



Thoughtful Treasures



A Mailbox Project for The Children's Inn

We encourage groups or individuals to make 75 items for the children's mailboxes.

Project ideas:

- Handmade items
- Stickers
- Puzzle books
- Friendship bracelets
- Hand puppets
- Small stuffed animals

Mailbox size:

5" x 5" x 15" depth

Dear Friends of The Inn:

The Children's Inn at NIH provides "A Place Like Home" for children participating in leading-edge research at the National Institutes of Health. It is a place to relax with other families who are undergoing similar treatment. At the end of the day, The Inn is a place where kids can simply be kids. The Thoughtful Treasures program brings many moments of happiness to the children and their siblings staying at The Inn. During their stay here, each child is presented with a special mailbox treasure each day. These items can be many different things - each one meant to lift spirits and bring smiles, laughter and a wonderful surprise.

We ask that cards and items **NOT** refer to hospitals, sickness, get-well soon or have any religious connotation. Instead, we suggest that cards contain positive and fun messages like "You rock!" and "Have a great day!" or child appropriate jokes (think "Knock knock" jokes and simple riddles). Please keep in mind good safety practices. We cannot accept candy, play dough or bottles with liquid.

You can either mail the gifts to my attention at:

*The Children's Inn
7 West Drive
Bethesda, MD 20814-1509*

Or drop them off at The Inn between:

9 AM - 8 PM / 7 days a week

If you decide to come directly to The Inn, kindly give the items to the volunteer at the Welcome Desk and complete an In-Kind Donation form. Please ask for me, as I would enjoy meeting you!

We hope you enjoy the Thoughtful Treasures program and have fun making special gifts for the children staying at The Children's Inn.

Warmest Regards,

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