



Shoebox Gifts for the Homeless

Every holiday season Connections likes to provide shoeboxes filled with small gifts for the residents of Hilda's Place in Evanston. Receiving these gift boxes really does a great deal for the self-esteem of their residents during a time of year that can be very difficult. The target goal is to collect 40 boxes so that each of the residents will receive a gift box.

- Please include *gender-neutral items* – mostly men live at Hilda's Place shelter.
- *Please wrap or decorate the boxes so that they can be opened without tearing the paper (like they do on TV.)*

Items to include in the Holiday gift boxes:

- ✓ Comb or brush
- ✓ Date book or small calendar
- ✓ Notepads and pens
- ✓ New warm winter hat and gloves
- ✓ New warm socks
- ✓ Deodorant
- ✓ Nail clippers
- ✓ Do **not** put food, cash or gift certificates inside the box

Other ways to contribute, but should **not** be placed inside the shoeboxes:

- ✓ Gift cards: We would also like to give each resident a \$5 gift card for food from Subway, Burger King, or Jewel. If you give a cash donation, I will pick up the gift cards for you.
- ✓ Large shampoo or conditioner
- ✓ Holiday candy or breakfast bars

Please bring shoe boxes to our Splash Landings outing on December 6th or drop off boxes at Belle Lerner's house (see below) by **December 5th**.

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