



## Handcrafted Gift In-Kind Donations

MaineGeneral Health appreciates all handcrafted donations. Your kindness and skills help create warmth and comfort for our patients of all ages. Please follow the guidelines and suggestions below to ensure patients' safety in addition to respecting your time and effort.

To protect the privacy of our patients, please deliver donations to the Office of Philanthropy. To make donation delivery arrangements please call 207-626-7238. All donated items must be approved based on the following guidelines.

### In-Kind Donation Guidelines

For infants/pediatrics, MaineGeneral follows Safe Sleep Guidelines to ensure safety and ask that handcrafted items meet the following specifications:

- washcloth sized 13x13
- receiving blankets 34x36
- quilted to fold around hospital bassinet mattress 36x36
- knitted blankets (needle size 8 or smaller)

Due to dangers to an infant, blankets CANNOT be fleece tied, heavy quilted, or loose knitted.

For all other knitted/sewn items, our patients appreciate throw blankets, caps, shawls, scarves and so much more!

Donations that do not meet quality and safety guidelines for MGH patients will be directed to one of the following agencies to ensure appreciative homes are found:

Augusta Warming Center	<a href="https://uwkv.org/Warming-Center">https://uwkv.org/Warming-Center</a>
Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area	<a href="https://www.hvwa.org/">https://www.hvwa.org/</a>
Family Violence Project	<a href="http://www.familyviolenceproject.org/donate/">http://www.familyviolenceproject.org/donate/</a>
Augusta Food Bank	<a href="http://www.augustafoodbank.org/">http://www.augustafoodbank.org/</a>
Bread of Life Ministries	<a href="http://www.mainebreadoflife.org/support-bolm/donate/">http://www.mainebreadoflife.org/support-bolm/donate/</a>
Goodwill	<a href="https://goodwillnne.org/">https://goodwillnne.org/</a>

MaineGeneral Health appreciates the time our community puts forth for such handcrafted items. We do ask that items are not gift wrapped, come from a smoke-free environment and be free of animal and pet hair. We remind you to always check homemade items carefully for pins and remove any embellishments such as button that could be swallowed.

Thank you for your generosity and time.

**For further questions or to arrange a donation, contact:**

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