

Once Upon a Room

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Project Overview

The Pre-Health Peer Mentor EPIC grant program initiated our Once Upon a Room project to provide individual room decorations to patients at Cook Children. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we pivoted our goals by creating gift bags for patients and their families.

Background

- Cook Children's Hospital – Transitional Care Unit (TCU) and Rehabilitation Care Unit (RCU) floors
- Anne Stankus – Child Life Specialist for TCU and RCU floors

Need: To help children and families in the TCU and RCU floors feel special and loved.



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These holiday bags included board games, toys, and other sensory items as well as hygiene supplies for parents.

- Holiday bags were for:
 - Halloween
 - Thanksgiving
 - Christmas
 - Valentine's day



Accomplishments

We have delivered approximately 80 bags in the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters.

The gift bags have been a success with consistent and positive feedback from family and from Cook Children's Child Life department alike.

We hope to continue this project next year and reach 100 bags.

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