

Rotary Shoebox Project 2017 - The Rotary Club of Aberdeen Bon Accord



<http://www.rotaryshoebox.org/>

Donations from Hanover Street School



Last year, for the first time in many years, our school families very kindly donated filled shoeboxes for the above project. We were delighted to donate 32 shoeboxes for 32 people who otherwise, may not have received a Christmas gift on Christmas morning. In 2016, there were 14,795 boxes in total, being delivered for Christmas alone!

What is the project for?

Originally started in 1994, the Rotary Shoebox Scheme was then intended to provide children of Lasi, in north-east Romania with Christmas gifts. Since then, the scheme has become a national project supported not only by Rotary clubs but also by individuals, schools, companies, churches, etc.

Gifts are now sent out throughout the year to many different countries in Central and Eastern Europe. Toys are especially useful all year round for Birthday presents in the Orphanages, Homes and Hospitals. All age groups, including teenagers, have welcomed the boxes. Boxes have been given to children and teenagers in orphanages, hospitals and also to street kids, to adults in TB and AIDS hospitals, to disadvantaged families and to women's refugees and to older folk in hostels with no supporting families.

In addition to Romania, Shoebox gifts have been delivered to Belarus, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Albania, Croatia and Kosovo.

Each year around 60,000 Shoeboxes or gifts are sent!

So, what can YOU donate?

Suggested items:

TOYS: Matchbox type cars, small bouncy balls, yo-yos, dolls, colouring books, crayons, felt tip pens, pencils, notebooks, jigsaws, lego (No chocolate or sweets in toy boxes, no war related toys or toys that need batteries)

TEENAGE: make-up, toiletries, sports-wear, hats, gloves, scarves, comb and mirror, writing materials, etc.

HOUSEHOLD: washing powder, fairy liquid, hand soap, shampoo, toothbrush and paste, disinfectant, letter paper and envelopes, ball point pens, etc. (By adding warm gloves or scarf, the box is suitable for an older person)

A suggested donation of £2 towards transport costs – which we will tape to the outside of the lid of the boxes.

Please bring in any donations – no matter how big or small, by **Friday 10 November..** We will collate all donations in the meeting room and the P6s will help sort them into age/gender groups for the boxes to be collected the week after.

Many thanks; I'm looking forward to having a wee, but very much-needed clear-out at home!

Gillian Forbes
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