

SoupMobile:Christmas Shoe Boxes!!! Boxes to Unity of Dallas by Fri., Dec 15

Christmas is just around the corner and the SoupMobile is carrying on its annual tradition of offering **Christmas gifts** to **thousands of homeless people** right here in the Dallas area! You and your family, but also your church, your school, your business, and your favorite organizations are invited to fill shoe boxes with inexpensive items that will bless the lives of the homeless living on the streets of Dallas this winter.



DETAILS:

Use an empty shoe box, but you **can** also use plastic boxes or other types of boxes if you cannot find regular shoe boxes. If you can, use boxes that have a **separate** bottom and lid, and please wrap the lid and the box **separately**.

Use a **ribbon** to wrap around the entire box to hold everything together.

(See above picture as your example)

P.S. No worries if the box does **NOT** have a separate bottom and lid. In that case just wrap the entire box.

Fill the box with a variety of small, inexpensive gift items such as:

* **THE NUMBER #1 ITEM** most needed for each Christmas Shoebox is a ***\$5 McDonald's Gift Card***. These \$5 Cards allow a homeless person to walk into a McDonald's with dignity & order a hot meal along with a cup of coffee. Please know that while it's NOT mandatory that a ***Mc Gift Card*** be put in each box, it is a wonderful Christmas blessing for a homeless person. Please give prayerful consideration to including a **\$5** McDonald's Gift Card.

* **Stay warm and dry:** hat, gloves, scarf, tube socks, hand warmers, plastic poncho, small umbrella...

* **Maintain personal hygiene:** small hand sanitizer, toothbrush + toothpaste, disposable razors, travel size Kleenex tissues, lip balm...

* **Make life on the streets a little easier:** pen, pencil, small notebook, flashlight, small radio (with batteries), granola bars, hard candy or gum, paperback book, a small Bible...

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* If you like you can also enclose (**inside**) the box, a Christmas card or a short personal note (signed with your first name only).

Most boxes will be generic and have items that can be used by either a Male or Female. However if you choose to make up a box specifically for a Female, please use a black marker and put a big 'F' on the lid of the box so we can set it aside for a homeless woman.