



65 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

*"No one should live hungry and homeless."
Matthew 25:35-40*

GIVE NEW HOPE TODAY WITH A “FRESH START” BOX CENTRAL UNION MISSION’S SHOEBOXES FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAM

You and your team can encourage our homeless neighbors today—and all you need is a shoebox! We invite you to decorate a shoebox and fill it with small necessities that can help keep a homeless man or woman clean and safe. Remember that being homeless often means having no access to supplies we take for granted. You can fill your box with these suggested items and more:

Hair comb/brush	Travel size hand sanitizer
Hand towel	Toothbrush and toothpaste
Travel size shampoo	Adhesive bandages
Travel size soap	Antibiotic ointment
Travel size lotion	Lip balm
Deodorant	Tampons/Panty liners
Travel size tissue packs	Warm socks
Travel size baby wipes	Ziplock bags

Please drop off your filled “Fresh Start” boxes for either men or women to:

Central Union Mission
65 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

- **Why is your help important?**

Homeless people often come to us with few personal belongings. With your support Central Union Mission can provide for even more of these folks’ basic needs for: shelter, clothing and hygiene products.

- **What will the shoeboxes mean to those the Mission serves?**

Your “Fresh Start” box is a gracious act of support for those struggling in the Washington metropolitan area. Please choose to fill your box for a woman or a man, and then decorate it with construction paper, crayons or any way you prefer. You can include encouraging notes or Bible verses, too.

- **How will homeless people benefit from what is inside?**

Some who receive the box will have spent days walking and sleeping outdoors and will welcome comfortable socks, lip balm or a rain poncho. Others will have come to our doors with damaged shoes needing Band-Aids or ointment to care for their tired feet. Still others will be happy for a can opener to prepare the nonperishable items they may have been offered in their travels.

For more information on how to help, please contact Rev. Deborah Chambers at dchambers@missiondc.org

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