

Friends of Karen Birthday Wish List

Every child deserves to feel celebrated on their birthday. Friends of Karen provides birthday gifts for every child we serve, and donations from generous supporters like you make that possible.



Below are some of the most requested gift ideas by interest. While this list is intended to provide inspiration, any **new, unwrapped toy appropriate for children ages 1–9** is greatly appreciated.

Gifts for Toddlers (Ages 1-4)

- Shape sorters
- Stacking toys
- Musical toys
- Activity cubes
- Bath toys
- Soft blocks
- Large-piece puzzles

Gifts for Ages 4-9:

- Action Figures
- Arts & Crafts & Creative toys
- Books (Storybooks & Activity Books)
- Building & Construction
- Cars & Trucks
- Dolls
- Disney items
- Games & Puzzles
- Outdoor fun
- STEM & Discovery

Gift Cards for Ages 10-21:

Children ages 10 through 21 receive a \$25 Amazon, Visa, Mastercard, Target or Walmart Gift Card, allowing them to choose something they'll truly enjoy.

Donation guidelines:

- Please donate new, unwrapped toys.
- Choose gifts appropriate for children ages 1–9.
- Every donation helps make a child's birthday a little brighter during a difficult time.

Party in a Bag:

In addition to a birthday gift, each child receives a **Birthday Bag** filled with party essentials, including candles, paper plates, napkins, and a small grocery gift card to help families celebrate together. Donations of these items are always appreciated and help make each birthday feel complete.

Every Birthday Matters

Every child looks forward to celebrating their birthday. That's why Friends of Karen makes sure every child in the families we support receives a birthday gift, helping birthdays remain a joyful occasion even in the midst of a child's illness.

By providing age-appropriate birthday gifts, we help ease both the financial and emotional burden on parents who are focused on caring for their seriously ill child while keeping their family strong. Each month, Friends of Karen sends birthday gifts to approximately **60 to 80 children**, ensuring that every child feels remembered and celebrated on their special day.

For children facing a serious illness, and for their siblings, a birthday gift is more than just a present. It's a reminder that someone is thinking of them, celebrating them, and reminding them that they are not alone.

Thank you for helping make every birthday a little brighter.