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## **Christmas in July Toy Drive to Benefit Sick and Injured Children in Hospital**

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** – To benefit sick and injured children during their time in the hospital, The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart has launched a Christmas in July Toy Drive. The Children's Hospital is seeking donations of toys for its playrooms and child life program, as well as to offer patients at the bedside. For infection control and safety reasons, items must be new, and toys must be washable (plastic or wood). Please no toys with violent themes.

The hospital's [areas of greatest need](#) can be found below or at [studerfamilychildrenshospital.com](http://studerfamilychildrenshospital.com):

### **Infant Toys**

- Blankets
- Balls
- Telephones
- Rattles
- Teethers
- Plastic Links
- Plastic Blocks
- Light Up/Musical Toys
- Baby Mittens/Socks

### **Toddler/School Age**

- Matchbox Cars
- Large Trucks/Cars
- Small Lego Kits
- Super Hero Characters
- Bubbles (wedding size)
- Slinkys
- Squeeze Balls
- Whistles
- Baby Dolls (all ethnic groups)
- Musical Instruments
- Stuffed Animals (small/medium)
- Little People Figures
- Music CDs
- Classical

- Relaxation
- Kidz Bop
- Lullaby
- Themed Toys
- Mickey Mouse
- Paw Patrol
- PJ Masks
- Peppa Pig
- Princess Sofia
- Trolls
- Disney Princesses

### **Teens**

- Blankets
- Nail Polish/Manicure Sets
- Water Bottles
- Fun Cups
- Chapstick
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Brushes/Combs
- Hair Accessories
- Word Find Books
- Cross Word Books
- Earbuds/Headphones
- Pill Boxes (for teaching medication compliance)

### **Art Supplies**

- Playdough/Playdough Tools
- Flarp
- Slime
- Orbeez / Water Beads
- Crayons
- 8 Count
- 16 Count
- Jumbo
- Colored Pencils
- Washable Markers
- #2 Pencils
- Paint Strips

- Coloring Books (child and adult)
- Fuzzy Posters
- Art Sets
- Craft Kits

### **Games**

- Card Games
- UNO
- Phase 10
- Regular Cards
- Handheld Games
- Yahtzee
- Texas Hold Em / Poker
- Bop It

Donations for the Christmas in July Toy Drive can be dropped off at the information desk in the lobby of The Studer Family Children’s Hospital at Sacred Heart, which is located at 5151 N. Ninth Avenue in Pensacola. Donation receipts will be provided. For information, call 850-416-2657.

[The Studer Family Children’s Hospital at Sacred Heart](#) is a 117-bed facility that offers a wide range of services to meet all of a child’s medical needs, from a pediatric emergency room and neonatal intensive care unit to pediatric intensive care, cancer care, rehabilitation and a medical staff of more than 120 board-certified physicians across 30 pediatric specialties. The Children’s Hospital provides quality, compassionate care to children, regardless of their parents’ ability to pay. For more information, visit [studerfamilychildrenshospital.com](http://studerfamilychildrenshospital.com).

### **About Sacred Heart Health System**

In Florida, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health based in Pensacola and St. Vincent’s HealthCare based in Jacksonville. Together, Ascension operates seven hospitals and more than 100 other sites of care, and they employ nearly 10,000 associates. Across the region, Sacred Heart and St. Vincent’s have served North Florida communities for more than 145 years. In fiscal year 2017, they provided \$168 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension ([www.ascension.org](http://www.ascension.org)) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world’s largest Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension includes approximately 165,000 associates and 34,000 aligned providers. Ascension’s Healthcare Division operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 153 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 22 states and the District of Columbia. For more information on Sacred Heart Health System, visit [www.sacred-heart.org](http://www.sacred-heart.org).