

## Service Projects

### Bedside Crafts

When putting together bedside craft kits, please include instructions and a photo/image of the completed project. Past donations of bedside craft kits include make-your-own puppet or princess wand, friendship bracelets, and beaded keychains. The materials, instructions, and photo can be placed in a zip-top bag. It's also helpful to place a label on the bag with the name of the craft.

Store-bought bedside craft kits are a great option for community members who would like to donate bedside craft kits, but may not have the time to gather the materials and put them together themselves.

Here are some examples of Bedside Craft Kits:

#### Nail Kits

Place small bottles of nail polish, nail decals, emery boards, cotton balls, and a small bottle of nail polish remover into a zip-top bag for patients.

#### Friendship Bracelets

##### Materials:

- 12 inches of fishing line, jewelry thread, or string
- assortment of beads

Instructions (to be printed and included in the zip-top bag with materials):

Use your creativity!

When you have your bracelet to the desired length, ask an adult for assistance in cutting and tying the string.

#### Photo Frames

##### Materials:

- foam/cardboard photo frames (can be found at craft stores)
- stickers
- foam shape cut-outs with sticky backing
- crayons
- markers

Instructions (to be printed out and included with the materials for this craft in a zip-top bag):

Use your creativity and decorate your photo frame!

## **Light Switch Plates**

### Materials:

- white light switch plate (from any home improvement store)
- assortment of permanent markers

### Instructions (to be printed out and included with the materials for this craft in a zip-top bag):

- 1) Use the permanent markers provided to decorate the light switch plate however you wish.
- 2) When you are done, you can take your switch plate home and put it in your room or over any other light switch in your house.

## **Pony Bead Snake**

### Materials:

- 2 black pony beads
- assorted pony beads of any color
- string

### Instructions (to be printed out and included with the materials for this craft in a zip-top bag):

- 1) String beads for the first row onto the right side of the string, and slide to the center. Weave left cord from left to right, through the beads. Continue this throughout the project.
- 2) Look at diagram to the right to know how many beads to put on each set.

## **Pony Bead Turtle**

### Materials:

- 2 black pony beads
- 9 light green pony beads
- 10 brown pony beads
- string
- keychain ring

### Instructions (to be printed out and included with the materials for this craft in a zip-top bag):

- 1) Tie the string onto the keychain ring.
- 2) Thread two beads on one string, and tuck the other end of the string through the opposite way.
- 3) Pull both ends tight so the bead moves up to the keychain ring.
- 4) When you get to the legs, thread the string through the leg bead and back through the beads the string came out of.
- 5) Start the next row of beads. See the picture to the right to see what color beads go in each row.
- 6) At the end, tie off the two strings in a double knot.

## **Home-Made Cards**

Connor's Heroes volunteers will send a card to patients, their siblings, and parents to celebrate birthdays, special events, and just to remind them that others care. Cards may be hand-decorated and include short notes such as "thinking of you," "a smile to brighten your day," "just a note to send you a little sunshine," or other uplifting thoughts.

## **Other Service Projects**

In addition to putting together bedside craft kits for our patients, community members are invited to have collection drives for Connor's Heroes. Possible collection drives include:

- **Art Supply Drive**

Connor's Heroes provides art supplies to the pediatric patients on the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit and we also include them in our Heroes Bags and Backpacks. Needed supplies include:

- dry erase boards
- sketch pads
- scrapbooking supplies
- models (of cars, airplanes)
- Sculpting clay
- Model Magic clay
- Paint and easels

- **DVD and CD Drive**

- child appropriate DVDs ( G, PG, and PG-13 ratings, no violence)
- nature and relaxation CDs
- lullabies
- teen music
- Disney movie soundtracks

- **Board Games Drive:**

- Guess who?
- Jenga
- The Game of Life
- Scrabble
- Clue
- Apples to Apples
- Uno card games
- Cranium
- Sorry!
- Don't Break the Ice!
- Deal or No Deal
- Checkers
- Chess

- **Gift Card Drive**

- Store Gift Cards: Some gift card ideas include, but are not limited to Target, Wal-Mart, Barnes & Noble, Borders, Toys R Us, Five and Below, CVS, Visa, Mastercard, or American Express.
- Gas Cards: Patients treated in Richmond may live up to 2 hours away, so gas cards can help a great deal.
- Long Distance Calling Cards: Provide a way for patients and families to stay in touch with relatives and friends back home.