



The Salvation Army Booth Centre Christmas Gift Boxes for Men in our Shelter

Last year The Salvation Army Booth Centre was thrilled to be included as recipients of The Shoebox Project for Women in Shelters – Manitoba Division. We are once again looking forward to being involved with this exciting project to provide Christmas gifts to the over 100 hundred women that use the services here at the Booth Centre.

Building on this relationship, we have decided to create our own **Christmas Gift Boxes for Men in our Shelter**. We currently provide emergency and transitional housing to over 300 men in our main shelter at 180 Henry. In addition our Anchorage Addictions Programs provides programming to approximately 30 men and our Haven Mental Health Program has a capacity of 18 men. On top of that we also offer the services of the Sonrise Family Shelter which provides help to over 60 men, women and children!!

We have set a goal of collecting 400 Giftboxes for men with the hope of being able to bring the joy of the Christmas Season to those who find themselves in need.

To help us meet this goal, please see the list below of the guidelines for filling a shoebox.

Please DO:

Do wrap or decorate your box so that it can be opened (lid and bottom separately), as it must be opened and inspected before it can be distributed. Thank you for your understanding!

- Or buy a pre-decorated box (about \$2.50 at some dollar stores) and simply use a ribbon to secure it!
- Do include only new and unused items
- Do use a regular-size shoebox (so that all will receive similar gifts)
- Do include a supportive message
- Do include nut-free chocolate and candy (not alcohol filled)
- Do include items that total about \$50 value (so that all will receive similar gifts)



Please DON'T

Don't include prohibited items such as mouthwash, or other alcohol-based products (eg. alcohol filled chocolates)

- Don't wrap your box so that it can't be opened, or wrap items inside the box, as it must be opened and inspected before it can be distributed.

Thank you for your understanding!

- Don't include used items

- Don't use an oversize box (so that everyone will receive similar gifts)

- Don't include items totaling a value of much more or less than \$50 (so that everyone will receive similar gifts)

Suggested Items

Body or hand lotion

- Toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, deodorant

- Bath products such as bodywash, shower gel, bubble bath, shampoo and rinse

- Mitts, hat, scarf

- Brush, comb

- Bus tickets

- Notebook and pens

- Tea

- Inspirational card or quote

- Gift certificates to stores such as McDonald's, Safeway, Shoppers Drug Mart, Sobeys, Tim Horton's, Wal-Mart. (Please include the receipt or indicate the value of the card.)

- Nut-free chocolates, cookies, candies

The Drop off location is:

The Salvation Army Booth Centre
180 Henry Avenue

Telephone: (204) 946-9400 Monday to Friday 8:30 to 3:30 and (204) 946-9402 24/7

Other drop off locations will be posted at www.wpgboothcentre.ca in the near future.

Donations are accepted between October 15 to December 12, 2014

And of course keep in mind the project that started us thinking – The Shoebox Project for Women in Shelters – they need your help too and can be reached at:

www.shoeboxproject.com/manitoba1.