



SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS



Seafarers' House needs **VOLUNTEERS** to help!

What is Shoebox Christmas?

During the months of November and December, Seafarers' House hopes to hand out 3000 wrapped shoeboxes filled with socks, toiletries, and holiday cheer to the seafarers who come from all over the world into our Port Everglades. They are all so very far away from home and family during the holidays and these small gifts mean so much!

And we need your help starting right NOW to prepare!

How Can I Help?

- **Drives** - Organize a drive at your workplace, school, church or club to collect some of the needed items on our SHOPPING LIST - then drop them off at Seafarers' House for other volunteers to sort & pack into decorated shoeboxes. Please try to deliver the loose items by October 1st.
- **OR Make a monetary donation!** 100% of your donation will go towards needed items for the shoebox delivery or the purchase of phone cards (at a special discount) to include inside every shoebox.
- **Shoebox Wrappers** - This is a great group OR individual project that's fun! Start by collecting clean standard sized (approx. 11" X 7") ADULT SHOE BOXES from local shoe stores. Wrap or paint and decorate the box and the lid separately so that the lid can be removed for security inspections.
- **Complete Boxes** - Collect all of the items on our SHOPPING LIST and fill your own decorated shoeboxes! Just remember we need to keep all shoeboxes "equally wonderful", therefore please include all the listed standard items and do not overfill. Fill *one* shoebox and wrap it up...*or organize a whole drive!*
- **Drop off Location** - **Please Call First** - 954-734-1580 to arrange to DROP OFF your loose items, decorated boxes or complete boxes – SFH Administrative Office open Monday through Friday, Port Everglades Administration Building - 1850 Eller Drive, Port Everglades, Florida 33316. Also, call to arrange for possible WEEK-END or EVENING drop offs.

SHOPPING LIST

*These are the STANDARD items we want to include in each wrapped shoe box. **New items only, please!***

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| 1. Athletic White Socks | 7. Shaving Cream |
| 2. After Shave | 8. Soap/ Shower Gel |
| 3. Combs | 9. Tooth Brushes |
| 4. Deodorant | 10. Toothpaste |
| 5. Disposable razors | 11. Pencils/ pens/ pencil sharpeners |
| 6. Shampoo | 12. Work gloves |

Optional Items: Playing Cards, Calendars, Picture Post Cards, Card from Donor or Letter/ Drawing from a Child.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 954-734-1580

OR EMAIL: anmati.s@seafarershouse.org.

Seafarers' House is a broad based coalition comprised of Christian, Jewish and Muslim clergy and labor, business and civic leaders with a commitment to improve the lives of seafarers and their families. Seafarers' House opened its doors at Port Everglades in 1989 with four phones in a 400 sq. ft. hospitality center. Today, the 4,200 sq. ft. facility hosts over 100,000 crew visits each year, more than any other agency in North America. Seafarers' House is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.