SPREAD A LITTLE HAPPINESS



About the Rotary Shoebox Scheme

Our boxes are gifts for disadvantaged children & adults in Eastern Europe and are delivered all year round, not just at Christmas

Rotary has no religious or political affiliations. No leaflets are added to any box. Thank you for your interest in the Rotary Shoebox Scheme.

Your participation will bring some happiness to a disadvantaged person or family in Eastern Europe

We have three types of content you can choose to fill boxes. Please see on the back of this leaflet

Child Teenager Household



When you have chosen please indicate on the box lid who the box is for and add your name as the person donating the gift if you would like to.

The box should be fully filled with items of good quality, remembering that the recipients will be opening the box in eager anticipation, and quite possibly the first real gifts they have received for a very long time.

Detailed guidance on completing the box can be found overleaf with suggestions of suitable items you may wish to consider.

We thank you for your kind support, and can confirm the recipients are also very grateful for your generosity.



Create a smíle by filling one of our special boxes with gifts for someone in Eastern Europe

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GIFT SUGGESTIONS TO FILL YOUR BOX

Child ~ For Young Children

NOTE: Boxes for children aged 0 to 3 years must only contain NEW items.

All boxes in this category will be opened and the contents checked to ensure that we comply with customs requirements in each of the countries to which we send your gifts. Failure to comply can result in fines being imposed on the charity or goods being destroyed.

Boxes for children aged 4 and over can include pre-loved toys, but they must be in "as new" condition.

Cars, trucks, etc, balls, complete jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, pens, crayons, lego blocks, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, building blocks, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, playdough / plastercine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens / gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

Teenagers ~ For young people up to 18 years age

Sportswear, scarf, gloves, socks, hat, football memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing cards, tennis ball, tooth brush & paste, deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery, make-up, hair brush, toiletries, school stationery, clothing repair kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils...

Household Goods ~ For Families & Older folk

Scarves, gloves, hats, wrapped soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic cream, bandages, face or body creams, cosmetics, pens, writing pad & envelopes, T lights, candles, sewing kit, scissors...

All boxes with items having a **'Use by Dates'** must have a minimum 6 months left. Half empty boxes are not suitable gifts so please ensure boxes are completely filled

What NOT to include in boxes

Food, sweets, chocolate & drinks,

(Inclusion of food risks customs fines and destruction of boxes) battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols (e.g.: deodorants & hair spray), seeds or any other living material, automatic washing machine powders, washing-up liquid (they often leak when laid flat)

For safety: Please securely sellotape tops of liquid containers. Protect anything sharp and do not put anything sharp into a Child's box.