



SHOE BOXES *of Love*

**Shoe Boxes of Love** is a grassroots, not-for-profit organisation established to provide love and hope to people affected by disasters across Australia.

Since our first appeal in 2011, **Shoe Boxes of Love** has continued to collect donations from the wider Australian community, and has distributed thousands of individual care packages to communities affected by bushfires, cyclones, floods and droughts across Australia.

**Shoe Boxes of Love** provides a **meaningful** and **affordable** way for the local community to contribute directly to disaster relief efforts, while making a real difference in the lives of those who have been affected by a disaster.

### **Would you like to get your school, church group, or community group involved?**

The idea is **simple**. Find an empty shoe box (or small box) and fill it with essential items, such as new toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpastes, deodorants, shampoos and conditioners, deodorant, etc) and luxury items (magazines, nail care kits, small toys for children, torches, etc.) that are then delivered directly to those affected by disasters in Australia.

There are a number of ways your school or community group can get involved:

1. Hold an **appeal** with your **home group, church group, sports group or youth group** and ask each member to donate a completed shoe box of love;
2. Ask your **classmates or students** to each **donate an item** to be packed into a shoe box of love (for example, ask someone to bring a toothpaste, someone else to bring in toothbrushes, someone else some soap);
3. Hold an appeal over a couple of weeks and each week ask **half** of your **classmates or students** to bring in **different items**;
  - For example, in the first week, ask half of your classmates or students to bring in toothbrushes, while the other half bring in toothpastes; the following week ask half to donate soaps, while the others donate deodorant.
4. Organise a **whole school** collection on any of the above options.
5. Organise a **fundraiser** so that the team at Shoe Boxes of Love can purchase the items needed during an appeal to put shoe boxes of love together with the funds raised.

Once your school has completed a collection, contact us so that one of our team can meet you and collect your donations.

Information on what to include in boxes can be found at [www.shoebboxesoflove.org.au](http://www.shoebboxesoflove.org.au)