The Rotary Shoebox Scheme

What are the advantages to your School and Pupils?

- There is a minimal cost to anyone.
- The scheme allows children to help others in desperate need.
- Possible curriculum benefits
- Potential classroom projects
- We arrange the supply of boxes to your School, their collection, pick-up and subsequent delivery, at no cost to you
- The potential for publicity, and certification from Rotary.
- With the approach of Christmas, the opportunity for teachers, pupils and parents to be involved with a humanitarian project which epitomises the spirit of Christmas.
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Since the scheme started, tens of thousands of boxes have been delivered to all parts of Central and Eastern Europe.

Those collected from you will be delivered in time for Christmas.

In order to 'theme' the boxes for individuals, the following categories are ideal:

- Boys, age 5 to 10, and 11 to 18.
- Girls, age 5 to 10, and 11 to 18.
- Pre-school children.
- Families.
- The elderly.

The boxes are delivered to Children's Homes, Hospitals, Old Peoples' homes and in fact anywhere they might be needed.

**Please label your box as to which category applies.**

**Please make sure boxes are left unsealed for Customs inspections.**
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Contents for the boxes, which are ideal, are:

- Toys – Soft toys such as animals and dolls, yo-yos, small colouring books, crayons, felt pens, paper and pencils.
- Food – Pasta, rice, instant coffee, tea, tinned foods (vegetables, meat and fruit), packet soups etc. NOT CHOCOLATE.
- Household goods – Notepads, washing powder, toothpaste and brushes, soap, shampoo, nail files etc.

In fact:

- if it is non-perishable
- will fit in a shoebox
- can be delivered by us:

then it is ideal. Decorated boxes containing a short message from the pupils, we know, are very much appreciated.

Boxes must be left unsealed for customs inspection
We would like to invite your school to participate in the

'Rotary Shoebox Scheme'.

- This is an Official Rotary International Project, started in 1994.
- The scheme has been so successful that filled boxes are now sent all over Eastern and Central Europe, often at Christmas.
- The need has arisen following conflict, or political turmoil, in these areas, leading to incredible hardship for people of all ages.
- Families have been dispossessed or even separated, many losing their jobs, their homes and everything they owned.
- The aim is to provide basic essentials, food and the rare pleasure of a present, especially at Christmas.
- Perhaps the greatest gift is their knowing someone, somewhere cares.