



## Participation Guidelines

### Reach Out & Give the Gift of a Brighter Christmas

You can help people in need in your community this Christmas by supporting the SVP Shoe Box Appeal and providing new gifts for underprivileged children and adults. By participating in the SVP Shoe Box Appeal you can help to spread Christmas cheer and excitement, through the gift of surprise! Even the smallest of gifts that are sometimes taken for granted are most welcome.

### How the SVP Shoe Box Appeal Works

Our Shoe Box Appeal is simple. We provide you with special stickers for each Shoe Box Gift and can also provide you with posters to advertise the SVP Shoe Box Appeal.

#### 1. Find And Wrap an Empty Shoe Box

- ✓ Please **wrap the lid and box separately** in Christmas Paper.
- ✓ It is important not to seal the shoe box so that we can check the suitability of gifts before they are distributed out to children and families through our network of local conferences and volunteers.

#### 2. Decide if your Gift is for a Girl or a Boy, a Lady or a Gentleman

There is one sticker for male gifts and another for female gifts. When selecting each gift, you should bear the person's age group in mind. Then simply tick the corresponding age group on the sticker and apply to shoe box. Age categories are 0-3 years, 4-7 years, 8-12 years, Teen and Adult. The minimum value of each gift should be €10.

#### 3. Fill Your SVP Shoe Box with Gifts

New gifts we would be delighted to accept including the following:

##### Children

Books  
 Fashion Accessories  
 Hair/make up/jewellery  
 Small toys  
 Gloves/hat/scarves  
 Small games  
 Educational items  
 DVDs/CDs  
 Art supplies  
 Books/pens/crayons/colouring pencils  
 Kits for making things  
 T-shirts  
 Gift Vouchers  
 Sports items – footballs, boots, tennis rackets  
 Camera  
 Toiletry sets  
 Beauty sets  
 Photo frames

##### Long Term Hospital/Nursing Home Patients

Toothbrush / Toothpaste  
 Toiletry items: soaps, creams etc.  
 Slippers  
 Socks, Ties  
 Gloves/hat/scarves  
 Handkerchiefs

##### Teens

Small MP3 player  
 Computer games  
 Gift vouchers: Cds, books, cinema tickets, beauty products, hairdresser  
 Make up/Jewellery  
 Handbags

**No** Soft Toys

**No** small pieces that can be swallowed for the 0-3 age group

**No** war figures or guns

#### **4. Return Your SVP Shoe Box**

Shoe boxes should be returned to an agreed collection point or to your local SVP Regional Office (go to [www.svp.ie/appeal](http://www.svp.ie/appeal) to find your nearest office).

#### **About SVP**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is the largest, voluntary, charitable organisation in Ireland. Its membership of 9,500 volunteers in 1,200 local groups throughout the country are supported by professional staff, working for social justice and the creation of a more just, caring nation. We offer practical support to those experiencing poverty and social exclusion, by providing a wide range of services to people in need.

We rely on the generosity of companies and individuals to help us to help others who are less well off. Your generosity will help many families and individuals in need this Christmas.

**For Further Information or To Order Materials,  
Please Contact 00 353 1 838 6990 or Email: [fundraising@svp.ie](mailto:fundraising@svp.ie)  
Alternatively to make a donation online, please visit [www.svp.ie/appeal](http://www.svp.ie/appeal)**

**Thank You For Your Support Of The Society Of Saint Vincent De Paul**