FROM THE INSIDE

Generosity in the midst of adversity

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No words; much spoken

So sick; you left us this fall

Grieving; they gave toys.

This Haiku(*) is born of my thoughts after encountering parents who, despite their child laying on her deathbed, expressed the desire to give toys to a critically ill child down the hall.¹

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