



## Host a Shoebbox Project Party Today!

Fill with toiletries. Wrap. Decorate. And repeat. Each year, United Way distributes decorated shoeboxes full of toiletries to people in need across Greater Atlanta's 13-county region. Over the last three years, we've distributed more than 100,000 shoeboxes because of people like you. Jump in and help make a difference, by hosting a Shoebbox Party on your own. **Here's what you'll need:**

- 1. Location, location, location.** You can't have a party without a venue. Whether it's an event space, your church, your office, or your living room, make sure there's adequate space for people to be comfortable. Refreshments always help people get in the door!
- 2. People!** We'd never try to do this alone, so we don't encourage you to either. Assemble a group of your friends, propose some quality time with your family, or recruit your coworkers to join the cause. If it's just you, then it's not really a party.
- 3. Shoeboxes!** You can't have a shoebox party without shoeboxes, so scour your closet and storage for some (be sure to take your shoes out!) and encourage your attendees to do the same. Feel free to purchase boxes if necessary or reach out to the Volunteerism team at United Way of Greater Atlanta for easy-to-assemble boxes with our branding on it (you won't be able to decorate these because of how they're constructed).
- 4. Donations!** Once you've secured the boxes, be sure to collect the actual items to go inside. At a minimum, every box should include shampoo, conditioner, a toothbrush, toothpaste, and deodorant. These are items that we consider essential, but often take for granted in our everyday lives. For a list of additional recommended items please check out our donation list ([link](#)) (optional: feel free to add an inspirational note of encouragement!)
- 5. Decorations!** Maximize people's creativity with a variety of decorating options. Items like wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, stickers, tissue paper, and markers help transform boxes into beautiful gifts. You may never see the recipient's face, but people light up when they receive boxes – especially when it's apparent that a lot of love and care went into the creation of them. Whether you make them fun or pretty, just make sure you make them special \*\*\* Please don't wrap boxes shut as we'll need to open them for quality control \*\*\*

## When you're done:

Drop your shoeboxes off at a [county collection point](#) closest to you. Our trusted logistical partner, Courier First, will collect the boxes from each county and bring them to our sorting and distribution warehouse for quality control. If you want to go the extra mile, you're always welcome to sign up for a volunteer shift at our warehouse!

## Be social:

Share your awesome photos us on social by tagging @UnitedWayATL and #ShoebboxATL.