

- **Amazon Wish Lists located here**: [www.uchicagomedicine.org/comercheerdonations](http://www.uchicagomedicine.org/comercheerdonations) Amazon donations are delivered directly to the Hospital.

- **57th Street Books**: [https://www.semcoop.com/comer-book-drive](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

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**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: __________

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

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