

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...I needed clothes and you clothed me”



Dear Friends,

I would like to introduce to you an opportunity to be involved in a Christmas service project to help those less fortunate than we are. In conjunction with His Kids, Too! (a charity based in Tallahassee, FL) we would like to send some Christmas cheer to as many orphans as possible this year. Due to shipping time, all items will need to be ready for shipping on October 1st. In order to meet that deadline, we need your donated Gift box by October 12th, for packaging and shipping to Ukraine.

If possible, we would like each family/ person/ child to bring in a personally decorated shoe box (please do not use 'boot boxes', they are too large), filled with 'goodies' for a child 5- 17yrs. of age. If you desire, please decorate the box as you wish, and fill it with the items suggestions from below. Personally, we work with a local Shoe Station, and they give us 'uniform' boxes, they fit perfectly back into their original 24 count pair shipping boxes). Please label each box: "girl 5-10"; "girl 11-14"; "girl 15 and up", or "boy 5-10"; "boy 11-14"; or "boy 15 and up." and **rubberband** the box closed. Please try to keep your costs for this project to \$1.00 - \$20.00 per box, (no more), and please consider gently used toys, or clothing as appropriate gifts, or 're-gift' something that you really don't use/want/need. Below is a list of suggested items that could be placed in your Christmas gift box for the orphans, who range from 5 to 17 years of age. Please try to have a set number of boxes for your group and let us know, as we frequently run 'short' on **BOY** boxes (for all ages, but usually teens).

For uniformity; each box needs to contain the following:

- Hair brush or comb
- girl boxes ONLY- hair barrettes, clips, hygiene products.
- Toothbrushes - toothpaste, dental floss
- Motel sized soaps, lotions, and shampoos
- 1 pr. of black socks, (please do not send white socks)
- Chap sticks (store brands are fine)
- Band-Aids
- 2 pencils and sharpener
- 1-2 pens

EXTRAS:

- Legos, jigsaw puzzles of 500 pieces or less
- Small toys that come in the fast food children's meals
- Match box cars, "Slinky", stickers, plastic recorder (musical instrument), 'costume' jewelry/beads, yo-yo, McDonald toys, Beanie baby
- Art/school supplies (crayons, pencils, calculators, etc.)
- Dolls with clothes (barbies are OK)
- Action figures (transformers, etc)

Girls all white underwear, all sizes (both little boys and girls wear these)
New or SLIGHTLY USED (and CLEAN) clothing and shoes/slippers
New or SLIGHTLY USED (and CLEAN) coats, hats, gloves, stocking caps
Gum or mints

Please DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY ON OR IN THE BOXES or nail polish, as girls can't afford 'remover', and they eat the polish off their nails.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND - stuffed animals, broken toys, or harshly used clothing or shoes, materials written in English (they can not read it)

Avoid: CANDY (it melted last year...what a mess), glass of any kind, 'weighty' objects (we are charged \$1.25 per pound to ship), heavy paper products

If you are sending boxes to His Kids, Too! for shipping, we ask for a small monetary donation to help with shipping, please do not place it in the box, but in a separate envelope taped to the Shipping box (not the shoe box). If you are shipping directly from your city to Ukraine (which you can do), I will forward the address in Ukraine that the box(s) are to be sent. Children/teens/youth groups may consider doing extra chores at home or maybe for the neighbors in order to earn funds to purchase the box items.

ANY donation (over \$25.00) is tax deductible, if it is sent to the His Kids, Too! office.

Please place your items in the shoe box, and drop it off at the church. Collection boxes will be located in _____

From Monday _____ till Friday _____

If you or your family would like more information about His Kids, Too!, please call Mrs. Fillmon at 850-524-5437. You may also e-mail her at: hiskidstoo2@aol.com or director@hiskidstoo.org

To visit their website for pictures and information, use the following address: www.hiskidstoo.org.

Thank you for your support for the orphans of Ukraine. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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