

Love in a Box Packing Instructions

Can you imagine how it must feel not to receive a **Christmas present** this year? For many children in France and throughout the world this is the sad truth.

For 18 years the LOVE IN A BOX and **LOVE IN A BOX PARIS** programs have provided holiday gifts to thousands of needy children. This year we will distribute presents to children in Paris, Strasbourg, Mulhouse, Bulgaria and Kabul. The charities include:

Salvation Army Strasbourg and Mulhouse whose 'Action Quartier' programs target children/youth in marginalized areas with academic help, musical fellowship and other activities aimed at social integration

Centre Flora Tristan a refuge for families from homes plagued by domestic violence.

Avec Elles in Vincennes, fellowship group for women and children (aged 6 months to 18 years).

Paris Tout-P'tits, a charity for underprivileged children in Paris.

Salvation Army Paris who warms the hearts of about 400 people on Christmas Eve.

Les Restos du Coeur a Paris soup kitchen.

Bonne Mine a charity that supports 12 orphanages in Bulgaria.

La Chaîne de l'Espoir – Enfants Afghans a French run children's hospital in Kabul.

1. TAKE AN EMPTY SHOEBOX.

2. WRAP YOUR SHOEBOX IN COLORFUL PAPER. WRAP THE LID AND BOX SEPARATELY.

3. PACK YOUR BOX. USE THIS LIST TO DECIDE WHAT TO PUT IN.

4. YOU COULD INCLUDE A PHOTO OF YOURSELF AND A LETTER. YOU MIGHT GET A REPLY.

5. USE AN ELASTIC BAND OR RIBBON TO KEEP THE LID ON. DO NOT TAPE IT CLOSED.

6. PLACE A LABEL ON THE END OF THE BOX, MARKED GIRL OR BOY, WITH THE AGE.

1. YOUR BOX MUST INCLUDE: (Everything should be new with the exception of used toys, books and clothing in very good condition, please.)

TOOTHPASTE AND A TOOTHBRUSH

SOAP

CRAYONS, PENS, MARKERS OR COLORED PENCILS

A NOTEBOOK, PAPER OR COLORING BOOK

SOMETHING WARM TO WEAR: GLOVES, SCARF, HAT, SOCKS

SWEETS, CHOCOLATES

BOOK IN FRENCH

2. YOU MAY ALSO INCLUDE SOME OF THE FOLLOWING: (Please no battery-operated toys)

SMALL, GOOD QUALITY TOYS

GAMES, BALLS,

MARBLES, BALLOONS

DOLLS, STUFFED ANIMALS

TOY CARS,

DOMINOS, HARMONICAS

HAIR ACCESSORIES, JEWELRY

BANDANAS, BELTS, WALLETS,

WATCHES

PENCIL CASES, HANDBAGS,

MAGAZINES, QUIZ/ACTIVITY BOOKS

3. WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE;

LIQUIDS,

PERISHABLE FOODS, TOY

GUNS, KNIVES OR SHARP ITEMS, MEDICINE

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Financial Contributions are also welcome; make your check payable to "American Cathedral-Love in a Box" and send it to the American Cathedral, 23 Avenue George V, 75008 Paris.

Bring your gift boxes to the American Cathedral by December 9th, 2007. THANK YOU!