

Thank you for your interest in participating in our holiday gift giving program called Shoebox Santa!

The idea of doing **Shoebox Santa** for Housing Hope participants came from a previous staff member who had heard about a similar project that other organizations host. Instead of placing gift items inside a cardboard shoebox, we have changed it to gift items fitting inside a 12-15 quart plastic tub with a lid. This makes it easier for our volunteers and staff to store, organize, coordinate and distribute to our families all across Snohomish County.

Housing Hope has over 541 residential units in over 23 locations across Snohomish County that serve as temporary shelters, housing for families coming from homelessness, and affordable residential housing that's open to all. Of those residential units, we run a program called Shoebox Santa which serves our homeless families and children. Last year, donors helped us bring joy through gifts to over 280 children.

Donors are able to serve as many children as they'd like through gift giving. There is also no limit as to how much money you spend on the gifts. Our only request is that you do your best to pack the plastic tubs so they are full. Little filler gifts are fine to fill the empty space. All gifts must fit inside a 12-15 quart size plastic tub. Gifts that don't fit in the plastic tubs will not be given to the children so please ensure that they fit.

All plastic tubs that are filled with gifts and the appropriate gift tags should be delivered to our main Admin office on Evergreen Way by December 9th. Those gifts then get distributed to our families. Gift giving during the holidays can be a financial burden to our families who are trying to get back on their feet. Your generous donation is very appreciated by the children, families, and all the staff here at Housing Hope.

