



# How To Put Love In a Box

## HOPE Community Services

1. Find a child-sized or small adult sized shoebox that you will work with. You may wrap or decorate the box any way you wish but you MUST wrap the lid separately from the box.
2. Decide to whom you wish to send your gift using the age ranges: 2-4, 5-8, 9-11, Teen.
3. Mark the form clearly with one of the categories - for example BOY 9-11 years, using the tear off portion of this form. Make sure this label gets securely attached to the lid of your box.
4. Decorate the box and fill it with a selection of NEW, unwrapped gift items. How old is he or she? What interests does someone that age have? How can you create a box that is special for him or her? Some suggestions (and what's NOT ok) are listed below:

- Pens, pencils, crayons
- Craft or art supplies
- Small ball or game
- Playing cards or a book
- Stickers or a picture book
- A cuddly toy
- Hair accessories
- A writing or photo journal
- A calculator or note cards
- ... other ideas you have for your friend

### NOT OK

- Any edible or liquid items
  - War-related items (such as guns or toy soldiers)
  - Glass, sharp or fragile items
  - Toys which require batteries
  - Marbles or other small choking-hazard items
  - Anything of a political, racial or religious nature
  - Medicines of any kind
- Ask your grown-ups if you have a question about an item.

5. Write a note or make a drawing to enclose with your box - something that says "Feel better" or "I care about you."
- OPTIONAL:** It is OK to put your first name, teacher's name and school address on a stamped envelope or notecard in case your friend would like to write back to you.
6. Securely attach your label to the lid of the box. You can glue or tape it.
7. Put the lid on the box and put a big rubber band around it to make sure nothing falls out. Please do not seal it!
8. Bring it to the collection boxes near the Principal's office between

# February 7 - 11<sup>th</sup>

- 2 - 4 years old
- 5 - 8 years old
- 9 - 11 years old
- Teen



# BOY



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# GIRL

