


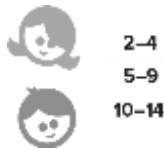



FRIENDSHIP BOXES

Imagine one day someone comes to your home and tells you that you must leave immediately. You will be separated from everything you know, for who knows how long. You will be taken to live in a completely new country, unable to take any of your belongings from your home, so you have nothing to prepare yourself for tomorrow.

Now stop imagining. This is a reality for hundreds of children from war torn countries. These children are removed from their homes with little or none of their belongings. They are placed in a strange country, unsure how to fit in. They do not have their favorite toy or even their toothbrush.

Many of these children have now made their home in Pittsburgh, having travelled from as far away as Bosnia, Iraq, Somalia, and Syria. Although they may have arrived with none of their personal belongings, it is your **friendship boxes** that will give them something to call their own. These small comforts can make all the difference for a child that is adjusting to a new home in a new country.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

<p style="text-align: center;">FIND A SHOEBOX</p> <p>Start with an average-size cardboard shoebox.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">GIRL OR BOY?</p> <p>Decide whether you will pack for a GIRL or a BOY AND The age category 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">FILL WITH GIFTS!!!!</p> <p>TOYS: small cars, yoyos, small travel games, jump ropes, puzzles, dolls, stuffed animals, princess crowns SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pencils, crayons, color pencils, markers, coloring books, picture or story books NONLIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS: Soaps, washcloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, combs ACCESSORIES: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, hairbrush, magic towels (ones expand in water)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">DECORATE IT!!!!</p> <p>Come to the masjid on March 5 and March 12 where there will be supplies to wrap the boxes and make cards for your new friends!!!</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">MAKE A CHILD'S DAY!</p> <p>We will deliver the friendship boxes to the children!</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">TIPS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use stores like the Dollar Store or Five Below or the clearance section of other stores (Target, Walmart) for potential gifts.2. Look in your home for unopened birthday or Eid gifts that you may pass along.3. Include items YOU would want to receive.4. Take toys out of the original packaging so they fit better. Small parts can be enclosed in plastic sandwich bags.5. Avoid chocolate since they can melt. Stick to nonperishable foods: granola bars, hard candy. Due to allergies, choose foods with ingredients labelled on them.6. Gift wrap your boxes at home so you have more time to make cards for your new penpals!7. Make sure to label if box is for boy/girl AND the age group	

QUESTIONS? Contact Sr. Tara Hyder: thyder10@gmail.com

IDEAS FOR GIRLS



AGES 2-4

- Cuddly toy
- Plastic baby
- Play-Doh
- Picture book
- Musical instrument
- Chunky crayons
- Coloring book
- Washmitt/flannel
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Hairbrush
- Bar of Soap
- Gloves/mittens
- Cap
- Hat
- Headband
- Doll
- Puppet
- Play people
- Large animal figures
- Large bricks/Duplo
- Drawing pad
- Rubber duck/toy
- Comb
- Sunglasses



AGES 5-9

- Cuddly toy
- Barbie doll
- Building blocks/Lego
- Small handbag
- Ball with pump
- FOam ball
- Plastic Figures
- Children's Jewellery
- Jump rope
- Paint set (solid)
- Pencil case
- Coloring pencils
- Pencils/Pens
- Eraser/sharpener
- Scissors
- Coloring book
- Haribrush
- Soap
- Hairclips/headbands
- Hat/gloves/scarf
- Doll clothes
- Slinky
- Bouncy balls
- Kaleidoscope
- Yoyo
- Felt tip pens
- Bead craft kit
- Stickers
- Notebook/Drawing pad
- Toothbrush
- Dress up (tiara/wand)
- Play makeup set



AGES 10-14

- Cuddly toy
- Yo-yo
- Ball with pump
- Skipping rope
- Puzzles
- Bead kits
- Uno
- Drawstring bag
- Pencil case
- Felt tip pens
- Highlighters
- Notebook
- Eraser/sharpener
- Toothbrush/paste
- Hairbands/clips
- Nail clippers
- Compact mirror
- Hat/gloves/scarf
- Waterbottle
- Barbie doll
- Tennis ball
- Paint set (solid)
- Mini board games
- Dominoes
- Small Handbag
- Ruler
- Coloring pencils
- Writing pencils
- Hairbrush
- Necklace/bracelet/earrings
- Chapstick
- Pushup Deodorant stick

IDEAS FOR BOYS



AGES 2-4

- Cuddly toy
- Toy tools
- Play-Doh
- Picture book
- Musical instrument
- Soft ball
- Chunky crayons
- Coloring book
- Large animal figures
- Large bricks/Duplo
- Puppet
- Play people
- Washmitt/flannel
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Hairbrush
- Bar of Soap
- Gloves/mittens
- Cap
- Hat
- Headband
- Rubber duck/toy
- Comb
- Sunglasses
- Nonperishable foods



AGES 5-9

- Soccer ball
- Toy truck or boat
- Stuffed animal
- Musical instrument
- Backpack
- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap
- Adhesive bandages
- Cup, Water bottle
- Plate, bowl, blunt edged utensils
- Blanket
- Flashlight
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Crayons, markers
- Pens
- Notebooks
- Ruler
- Shirt and pants
- Hats/scarf/mittens
- Flip flops
- Coloring books
- Paints
- Puzzles
- Playdough
- Craft kits
- Stickers
- Tool set
- Building block
- Toy car
- Baseball and mitt



AGES 10-14

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap
- Water bottle
- Blanket
- Lip balm
- Flashlight
- Stick deodorant
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Ruler
- Shirts and pants
- Shoes and socks
- Flip flops
- Wristwatch
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Chalkboard
- Tool set
- Magnet
- Kaleidoscope
- Playing cards
- Marbles
- Ball (kickball, tennis ball)
- Yoyo
- Frisbee