

# OSUCCC – James Donation Guidelines

Thank you for thinking of patients at The James and expressing interest in donating items. Out of respect for the sensitive condition of our patients, we kindly ask that your items are created in a smoke-free environment. To ensure your items or projects are suitable for patients at The James, please contact the Volunteer Program at 614-685-3478 prior to starting a project, organizing a donation, or bringing a donation.

## Sew/crochet/knit Items

These handmade items bring comfort and warmth to patients and their families. We ask that you use new fabric and materials when creating these items.

- Lap blankets (fleece tie, knit, crochet or quilted)
- Hats (knit, crochet, cotton or fleece)
- Neck pillows
- Heating/cooling rice bags

## Greeting Cards

We ask that cards offer a general greeting or message of encouragement. We ask the phrase “*get well soon*” is avoided due to the disease being chronic and many patients undergoing long term treatment plans. Cards can include your own artwork/illustrations. We recommend using cardstock, colored paper, scrapbooking supplies, stamps or stickers. Patients from many faiths are treated at The James, so please refrain from including religious messages, such as “*God Bless*” or “*Sending prayers/praying for you*”. It is also nice to include a brief sentence or verbiage on who is writing the card. A signature on the card is not required. If you choose to sign it, please include only your first name. Suggested messages include:

- *Sending you hope and encouragement*
- *Thinking of you*
- *Hope this brightens your day*
- *Your strength and courage are an inspiration*
- *Sending you support*

## Art Projects

Art projects bring joy and comfort to patients and their families and showcase the unique talents of others.

- Tissue paper flowers
- Bookmarks
- Magnets
- Seasonal favors
- Origami

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- Small picture frames (4"x6") with photographs of nature or non-religious inspirational poems or quotes

## Reading Materials

Patients and families appreciate reading materials. Magazines should be "newsstand"-type publications, should be less than 4 months old and should have any address information removed. Gently used books are also appreciated. We are unable to accept damaged books (such as those with water or smoke damage).

<u><b>We can accept:</b></u>	<u><b>We are not able to accept:</b></u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lap blankets (fleece tie, knit, crochet or quilted)</li> <li>▪ Hats/scarves (knit, crochet, cotton or fleece)</li> <li>▪ Neck pillows (new materials or inflatable, waterproof and cleanable)</li> <li>▪ Heating/cooling rice bags (new)</li> <li>▪ Crossword/Word Find/Sudoku books</li> <li>▪ Hand-held games</li> <li>▪ Magazines (within the last 4 months)</li> <li>▪ Books (gently used)</li> <li>▪ Journals or notepads</li> <li>▪ Small packages of tissues</li> <li>▪ Mylar balloons</li> <li>▪ Stuffed animals (new)</li> <li>▪ Deodorant (new and seal not broken)</li> <li>▪ Toothpaste (new and seal not broken)</li> <li>▪ Lip balm (new and seal not broken)</li> <li>▪ Flameless candles (cleanable)</li> <li>▪ Sugar-free candy or mints (individually wrapped and seal not broken)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Food, snacks or beverages</li> <li>▪ Live flowers, leaves, plants or pine cones</li> <li>▪ Latex balloons</li> <li>▪ Candles</li> <li>▪ Glitter</li> <li>▪ Skincare products</li> <li>▪ Body wash</li> <li>▪ Perfume</li> <li>▪ Body lotion products</li> <li>▪ Makeup</li> <li>▪ Clothes</li> <li>▪ Socks</li> <li>▪ Slippers</li> <li>▪ Purses</li> <li>▪ Belts</li> <li>▪ Damaged books</li> </ul>

## Questions

If you have questions, please contact us at:

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