

# 2025 United Methodist Christmas Shoe Box Project

**AGE:** Shoe boxes are designed for children ages 2 – 12. Please do not include clothing smaller than 3T or adult or junior sizes. The age range should not be greater than 2 years (example: Girls age 4-6 or Boys age 6-8). Please be sure the boxes are age-appropriate. Example: toys with small parts would not be appropriate for children under 4 due to a choking hazard. Please be sure the entire contents are suitable for the stated age (clothing, flip flops, toys). You may include gently used clothing (excluding underwear and socks which should be new).

## **EACH BOX MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:**

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| 1. Flip Flops                                   | 7. Washcloth ( <b>NO SOAP</b> )                             |
| 2. 1-2 pair underwear (new)                     | 8. toothbrush, (in original packaging) <b>NO</b> toothpaste |
| 3. 1-2 pair socks (new)                         | 9. large tooth comb, new                                    |
| 4. shorts and t-shirt (boys or girls) <b>OR</b> | 10. 5 crayons, (Please <b>ONLY</b> 5 crayons)               |
| 5. dress with shorts to wear underneath         | 11. The Advent coloring book (provided by the project)      |
| 6. Training bra for girls age 8-12              |   |

## **You may include some of these items to fill the box:**

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| 1. small mirror                | 5. small notebook         | 9. stuffed toy or small ball |
| 2. ponytail holders, barrettes | 6. play jewelry (ages 7+) | 10. Matchbox cars            |
| 3. 4 pencils (ages 7+),        | 7. sewing kit (ages 8+)   | 11. jump rope (age 5+)       |
| 4. a good pencil sharpener     | 8. fishing kit (ages 8+)  | 12. Nail grooming kit        |

## **Please DO NOT include the following items:**

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| 1. liquids or creams                               | 5. dice, Dominos, or playing cards | 9. food, candy, gum |
| 2. toy guns  | 6. marbles                         | 10. Balloons        |
| 3. toy soldiers, war toys or anything camo colored | 7. long sleeve shirts or pants     | 11. Play dough      |
| 4. books or Bibles in English                      | 8. swimwear                        |                     |

## **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Fill your boxes but do not overfill. Bulging boxes are difficult to pack. Someone will have to open your box and remove items. Be sure to mark the age and gender the box is intended for (BOTH SIDES OF THE BOX), **CAREFULLY list all the contents and quantity on the Custom Manifest. THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. AN INCORRECT BOX CAN HOLD THE ENTIRE SHIPMENT IN CUSTOMS FOR MONTHS AND ACCUMULATE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN FEES.** Feel free to decorate your box but do not cover the Custom Manifest. Each box must have \$6 to cover shipping. **Make checks payable to The Disaster Relief Warehouse. DO NOT PUT MONEY OR CHECKS IN THE BOX.** Do not seal your box. I am asking that one person from your church serve as the quality control person and double-check each box and then close with a rubber band.

**ALL BOXES NEED TO BE AT THE PURCHASE DISTRICT OFFICE BY JULY 21st**