

Bags of Joy

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Project Overview

Goodie bags contained things like play-doh, balloons, bouncy balls, coloring books, and board games of the patients choosing.

Hygiene bags were given to the parents/ guardians of the patients. These contained items like toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, and small journals.

Game night events allowed patients to engage in fun activities.

Background

• In 2020 we partnered with Once Upon a Room. We partnered with Cook Children's Hospital to decorate rooms for children who will have an extended stay. Due to COVID-19, our coordinator was unable to match us with a child who met the criteria to have their room decorated. We decided to make the most of our situation and pivoted our EPIC grant to creating goodie bags and hygiene welcome bags. We also were able to hold a hospital wide game night event.

- Cook Children's Hospital – Transitional Care Unit (TCU) and Rehabilitation Care Unit (RCU) floors
- Anne Stankus – Child Life Specialist for TCU and RCU floors
- Megan Hodges Cook, Community Program Coordinator at Cook Children's.
- Disparities surrounding this community etc

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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:

- Christmas
- Valentine's day

The annual easter event provided patients with the opportunity to hunt for easter eggs, make their own smores, paint eggs, take pictures in a photobooth, and play with bubbles.

Accomplishments

We have delivered approximately 48 welcome bags to the RCU floors, supplied roughly 500 eggs for Cook Children's annual easter egg hunt, and hosted a hospital-wide game night.

We have received consistent and positive feedback from family and from Cook Children's Child Life department alike.

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