How to Make a Shoebox

Note of Encouragement

Include a handwritten card or note with a warm, personal message

Daily Essentials

Body Wash

Lotion

Toothbrush

Hair Brush

Little Luxuries

Mascara

Lip Balm

Accessories

Journal

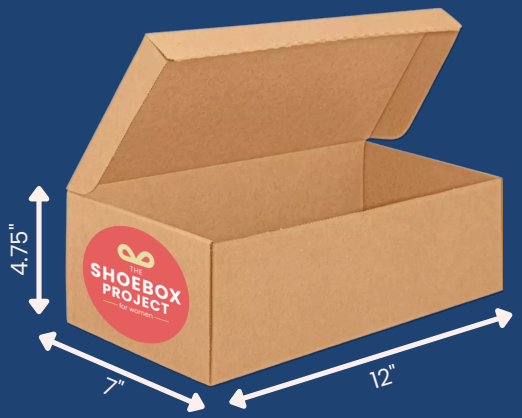
Seasonal Items

Gloves

Scarf

Cozy Socks

Sunscreen



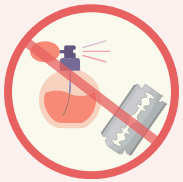
Please do NOT seal the box as we inspect every gift before delivery!

Do NOT Include

Used items, open packaging, free samples, travel sizes

Feminine hygiene products

Items requiring a size, skin tone, or hair texture match


Heavily scented products, items containing alcohol, and sharp objects

Consider a Monetary Donation

Start your monthly gift today and become part of a movement that tells every woman: you are not forgotten

What is a Shoebox Gift?

A personally crafted gift that contains a mix of essential everyday items and small luxuries that you or any woman would love!

Before You Get Started: Find a Local Chapter near you for local drive and drop-off details

How to Make a Shoebox:

1. Gift Value — Aim for $50

Pack around $50 worth of new, full-sized products. This helps ensure every woman receives a gift that feels equally thoughtful and special.

2. The Box — Standard Shoebox Size Only

Use a standard shoebox or similar box, no larger than 12" × 7" × 4.75". Keep the box unsealed — we inspect every gift before delivery.

3. A Note of Encouragement — Required

Include a handwritten card or note with a warm, personal message. Leave it unsealed as we inspect all cards before they are delivered.

4. Daily Essentials

Choose a few self-care staples she can use every day like soap, lotion, a toothbrush, or a hairbrush. Full-sized and new only.

5. Little Luxuries

Add one or two items that feel a little special like nail polish, lip gloss, a cozy pair of socks, or a small journal. These are the items that say: you deserve nice things.

6. Seasonal Items

Match your extras to the season. For the Holiday Drive: warm accessories like gloves, a scarf, or hand warmers. For warmer months: sunscreen, a hair tie, or a cooling mist.

Please Do Not Include:

We receive many Shoeboxes that can't be delivered because they contain items that aren't suitable. Here's what to leave out — and why it matters:

What to Skip	Why?
Used items, open packaging, free samples, travel sizes	She deserves brand-new, full-sized gifts — just like you'd give a friend
Feminine hygiene products	These take up valuable space; donate them separately and we'll deliver them in bulk to shelters
Items requiring a size, skin tone, or hair texture match	We don't know her specifics. Skip anything that won't work for everyone
Heavily scented products, items containing alcohol, and sharp objects	We want to keep gifts safe for everyone

> When in doubt, ask yourself: would I be proud to give this to someone I care about? If yes, it belongs in the box.