

## Teddy Bear Drive Guidelines

### Purpose

To collect **new teddy bears** for donation to children at **Batson Children's Hospital** to provide comfort and support during their hospital stay.

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### Donation Guidelines

- **Teddy bears must be brand new**
    - Due to hospital policies, **used** or **pre-owned** items cannot be accepted.
  - **Maximum size: 20 inches tall**
    - Bears should be small enough to be easily stored and hugged by young children.
  - **No sound chips, moving parts, or electronics**
    - Keep it simple—soft, plush, and huggable only.
  - **No themed bears with potentially sensitive designs**
    - Avoid bears with scary, violent, or controversial themes.
    - Neutral or cheerful designs are best.
  - **Tags should be left on if possible**
    - Shows the item is new and unused.
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### Collection Instructions

- Bears should be brought to the **conference registration area**.
  - Chapters are responsible for keeping count of their total donations.
  - If you have a large quantity, label your box or bag with your **school name**.
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### Community Service Award

- The chapter that donates the **most teddy bears** will be recognized with the **“2026 Community Service Award”** at the conference.