

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
What Goes In My Shoebox?



Back-To-School Sales start in August for school supplies! This is a good time to shop ahead for your shoeboxes. Check out stores like Target, Wal-Mart, Office Depot, and even grocery stores.

You can fill multiple boxes. You can designate each box for a boy or a girl. Age ranges are 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14, you pick.

Be sure to include a note to your recipient and pray over your box. A \$9 donation per shoebox is critical to provide for shipping and other ministry expenses.

Gift Ideas

WOW!!

Start with a quality “wow” item such as a stuffed animal, doll, harmonica, musical recorder, soccer ball with pump, shoes, or clothing outfit that will capture the child’s attention the instant he or she opens the box.

Note: For your WOW gift, DHPC will once again make available The Shoe That Grows for \$20 a pair and, new this year, deflated soccer balls plus hand pump (limit 50) for \$4! (You may purchase these starting Sept. 13, on the patio.)



Do Not Include

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Clothing and Accessories

For All Ages:

- Shirt
- Underwear
- Shoes and Socks
- Flip-flops
- Sunglasses
- Tote Bag/Purse
- Hair Bows
- Friendship Bracelets

For Older Children:

- Wrist watch

Personal Care Items

For All Ages:

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar Soap
- Colorful Band-Aids
- Flashlight
- Reusable plastic containers, such as a cup or waterbottle.

For Older Children:

- Lip Balm
- Compact Mirror
- Nail Clipper and File
- Emergency Sewing Kit

Crafts/Activities/School Supplies

For All Ages:

- Pencils and sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil Case
- Crayons
- Markers
- Chalk
- Coloring Books
- Notebooks
- Glue Stick
- Adhesive Tape
- Watercolor Set
- Playdough
- Stickers
- Jump Rope

For Older Children:

- Solar powered calculator
- Scissors
- Protractor
- Ruler
- Blank Index Cards
- Puzzles
- Lego
- Craft Kits
- Bead Jewelry Kits

Toys

For All Ages:

- Ball and Pump
- Tennis Ball
- Finger Puppets
- Slinky
- Interactive toys (lights, sounds)—be sure to include extra batteries
- Play cars/trucks/boats
- Plastic tools
- Plastic Dinosaurs
- Dress-Up Items

For Older Children:

- Yo-yo
- Plastic Toy Figures
- Small Frisbee or Kite