



# BOX OF JOY PROJECT

## OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 10

With the anticipation and celebration of Christmas, we experience the joy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Gift giving is a wonderful, meaningful part of that experience.

Unfortunately, severe poverty deprives many children in developing countries of this joy. Their parents are too poor to provide even one simple Christmas present.

Through Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy program, we can ensure these children are not deprived of Christmas blessings this year. By packing a Christmas gift box and sponsoring the cost of its shipment, you can deliver a Box of Joy to a child in a developing country who would otherwise receive nothing.

## 2 WAYS TO HELP...

1. Take a Box of Joy home and fill it with surprises for a child in a developing country (see shoebox ideas)
2. Bring in supplies for others to create boxes
  - Pre-K and Kindergarten: toothbrushes and toothpaste
  - 1st grade: soap
  - 2nd grade: washcloths
  - 3rd grade: water bottles (must fit in a shoe box)
  - 4th grade: hard candies (individually packaged if possible)
  - 5th grade: small toys (not scary or war related)
  - 6th grade: school supplies
  - 7th grade: combs, brushes, hair accessories
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade: school supplies

Other items needed: duct tape, poncho, plastic eating utensils, cups, bandages, \$9 to send the boxes

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