

## Team Hope Education Projects



In many of the countries where we work, the schools that the children who received your shoeboxes attend cannot even afford basic necessities like school books, pens, pencils, copy books or chalk.

Team Hope Educational Projects provide supplies for schools in desperate need in Rwanda, Swaziland, Congo, Burundi, Romania and Kenya. Education gives these children some hope of getting employment, and relieving their poverty.

You can change lives by giving whatever you can, and completing the form overleaf.

## WHAT THEY SAID

"It would be hard to even think that kids wouldn't be able to go to a shop to buy toys, it's so sad"  
(Jessica, Dublin school pupil)

"It's a real opportunity for children to help"  
(Jessica's Mum).

"I did shoeboxes like everyone else at first. I thought it was a good idea and I thought I could get more people to do them. It started off basically getting family and friends involved and it just expanded from there"  
(Marella, Co. Meath who collected 500 shoeboxes!)

"Last winter I spent many happy hours knitting hats for Team Hope! I knew the hats would give pleasure and warmth to many boys and girls"  
(Isolde, who knitted 96 hats)

"It was the first time to do it in our school and it was something that the kids immediately latched onto and there was a very good reaction from the parents"  
(Kieran Tierney, Principal, St. Patrick's National School Chapelizod)

"Over 220 Dell volunteers helped in the South Dublin Warehouse, with another 100 donating shoeboxes. They were all delighted to be involved and came away from the warehouse feeling they'd really done something worthwhile. We already have a waiting list of volunteers for next year!!!"  
(Janice Comish, Dell Ireland Giving Manager)

"Many of the children go for days without food and usually could only dream of being presented with a gift at Christmas. Santa Claus usually doesn't come this way"  
(Graham Clifford, Irish Independent journalist, on his visit to Kosovo)

"By seeing the work that Team Hope and its volunteers do, you cannot but have your faith in people restored"  
(Andrew, video producer)

"Some of the children got a Christmas present for the very first time!"  
(Aline, Burundi partner)

"The gifts in your boxes filled the streets and the hearts of our children with love"  
(Metush, Kosovan partner)

"I want to say thank you. You thought of us and wrapped these boxes so nicely. We feel so special knowing that children from another country care for us"  
(Andreea, 11 year old Romanian orphan)

"Over and over again, we unpacked and re-packed our beautiful gifts"  
(Koketso, an orphan in Lesotho)

"Your act of goodness was a good example for our students, of love which knows no borders"  
(Primary school principal, Armenia)



# TEAM HOPE™

## Christmas shoebox appeal



# THANK YOU!





# You've done it again!

Schools all over the island, some of our largest corporates, lots of offices, factories, youth organisations, churches and individual families, all combined forces to send gift-filled Christmas shoeboxes to 167,717 needy children in Africa and Eastern Europe.

For children who have nothing, it's been the highlight of their year – and the result of your generosity, even in times of our own economic difficulties. On their behalf, we say an enormous **THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who made it possible – all our volunteers, those who gave us premises for checking centres, Businesses who supported us, Volunteer Ireland, AXA, Fast Fit / First Stop, Stack's Pharmacies, Cara Pharmacies and all our drop-off points.

But particularly – all of you who made up shoeboxes with such love and care – we couldn't have done it without you.



## Romania

The Varga family from Timisoara, Romania is Mum, Dad and seven children, who all live in one attic room. Alex, one of the oldest is twelve years old and has cancer. The day Alex received his Team Hope shoebox he had just returned home from a hospital visit. He thought that the best thing in his shoebox was a hat. He was so happy, saying "I have the most beautiful hat!" Mum was so grateful "God knows how to provide and to take care of our needs. Alex's new hat will keep him warm on the cold days I take him to the hospital".



## Lesotho

Lineo's home is an orphanage in southern Lesotho. She told us "We had a Christmas feast, and we even had chicken! The feast was blessed by rain which felt so good on my skin. After we had eaten, there was a big surprise - we were all given gifts from Ireland. Inside mine were sweets, toys, bracelets and other useful things – wow! I was so excited that there are people who care for me. It made me feel warm inside. Everyone was screaming with delight and we all went to bed with a glowing face".

## Where your shoeboxes went...

Kosova - 9,758  
Croatia - 8,160  
Romania - 35,875

Moldova - 8,081  
Ukraine - 39,943  
Armenia - 6,885  
Congo - 6,279

Burundi - 14,679  
Swaziland - 16,633  
Lesotho - 21,424



## Kosova

Illiona is eleven and lives in Kosova. She had a life-saving heart operation when she was three years old. After her recovery her Mum & Dad wanted to do something good for their village, so every week they open their small home to the village children after school, to have fun together and help the children with their school work. On the snowy day the Team Hope Christmas Shoeboxes arrived Illiona received her box alongside the 70 other children in her home. Freezing cold outside, but inside there were shrieks of joy and laughter!



## Congo

The children of École Shalom in the eastern Congo city of Uvira were running around the school waving pens in the air shouting "I got this from Team Hope". Their shoebox gift meant so much to them that they have enrolled in school for another year just in the hope of getting a Christmas Shoebox again next year!



scan here to watch 90 seconds of shoebox joy!



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## My Response

- I'd like to help with my local Team Hope Christmas shoebox appeal
- Please put me on your mailing list for news of other projects (We do not make our mailing lists available to anyone else)
- I enclose a cheque/postal order (made payable to Team Hope)
- Charge my  Credit Card /  Debit Card (delete as appropriate)

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Where it's most needed €

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