TEAM HOPE™
Helping vulnerable children overseas

2019

270,488 THANK YOUS

Celebrating 10 YEARS OF THE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL
WITH OVER 2 MILLION SHOEBOXES
Some children you’ve helped over the past 10 years...

Olga (Transnistria) 2014
“This is for me!” Olga exclaimed when she got her box. For Olga her shoebox was proof that someone outside the orphanage cares for her. She isn’t forgotten, someone loves her.

Lindiwe (eSwatini) 2011
An orphan living with her granny. Lindiwe has to walk almost an hour to collect water and bring it home before her big walk to school. She was thrilled with her shoebox. She got some lollipops which she shared with her granny!

Luba (Ukraine) 2010
Luba was a 5 year old girl who has special needs. She was asked what she would like for Christmas and she replied ‘a doll’. When she opened her box she found a rag doll! The look on her face was one of absolute amazement!

Semphiwe (Lesotho) 2013
Semphiwe was beaten and abandoned as a child. Living on the mountainside, he would drink cows milk to stay alive. The Village Chief found little Semphiwe and brought him to an orphanage. When Semphiwe opened his shoebox he found two plastic cows on top of his other gifts. He gave his very first smile that day!

Olga (Belarus) 2018
When we gave Olga her shoebox, she jumped up and down with excitement, squealing with delight. Olga told us, “Miracles do happen! Dreams really do come true!”

Carolina (Malawi) 2016
Carolina’s dad couldn’t afford to buy her any new clothes. She was so grateful for her shoebox which had a lovely new t-shirt and skirt. She was easily the best dressed girl in town! Carolina also loved the plastic container that she got in her shoebox.

Delivering our 2 millionth shoebox
The shoebox was given to a lovely 6 year old girl called Aline who lives with a foster family in Romania. Aline loved her shoebox which was filled with colouring pens, hats, sweets and a flamingo – she smiled from ear to ear! Receiving the two millionth box made Aline feel so special, and that feeling is one that has been felt by all the children who have been gifted a shoebox over the years. Every shoebox has counted, thank you.

Your donations make a difference
The donations you give with your shoebox, not only help us cover the costs of the whole appeal, but they also allow us to help communities in the countries your boxes go to. With your support, our partners are able to carry out projects like this one in rural Malawi, which has built Early Childhood Development Centres and trained local caregivers. They help by giving children up to the age of five a head start in their learning, which can make all the difference in their future education and brings lasting change to a whole community.

For more stories of your Christmas Shoeboxes on our website: CLICK HERE

See more of our Community Development Projects: CLICK HERE
2019 was our 10th annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal, we delivered a record breaking 270,488 shoeboxes!
**A Big Thank You**

2019 was a big year for Team Hope as we celebrated the 10th Annual Shoebox Appeal since our founding. We also had another landmark moment – delivering our 2 millionth shoebox. That’s 2 million smiles you’ve been able to put on children’s faces.

We are delighted that this year we have received a record-breaking 270,488 shoeboxes in 2019, which have been delivered to children in 13 countries across Africa and Eastern Europe.

We are hugely grateful for the support we have received for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

We had fantastic support in 2019 from our media partner her.ie and our wonderful Ambassador, Irish international hockey player Elena Tice. We’re also extremely grateful to our national drop off partners, in particular to Dealz as well as AXA Insurance, Toymaster, First Stop and all our independent drop offs across the country for their help. We’re always overwhelmed by the incredible support of the businesses and groups that get involved, such as Dublin Bus and many others. We couldn’t have done it without their help and yours!

So, thank you to every single one of you who packed a shoebox this year. Every shoebox is special and you’ve helped make a huge difference to 270,488 children living in very difficult conditions across the world. Thank you!