



Shoeboxes of Joy 2020

Holiday Care Packages for Seniors & Adults with Disabilities

What is Shoeboxes of Joy? Shoeboxes of Joy is a holiday project for individuals and household members to provide brightly decorated shoeboxes containing holiday gifts to be delivered to isolated adults throughout King County.

Who do you give the boxes to? Boxes are given to low-income older adults and adults with disabilities receiving services through Catholic Community Services.

What should I put in the box? Many of those receiving the gift boxes live alone with no family or friends nearby and may not receive any other gift, so we encourage participants to thoughtfully fill a wrapped shoebox with a variety of useful items, as well as fun and specialty items. Please see the other side of this flyer for ideas.

What about COVID-19? COVID-19 has brought upon many changes to our communities and lives this year. Please see attachment for further details regarding how to safely participate with this year's holiday project.

Please wrap lid and box separately, so that staff can view items to ensure each box goes to someone who will enjoy it most.

When? Completed boxes should be delivered to the VS office no later than:
Friday, December 4th, 2020

How do I sign up?

Please email us at vc@ccsw.org or call 206-328-5787 for next steps!



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Shoeboxes of Joy Items List

Put together a fun assortment of items! Mix and match from the lists below or add your own special touch. Feel free to theme your boxes or use neutral items that can be given to anyone.

Due to the variety of clients we serve, please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- Place items in a wrapped shoebox (lid and box individually wrapped, so that staff can view items to ensure each box goes to someone who will enjoy it most). Reusable plastic shoebox-sized containers are very popular.
- New items only (please do not include hotel samples.)
- Many clients are diabetic. Please limit the amount of sugar items in your box or consider sugar free items and healthy snacks.
- Our clients come from many different faiths. Out of respect for their personal beliefs, we ask that you do not include holiday or religious items.
- To keep clients safe and healthy, please do not include candles, matches, or homemade food items.

<u>*Cleaning Supplies*</u>	<u>*Food Items*</u>	<u>Useful & Fun Items</u>	<u>Toiletries</u>
Sponges	(non- <i>perishable & in original packaging</i>)	Reacher/grabber*	Lotions
White vinegar	Spiced Teas and Flavored Coffees	Flashlight	Powders
All purpose, unscented cleaner	Canned or instant soup	Batteries	Soaps
Gloves	Packaged baked goods	Small First Aid Kit	Deodorant
Bleach-free cleanser (Bon Ami)	Cheeses	Whistle to signal help	Shaving Cream
Mop, toilet brush, or vacuum cleaner	Hot Chocolate and Cider	New pack of playing cards	Nail Care Kit
Microfiber cleaning cloths	Pickled Vegetables	Inexpensive games (crosswords, Word puzzles)	Moist Towelettes
Dish cloths	Canned Tuna, Chicken or Salmon	Stationary / Cards	Washcloth / Towel
Air freshener (natural)	Mixed Nuts	Grocery gift cards*	
Dish soap		Prepaid phone cards	
Dusting tools (Swiffer)*		Postage stamps*	
		Medi-sets	
		Magnifier	

*Following King County's Public Health COVID-19 guidelines, VS has halted in-home services until further notice.

Please consider donating easy to use, light-weight cleaning tools to help our clients have an easier time to clean.

Additionally, non-perishable food items would be helpful to limit unnecessary grocery trips.*



Thank you for your generosity!