

# Christmas Box Appeal 2024

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## How to pack your box

### STEP 1 - Fill your box

Find an old shoebox. Ideally a regular sized one (max size 39cm long x 24cm wide x 12cm deep). Wrap the bottom of the box and the lid separately in festive paper.

Decide who you'd like the box to go to. Print out page two of this download and tick the appropriate box for age/sex on the Category & Contents label (Section 2), and attach it to the lid of the box.

Fill your box with goodies, leaving them unwrapped. See the 'Filling your box' section for instructions. Fill out the "Contents" section of the Category & Contents label and tell us what's inside your box. Secure box lid with elastic band.

### STEP 2 - Make a shipping donation

Getting your box to Southeast Europe is expensive so we also ask for a **£4** donation per box to help cover the cost.

**If you are making more than one box you can make a combined donation.**

You can do this online - it's easy and it cuts down our costs too!

[houseofopportunity.org/christmas-donate](https://houseofopportunity.org/christmas-donate)

**OR:** Fill in YOUR DETAILS in Section 1 (18+ only) on the printed page. If you are a UK tax payer you can allow us to claim a further 25p for every £1 donated by filling in the Gift Aid section.



Please make cheques payable to "FSCI (UK)". Place the form and any cash/cheques inside your completed Christmas box. Section 3 of the printed page turns into an envelope that you can use to put your donation inside the box if you wish.

### STEP 3 - Deliver your box to us

Boxes can be delivered to your participating school, church or organisation (check with them for deadlines). Alternatively, go to [houseofopportunity.org/drop](https://houseofopportunity.org/drop) for drop-off points. Collections by arrangement.

**Contact:**  
[christmas@houseofopportunity.org](mailto:christmas@houseofopportunity.org)

\*House of Opportunity is the operating name of FSCI (UK), which is a Registered Charity in England & Wales (1170914)

*Thank you!*



Bring joy to a life  
this Christmas

Everyone loves to receive a present at Christmas. But for many vulnerable children and families in Southeast Europe Christmas serves as a reminder of their isolation and poverty.

By supporting our Christmas box appeal you can help to spread joy to thousands of people, fight poverty and prevent modern slavery.

## Filling your box

If you're not sure what to put in your box here, are some ideas. We always receive more boxes for girls than for boys, so please consider doing a box for one of the male categories. **Please make sure items in boxes are new or in excellent used condition.**

Please note that we cannot accept food (except sweets & chocolate), seeds, books, talc, aerosols, medicine or homemade soft toys/clothes. **Thank you.**

Toiletries - soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, facecloth, sponge, wet wipes, deodorant (roll-on only), comb, brush, razors, shaving gel/foam

New clothes - gloves, scarf, hat, underwear, socks, baby-grows

Stationery - pens, pencils, notepads, erasers, colouring books, crayons

Toys - vehicles, teddies, jigsaws, balls, dolls, skip rope, Lego

Other - make up (new only), sewing kits, candles, small household tools, sweets, hair accessories, wind-up torch

## How it works



Enjoy packing your shoebox



Volunteers sort & pack the boxes



Distributed to children & families in SE Europe



Impact on our Long-term projects

This turns into an envelope to keep your donation safe.

Place the envelope inside your Christmas box.

Recommended donation: **£4 per box.**

Alternatively, donate via:

[houseofopportunity.org/christmas-donate](http://houseofopportunity.org/christmas-donate)



Cut out the "Category & Contents" and stick it on your box lid.

Please fill in the "Your Details" form and remember to tick the Gift Aid box

Place the form in the box.

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Section 2

Other Please state

**Contents** Items inside this box:

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|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Toiletries</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap/shampoo       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cars/vehicles          | <b>Stationery</b>                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Pens/pencils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste/toothbrush      | <input type="checkbox"/> Dolls /teddies     | <input type="checkbox"/> Notepad/colouring book | <input type="checkbox"/> Eraser/sharpener/ruler |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Face cloth/sponge          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweets/chocolate   | <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous          |   |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Make-up            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing kit             |   |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comb/brush                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Razors/shaving gel | <input type="checkbox"/> Candles                |   |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New clothes                | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves/hat/ scarf  | <input type="checkbox"/> Household tools        |   |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear/socks            | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby-growes        | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby/clean wipes       |   |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewellery/hair accessories |   |   |   |                                       |

**Category** This box is for a:

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woman      | <input type="checkbox"/> Man       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girl 11-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy 11-15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girl 7-10  | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy 7-10  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girl 4-6   | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy 4-6   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girl 2-3   | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy 2-3   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girl 0-1   | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy 0-1   |



**YOUR DETAILS:** PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY so that we can process and acknowledge the shipping donation for your boxes.

I enclose a cheque (to "FSCI (UK)" please)  or cash  for £           for (number of)  shoeboxes

Title:  I am over 18 years old:

Recommended donation: **£4 per box**

First name:

Surname:

House number/name:

Postcode:

E-mail:

*Thank you!*

I would like to receive updates from House of Opportunity and I am happy for my e-mail to be used for this purpose:

If you are a UK taxpayer you can add an extra 25p for every £1 you give to House of Opportunity by ticking the box and filling in the date:

*giftaid it*  I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Date: