



## Romanian Aid Foundation South Wales

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Please try to get your box prepared as soon as possible, we have started checking and boxing up the early arrivals and those boxes will be going out in September; the deadline is the end of October. Please also donate £1 per box if you can as a contribution to the haulage cost out to Romania.



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***Thank you***

More information on the website: [www.roaf.org](http://www.roaf.org) - click on the Joy in a Box icon





Last year our friends at Asociatia Neemia in Romania distributed nearly 3,000 Christmas shoeboxes that had kindly been donated by supporters just like you.

Swansea area Co-ordinators, Chris and Ellena Edmonds, have been to help with the distribution in Dorohoi and have seen firsthand how joy the presents bring. However, it is a challenge for our small team to distribute so many shoeboxes in such a short space of time, so we have come up with ways of making their life easier.

Please remember that whilst most of our shoeboxes are distributed in schools, especially schools in the surrounding villages where the people are poorer than in the towns, we do also give boxes to adults and families as well so don't neglect them either!

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### **Some helpful hints to make Joy in A Box 2015 even more successful:**

1. Please use a standard size shoebox, the children in the schools compare size, so please no small shoeboxes, boot boxes or other larger than normal boxes (unless you are sending a box for a whole family).
2. Please wrap the lid and box separately and use a rubber band to keep it together. All shoeboxes are checked prior to distribution to ensure that the class has boxes of a similar quality.
3. The main age groups required correspond with school age bands, they are : 3-4 ; 5-7; 8-11 and 12-15. In addition to these age bands some boxes are required for young adults and mature adults, there is limited demand for boxes for babies and toddlers under the age of 2. If in doubt, the demand for the 5-7 age group is the largest.  
Mark the lid of your box with the age and gender of the person it is intended for. Use our standard label (available from our website) or make one of your own.
4. If you are doing several shoeboxes please do the same number of girls as boys, last year we received over 200 more girls' boxes than those for boys, a headache for the distribution team.
5. Please remember toys! Although there are hundreds of exceptions, in general boxes are very good when it comes to both washing items, hats, scarves and gloves and with sweets, but can be a bit light with toys. The first thing the 3-7 year olds look for is the toys, the first thing the 8-15 year olds look for is the stationery items.

Please remember - no books or games with instructions in English or Welsh; no clothes as they are too size specific, and hard sweets travel better than chocolate.