

# Shoeboxes for Shelters

RE Sponsored HUUC Winter Service Project  
Donations Due Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 am

Assembly of Boxes Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, during service

The traditional RE Sponsored HUUC Winter Social Outreach Project will be a reprise of the very successful **Shoeboxes for Shelters**. Your donations will create a 'bank of goodies' from which the 'Elves' can draw. On Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> the 'HUUC Elves' from Preschool through Sr. High, will assemble as many shoebox gifts, as the HUUC community provides donations with which to fill them! *We are working with Inter-parish Ministries in Newtown.*

Think in terms of 'these gift boxes may well be the only gift some of these folks receive this holiday season' ... 'think beyond the essentials' ... 'HUUC'ers have often shopped to reflect their own gender/ages or the gender/ages of their own children; the kids are great at thinking of good ideas. Make it a FAMILY affair.

## What would homeless or struggling folks appreciate?

**NEEDED:** Shoebox Bottoms and Lids that are  
**PREWRAPPED/Holiday Style ~ Separately Please**  
New or Gently Used LARGE Purses or Tote bags (with nice bow) work well too.

The Shoebox Gifts will be packed with items appropriate for each of the following 4 Categories.

- 1.) Boy – age 0-18
- 2.) Young Girl – age 0-18
- 3.) Adult Man – age 18-up
- 4.) Adult Woman – age 18-up



~~~ Turn OVER for Shopping Suggestions of Needed Items ~~~

## Shopping Tips and Ideas – Donations Due to HUUC by 9 am Sat. Dec. 13

### General Health and Hygiene items for ALL 4 Categories:

*(Hotel or Sample Sizes + Full Sizes /Both Appreciated)*

Toothbrushes/toothpaste/ soap/ shampoo/ shaving cream/razors/ chap stick/ lotion/ band-aids/anti-biotic ointment/hairbrush/comb/tampons/moist toilettes/ Tylenol/ etc.



### Warm Woolies for ALL of the 4 Categories: GOAL: That each

Shoebox will have attached with ribbon, at least ONE item such as pair of gloves, hat, scarf and/or SOCKS. If we have enough items, we will attach sets to as many gift boxes as possible.



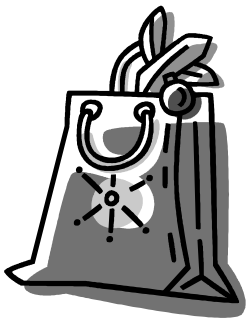
### Wide Variety of Shoebox Sized Gift Items/Small Sizes that will fit IN the Shoeboxes for EACH of the 4 Categories:

**Gift Ideas:** Things such as non-perishable snacks, gum, nuts, candies (small canned snacks better than bagged chips i.e., Pringles, potato sticks etc.)/paperback books, playing cards/ small toys/ cars/ beading kits/make-up/perfume/nail polish/arts and crafts items/ drawing goodies/ writing paper/a watch/ decks of flash cards on assorted subjects/socks/man's cologne/etc.



### Other Especially Useful Items to Include In the Shoebox Gifts:

1. METRO Bus Tokens: These come in bundles of 40 for \$40.00 and individually for \$1.00 per token. Purchase tokens at 'The Bus Stop' located IN the Mercantile Center Arcade, 120 E. Fourth Street, weekdays 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. In the past, families have collaborated in providing tokens through the 'You Buy, I'll Fly' method of procurement. **The tokens make the following ideas accessible!**
2. Gift Cards for Grocery and/or Discount Stores in **SMALL Denominations** i.e. \$10, \$20. This way, many boxes can include a card, instead of one box with a \$100 card in it.
3. Movie Theater Passes – Gift Certificates for Wendy's, McDonalds etc.



**A Family Project?** If you or your family would like to create personalized Shoeboxes and/or Tote Bags and bring them already wrapped/bowed in addition to bringing a few items for the 'bank' that would be most welcome. **Please be sure to clearly mark the appropriate gender/age of the intended recipient on the outside of the package with tape or a well-attached tag that won't fall off!!**



Thanks in advance to the Heritage Community for your generosity and engagement with RE Sponsored Social Outreach Projects. Your active involvement models for our children the UU value of sharing our abundance. Please contact me or any RE Committee member if you have questions or would be available to help with set up on the morning of Sat. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> when all donations are due.

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