



Shoeboxes of Joy 2025

Holiday Care Packages for Older Adults & 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.

****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 a VS office no later than:
Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025

How do I sign up?

Please email us at vc@ccsww.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.

Cleaning Supplies

Sponges
White vinegar
All purpose, unscented cleaner
Gloves
Bleach-free cleanser (Bon Ami)
Mop, toilet brush, or vacuum cleaner
Microfiber cleaning cloths
Dish cloths
Air freshener (natural)
Dish soap
Dusting tools (Swiffer)

Food Items

(non-perishable & in original packaging)
Spiced Teas and Flavored Coffees
Canned or instant soup
Packaged baked goods
Cheeses
Hot Chocolate and Cider
Pickled Vegetables
Canned Tuna, Chicken or Salmon
Mixed Nuts

Useful & Fun Items

Reacher/grabber
Flashlight
Batteries
Small First Aid Kit
Whistle to signal help
New pack of playing cards
Inexpensive games (crosswords, Word puzzles)
Stationary / Cards
Grocery gift cards
Prepaid phone cards
Postage stamps
Medi-sets
Magnifier

Toiletries

Lotions (unscented)
Powders
Soaps
Deodorant
Shaving Cream
Nail Care Kit
Moist Towelettes
Washcloth / Towel



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