

Shoebox Gifts for the homeless

List of ideas to fit into a shoebox

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BCUMC Youth Outreach Goal: The BCUMC youth group's goal is to fill 50 shoeboxes with as many relevant and easily usable items as possible. Items that are less typically donated to the homeless would be even more appreciated.

Suggested items:

Small new testament bible

Small toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, lotion, soap, toothpaste, etc) – travel size items from hotels are perfect.

Non-perishable food in individual servings such as:

- peanut butter,
- crackers,
- nuts
- cheese and cracker packages
- cookies
- dried fruit
- tuna
- power/breakfast bars

Reusable grocery bags that fold up small

Disposable razors

Small wrapped hard candies/ gum/ cough drops

Refillable/collapsible water bottle

Small emergency/first aid kit or parts (Band-Aids, individual doses of bactine, Neosporin, etc.)

Small sewing kits

Socks

Fast food gift cards (for places downtown and cheap food, \$5 to \$10)

Toothbrush and toothpaste (travel size)

Small combs

Chap stick

Wetwipes- small pkg

Dark washcloth

Small blanket

Small compact mirror

Ziplock freezer bags (all sizes, freezer grade)

Prepaid phone card in small denominations (\$5 to \$10)

Colored handkerchief (new or clean)

Hand warmer packets (think academy and hunting)

Stationery with stamped envelopes and a pen/pencil

Backpacks (new and gently used)

Notes:

Extra items will be donated to Spicewood Helping Hands and/or the Austin homeless shelter.

The list of items will be updated on the youth service area of the BCUMC website by Thursday of each week.