

My family and I do a Crayon collection every year to honor our son, Kollin Fry, who was stillborn 2/3/2011. My wife Jenica, who works as a paramedic on the hospital's Pediatric Transport Team, came up with the idea when she saw a patient light up when they were given a box of new crayons to use during a transport, and noticed that the hospital's "crayon stash" for moments like this wasn't much of a stash but a few boxes. The first year we collected and donated crayons we donated around 200 boxes; and it has grown considerably each year - and this year we have a goal of at least 1000 boxes; as the COVID-19 pandemic depleted a good portion of the built up stash so we can help make some kiddo's hospital visits a little less stressful and help in a small way brighten their day. Our daughters have also been helping as we label each box with a "Kollin's Crayon Crusade" sticker and they love helping labeling each one.

Kollin's Crayon Crusade 2021
August 1-October 1

This 5th annual event, is in memory of our son Kollin Fry, who was stillborn Feb 3, 2011, due to complications from Trisomy 18. Kollin's Crayon Crusade supports Beacon Memorial Children's Hospital in South Bend, Child Life Department and their "crayon stash". A new box of crayons from the "crayon stash" is given to a child to use during their time in the hospital to help them through – because what kiddo doesn't like a new box of crayons!?

Our goal each year is to be able to donate approximately 1000 boxes. Each donated box is stickered with a "Kollin's Crayon Crusade" label.

During each year's crusade some of our friends have done some interesting things to help get some extra donations such as, having a crayon war at their work, church, child's gymnastics/dance school, etc.

Facebook Event Link for Kollin's Crayon Crusade 2021:
<https://fb.me/e/2l4K61IKl>

Amazon link, if you wish to donate:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/114WSZOUK0KXL?ref_=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR1GGeFHPAJjtvFrR6DvwCXBQZJIhgkLonWFJMKN4zbeHkq5ue4msELtPDo