# **HELC NEWS**

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## Financial Reminders

December is a very busy month for address at the front desk as stateeveryone, so we want to remind you ments will be mailed to the address of a few things before the holiday season begins.

Accounts for the month of December will need to be "paid in full" by your payment amount before issu-December 15th. This will allow us to have all necessary payments posted to Auburn before the Christmas break. Thus, allowing for the close out of the year, and your tax statements to be prepared and mailed to you by January 30, 2019. Also, if you have moved since the start of school, please verify your

on file. Statements will NOT be picked up at HELC.

With this in mind, please verify ing checks. If you use direct pay from your bank/credit union, be sure to change your mail out date for December to guarantee payments are received on time.

Please let Lesa Harris, Fiscal Manager, know if you have any questions regarding tuition or fees. Thank you!

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## HELC Collects Toys for Children's Sugar Plum Shop

Each year, HELC families and staff contribute to an organization by donating items to our annual Toy Drive. This will be the fourth year the Parent Representative Group has chosen Children's Sugar Plum Shop as our organization.

The Sugar Plum Shop, presented by Regions Bank, is Children's of Alabama's program for patients and their families who must spend the holidays at the hospital. This inhospital toy store is built and operated by hospital staff, corporate partners and community volunteers who invite parents of currently hospitalized patients to "shop"—free of charge—for gifts for their patient child and siblings.

The Sugar Plum Shop accepts new, unwrapped toys and there is a need for infant (a lot of babies in the NICU!) and teen gifts. Additional information can be found on the website:

www.childrensal.org/ SugarPlumShop

The toy drive will take place from Monday December 3 through Thursday, December 14th. Toys will be taken to the hospital the morning of the 14th. Families can leave donations on the tables located in the Chicka Room.

The Wish List for the Sugar Plum Shop is on the second page of the newsletter.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**



Toy Drive—December 3-14 Orff Music Program—December 19 at 9 A.M.





Thank you for your interest in purchasing items for our 2018 Sugar Plum Shop! Our Holiday Wish List is below, or please consider making a monetary donation as our needs and patient population are ever changing.

## • How to Donate

The donation deadline this year is Friday, December 14th.

To donate online, please visit www.childrensal.org/donate and designate your donation to "Sugar Plum Shop"

If **mailing** your donation, please mail to Children's of Alabama, Attn. Child Life/Sugar Plum Shop 1600 7th Avenue South, Birmingham AL 35233

If **delivering** your donation, please come to our **Benjamin Russell building at 1601** 5<sup>th</sup> **Avenue South**. Please make sure to fill out a donation form at the information desk so we can properly acknowledge your generous donation. **Due to infection control, there is**no patient interaction when dropping off donations.

Toy Safety/Infection Control Guidelines:

- All toys and clothing must be brand new and in original packaging.
  - Please do not gift wrap donation.

- We cannot accept the following items, food/candy, stuffed animals, toys that depict violence, religious items, crocheted/knit items, gently used or homemade items.

### Wish List =

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| Nurture Smart Mobile                  |
| Light up & musical toys               |
| Snugapuppy Calming Vibrations Soother |
| Crib mirrors                          |
| Bouncy seats/rockers                  |
| Play/activity mats                    |
| Duplo Blocks                          |
| Paw Patrol toys                       |
| Oball Rattles/Teething rings          |
| Activity walkers                      |
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# Crafts for all ages Canvases/ Acrylic paint brushes

Baby blankets

Infant/Toddler

Play-Doh & Play-Doh utensils Stamp pads Individual craft kits

Fisher-Price SpaceSaver high chair

#### School-Age

Magnetic blocks
Legos & building blocks
Disney/Pixar characters
Electronic board games

Slime kits

Mini Arcade Games

Crayola Color Chemistry set Remote control cars

furReal Munchin' Rex

Hot Wheels

Over the door basketball hoops Pomsies Plush Interactive toys

#### Teens

Adult coloring books

Battery operated LED Photo String Lights

Collegiate gear Dorm Room Decor

#### Make up kits/cosmetic bags

Jewelry making kits/Jewelry
Over the door basketball hoops

Polaroid cameras & film

Headphones

Bluetooth speakers

Insulated water bottles/cups Large sizes fleece blankets

#### Games/Electronics for all ages

New release DVD's DVD Players Xbox One games

iPads

Nintendo Switch & games

Wii U games

Handheld gaming systems

