

# Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2025



Every box brings comfort, connection and joy to those who might otherwise feel forgotten.

## How to Take Part

Brief instructions on what to do...

- Order flat-pack boxes (if needed)
- Please wrap both lid and box separately; use elastic bands to hold the lid in place
- Fill a box, cover with Christmas paper, attach label and don't forget your £3
- Deliver the boxes to a drop off point or arrange collection
- Tell us your story – Send us some photos and a few words about your support to be part of the 2025 journey

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# Pack a Shoebox



Join us in spreading love, warmth and festive cheer to children, teenagers and older people across Romania by filling a shoebox with loving gifts

# Most Wanted Items

## Ages 0-3

- Soft toys
- Board books / cloth books
- Teething toys / baby-safe rattles
- Baby hats, mittens, socks (new or handmade)
- Baby toiletries
- Plastic feeding spoon, soft bibs

## Ages 4-8

- Colouring/sticker books
- Small toys or puzzles/Fun accessories
- Warm hats/gloves
- Sweet treats (including chocolate and biscuits, in sealed packs and with long sell by dates)

## Ages 9-12

- Stationery
- Toiletries
- Small games/toys
- Water bottles, keyrings
- Sweet treats (including chocolate and biscuits, in sealed packs and with long sell by dates)
- Notebooks & pens

## Teenagers

- Toiletries
- Warm socks/gloves
- Travel games/cards
- Tote bags or bottles



## Older Adults

- Fleece Blankets
- Mugs or sturdy plates
- Tea towels/pot holders
- Toiletries & hot drinks
- Cards or small decorations
- Shopping bags

We especially need gifts for ages 9-12, teenagers and older adults

## What NOT to include:

### AVOID:

- Sharp objects, toy weapons, war-related toys
- Liquids, nail polish, makeup
- Used items or anything easily broken
- Photographs or personal contact details
- Loose sweets

## Where your boxes go

Your shoeboxes are hand delivered to kindergartens, schools, churches, hospices, care homes and family homes across Romania.

# Support the Shoebox Appeal

Delivery Amount: £ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I'm a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid my donation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Want to Give Regularly?** You can set up a monthly donation. Just tick here and we'll send you the details.

☐ Please tick this box if you would like to receive future charity updates & marketing materials.

## Shoebox Label

### Age Group

☐ Age 0-3

☐ Age 4-8

☐ Age 9-12

☐ Teens

☐ Older Adults

### Gender

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Unisex

☐ Please include £3 per shoebox to help cover transport costs