

Each month, Candlelighters delivers nearly 100 lovable, cuddly Bedside Buddies to children at Doernbecher Children's Hospital who have recently been diagnosed with cancer. These soft, furry stuffed animals are cheerfully waiting on hospital beds to greet any newly admitted child, and there to cling to for reassurance when a child is facing a painful procedure, chemotherapy, scans, and more. Our Bedside Buddies can also be found in the arms of children in outpatient oncology and radiation clinics. Although they are only a small distraction from the difficult path each child travels with cancer, they still provide comfort and can bring a smile on a tough day.

If you would like to organize a drive for Bedside Buddies, or donate a Bedside Buddy, please see the donation guidelines below.

Bedside Buddies Guidelines:

- 10"–16" tall and up to 10" wide/long
- Brand new with tags
- No Build-A-Bears, please
- Gender-neutral
- No buddies with sounds or squeakers
- Not seasonal/holiday specific
- No sports team or company logos
- Fragrance-free

You can browse our [Amazon Wish List](#) for ideas, or to purchase and donate directly. If you are planning to drop off donations at our office, please contact [Ellar](#) to set up a time.