

Christmas Shoeboxes



Houston International Seafarers Center, Inc.

2024 SEASON

Each year, the Houston International Seafarers Center distributes 8,000 to 11,000 shoeboxes filled with essential items to seafarers visiting the Port of Houston. These dedicated men and women often spend long periods aboard marine vessels, separated from their loved ones. With your support, we can provide thousands of seafarers special boxes filled with treats and gifts during the holiday season.

Boxes are personally delivered to ships by Seafarers Center Chaplains, ship visitors and staff.



SUGGESTED ITEMS


PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

BAND-AIDS (FABRIC)
BODY WASH / SOAP
DENTAL FLOSS
DEODORANT
DISPOSABLE RAZORS
GOLD BOND CREAM
GOLD BOND POWDER
HAIRBRUSH / COMB
HAND WIPES
LIP BALM
LOTION
NAIL CLIPPERS
Q-TIPS
SHAMPOO / CONDITIONER
SHAVING CREAM
TISSUES
TOOTHBRUSH / TOOTHPASTE

RECREATIONAL ITEMS

BASEBALL CAPS (NEW)
CHEWING GUM / HARD CANDY
EARBUDS / HEADPHONES
FLASHLIGHTS W/ BATTERIES
HANDKERCHIEFS
KEY CHAINS
MAGNETS
MECHANICAL PENCILS / PENS
NEEDLE & THREAD
NON-PERISHABLE SNACKS
PLAYING CARDS
POCKET-SIZED NOTEBOOKS
POCKET CALENDARS
SOCKS
TEXAS SOUVENIRS
T-SHIRTS (NEW)
WORD-SEARCHES / SUDOKUS

2023 STATS

 **8,659**
SHOEBOXES DISTRIBUTED

 **386**
VESSELS GIFTED

 **36**
NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED

 **THANK YOU**

FOR HELPING US
CONTINUE OUR MISSION
SERVING SEAFARERS

GUIDELINES / OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- Set up and share an Amazon Wishlist with your team to help collect items.
- Purchase plastic shoeboxes: they will become an extra gift for seafarers.
- Pack only new, unopened/unused items.
- Include full-sized items (preferred over travel-sized items).
- Wrap securely as one unit, please DO NOT wrap lids and boxes separately.
- Add a personal note or card to make each box a special, one-of-a-kind gift.
- Fill boxes to the brim!
- Use holiday themed paper to wrap boxes

UNABLE TO GATHER A TEAM AND ASSEMBLE BOXES?

- Purchase and send shoebox items directly to the Center via our Amazon Wishlist. Use your smartphone's camera to scan our QR code, and you'll be taken directly to our wishlist.



Shoeboxes can be delivered to the Houston International Seafarers Center, 9750 High Level Road, Houston Texas.
Please call ahead to coordinate a drop off time with Center staff 713-672-0511.