

Love in a Box

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2025



To cure, sometimes; To help, often; To comfort, always.

Christmas Showbox Appeal 2025

Love in a Box – Delivering Christmas Joy for 35 Years!

For 35 years, Children in Distress has been bringing hope and happiness to children facing hardship through our annual Love in a Box Shoebox Appeal.

Every Christmas, a beautifully decorated box filled with love, essentials and little surprises, brings joy around the world to children in need in Romania.

Thanks to the kindness of our supporters, last year we delivered over 5,000 shoeboxes to children, teenagers and older adults. We also helped many families celebrate Christmas through our Gifts from the Heart initiative.



As we head into our 36th year of the Shoebox Appeal, we're calling on you, our incredible supporters, to help us continue this tradition of compassion and giving. Together, we can continue to deliver smiles, hope and the magic of Christmas to those who need it most.

Join us in making Christmas special – one shoebox at a time!

Thank you

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters. Your unwavering commitment allows us to bring joy and comfort to so many during the festive season. We simply couldn't do it without you!



How to get involved



If you would like to support Children in Distress with our Love in a Box Shoebox Appeal 2025, we would love to hear from you!

Whether you're filling a shoebox, donating essential items, or spreading the word, every act of kindness makes a difference. For more information on how to get involved, please contact us using the details on the back page.

With your support, we can bring joy to even more vulnerable children and families, ensuring they experience the Christmas they deserve.

How to take part

Taking part in the Love in a Box Shoebox Appeal couldn't be easier!

We provide all the information you need – guiding you on what to include in your shoebox, along with collection dates and how to arrange collection of your boxes.

To help us cover transportation costs, we kindly ask that you include £3.00 per shoebox.

If you are able to gift your donation, please complete the form fully before attaching it to the shoebox

We're also proud to work with churches, schools and communities across the UK. If you'd like to get your organisation involved, please get in touch!



We will supply you with shoebox leaflets, booklets and posters to help you promote your appeal. We can offer both paper and digital copies to support what works best for you.

Gifts from the Heart

As an alternative to a shoebox, you can donate to Romanian families through our range of Gifts from the Heart. These can be easily ordered from our website or over the phone. These special gifts, ranging from £5 to £60, will be purchased in Romania and delivered in conjunction with our shoeboxes.

Last year we delivered over 80 wonderful gifts to Romanian families, thanks to our loyal supporters.

Shoebox Collections 2024



**Archbishop of York's C.E Junior School
& Bishopthorpe Infant School**



**St. Peter's Church,
Norton**



**Holy Trinity Church,
Barkingside**



**St Peter's &
St John's Church,
Essex**



**St Mark's Church,
Marske-by-the-Sea**



**Gearies Primary
School, Ilford**



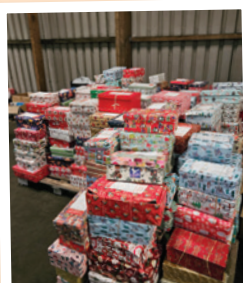
**Mrs K Moore,
Malton**



**St. Paulinus
Catholic Primary
School,
Guisborough**

Shoebox Packing and Loading

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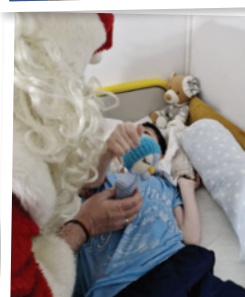


Christmas at Casa Maria



Amongst the recipients of the fabulous shoeboxes were our lovely children from Casa Maria.

The children were super excited to be visited by Santa and open their shoeboxes.



Santas Deliveries

We hope you enjoy seeing the shoeboxes complete their heartwarming journey – delivered from your hands to those who need them the most.

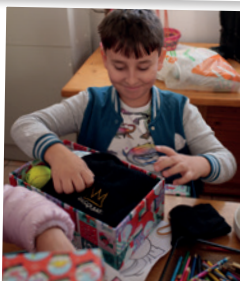
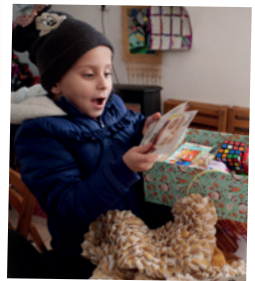
Seeing the joy on the children's faces when they meet Santa and receive their gifts is what makes all the effort worthwhile.



School in Corbeni



St. Christopher's House in Curtea de Argeş



The Church of Saint Bretanion in Bucharest



Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our Shoebox Appeal.



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