

# **Runnymede United Church Outreach Project—Christmas Shoeboxes— Date for Bringing to the Church—Sunday November 26, 2023**

Runnymede UC is working with the Unison Health and Community Services agency located at Rogers Road and Keele Street just north of our church again this year. This agency supports moms, babies, families, adults and seniors with many programs including pre- and post-natal classes, employment counselling and settlement advice. They are very happy to continue our connection through our shoebox donations. Boxes can be filled for moms, babies( try to be generic) and children ages 1-12. Help us reach our goal in 2023 of **130 shoeboxes!!**

**It is time to begin preparing your boxes NOW!** Please bring the wrapped boxes (lids wrapped separate from their bottoms) to the church for **White Gift Sunday on Sunday, November 26, 2023 (or leave in the Church Office during the week of November 19, 2023)**

**\*\*Please make a box for one (or more) of the following:**

- **Baby Boy or Baby Girl (0-12 months)**
- **Boy or Girl (1-4 or 5-8, or 9-12)**
- **or Mother**

## **What to Pack—Gift ideas**

**All items should be new or “like new”. Please try to include items from each category.**

**Remember to make your box FUN, HEALTHY and EDUCATIONAL!**

Get your boxes from local shoe stores, or buy a similar sized plastic box with lid. Please wrap the lid and the box separately with Christmas wrap. This will allow the boxes to be checked and filled appropriately. Secure the lid on the box with elastic bands and tape the **label “Baby”, “Girl” or “Boy” and the age range or “Mother”**. (Please use our handy labels to help us sort the gift shoeboxes)

✓ **TOYS – something to love**

Bear, soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument, trucks and cars, dolls, hair accessories etc.

✓ **EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES – something to do**

Felt pens, markers, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, crayons, colouring book, notepad, picture/puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers, protractor, math set, etc.

✓ **HYGIENE ITEMS – something to use**

Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of wrapped soap, facecloth, shampoo

✓ **OTHER ITEMS – something to eat or wear**

Candy or gum, gloves, mitts, scarf, socks, sunglasses, cap, toque, bangles, necklaces, tea or baby food, etc. Gift cards work well for older children or Moms ( e.g. Walmart, Tim Horton’s, Macdonald’s etc.)

*Please do **NOT** include the following:*

- ⊗ Medicines, used make-up or vitamins of any kind
- ⊗ War related items, such as toy guns, soldiers or knives
- ⊗ Items which are past their “best before date” (e.g. lotions, foods, etc.)



**\*\*\*\*\*Alternatively, make a donation to treasurer@runnymedeunited.org for the purchase of a gift card to Walmart. Suggested donation is \$25.00**

Please mark the correct Age Category

	Girl	Boy
0-4 months		
5-12 months		

# Baby



# Girl

Please mark the correct Age Category

1-4 years old	5-8 years old	9-12 years old



# Boy

Please mark the correct Age Category

1-4 years old	5-8 years old	9-12 years old



# Mother

