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Cancer Center seeks items for toy sale

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Local kids who have outgrown their toys are being urged to donate the gently used play items to the upcoming Kidz for a Cure Toy Sale to benefit local pediatric cancer patients.

Now in its third year, the sale takes place from 9 a.m. to noon on May 8 at the Cancer Center of Santa Barbara. Children will host the event, selling their toys at individual booths in the center's parking lot.

"What's truly amazing is that kids are

the ones giving back, and they recognize the importance of helping out other children," Rick Scott, the center's president, said in a news release.

The sale launched in 2008 after Madison Lewandowski, then 8, decided to sell homemade crafts and used toys to support cancer research. Now 10, she remains a driving force behind the annual event.

Scott said the funds raised will go directly to research on pediatric oncology and treatment options, which have seen dramatic improvements in the past

two decades.

The event will include face painting, live entertainment, a bounce house and a silent auction that includes trips to theme parks Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm.

The deadline to reserve a booth spot is May 6, and those interested in donating can bring clean and operational toys, games, books, films and electronics on the morning of the event.

More information is available by calling 898-2116 or sending an email to events@ccsb.org.