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Registered Charity 1153106

About us

We are your LOCAL shoebox charity. Our experienced team, led by 5 trustees, and with over 100 volunteers, is committed to helping deprived communities in Eastern Europe by sending gift-filled shoeboxes at Christmas.

The Team

Our small team (**SELF-FUNDED**) visits Romania each year to distribute the boxes to the children, enabling us to give churches, community groups plus many individual donors including a donation of **£2** to cover transport, packaging etc.

This amount is kept to a minimum as we have **no staff to pay.**

Fund Raising

Thanks to fund raising throughout the year, as well as the use of surplus funds from the shoebox campaign, we continue to support educational projects which help children and their families to break from the cycle of poverty and fulfil their potential in life.

The Children

Our boxes go to children who have the most need – children who live in abject poverty, many of whose homes are nothing but a one-roomed mud hut; children who do not have any of the basics that we take for granted; children who are lucky if they ever learn how to read and write.

We need your support...

to fill a Box Of Hope for
a child in Romania

This is how you can help...

Box Of Hope leaflet

What to do next....

- Obtain a small or medium sized shoebox (NO BOOT BOXES PLEASE!) and wrap the lid and the box separately with bright paper. Maximum size: L30cm x W18cm x H11cm
- Fill the box for a child aged between 3 and 14 with items from the list below - a mixture of fun and practical items: We do not specify any age groups, as our experience, when distributing the boxes, has shown that it is impractical to match these up correctly. However, families tend to be large, so swapping and sharing take place.
- Complete the donation form overleaf - please consider gift aid if you are a taxpayer, as we can claim an extra 25% on your donation (£2 becomes £2.50).
- Put the form and your £2 donation - cash or cheque - in an envelope. Place on top of the items inside the box.
- Cut out the boy or girl label and tape it on the outside of the lid, securing the box with a stout elastic band.
- Take your box to one of our Drop-off locations NO LATER THAN 12th NOVEMBER. (The boxes travel overland to Romania and have to leave by mid Nov).

An ideal box will contain....

- A selection of toys and games such as a ball, car, doll, skipping rope, yo-yo, dominoes (sturdy toys please as these children are not used to toys and have little manual dexterity).
- Books (use by date at least March of next year).
- Notebook, colouring book, pen, crayons, pencils, rubber, ruler, pencil sharpener.
- Hat, scarf, mittens or gloves, a pair of socks.
- Soap and a facecloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, hair brush/comb, hair accessories.

But please NO....

- Food (except for sweets), medicines, aerosols, liquids (shampoo, shower gel, bubbles), glass or fragile items, sharp items (knives, scissors, needles).

A team of our volunteers visit Romania to distribute the boxes



Information:
Ideal size of box, age range and contribution for postage



YOUR
**LOCAL
SHOEBOX
CHARITY**



What not to put in the box

Ideal contents of
the box

We can claim an extra 25% on your donation (£2 becomes £2.50)

Please enclose cash/cheque to cover the postage

Please detach and put form and donation in an envelope paying for more than 1 shoe box or postage to take effect.

Please enclose cash/cheque for £..... (or £..... if you are donating more than 1 shoe box of hope, Cumbria)

Are you a UK Taxpayer?

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate claimed by Boxes of Hope, Cumbria from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK tax payer.

To claim Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below -

☐ I want to Gift Aid my donation - please tick ✓

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My details (only required if Gift Aiding)

Title: First Name or Initials: Surname:
Address: Postcode:
Date:

These details will not be shared with any other organisation.

To pay online visit: www.boxesofhopecumbria.co.uk

Please fill in the form and put inside the box



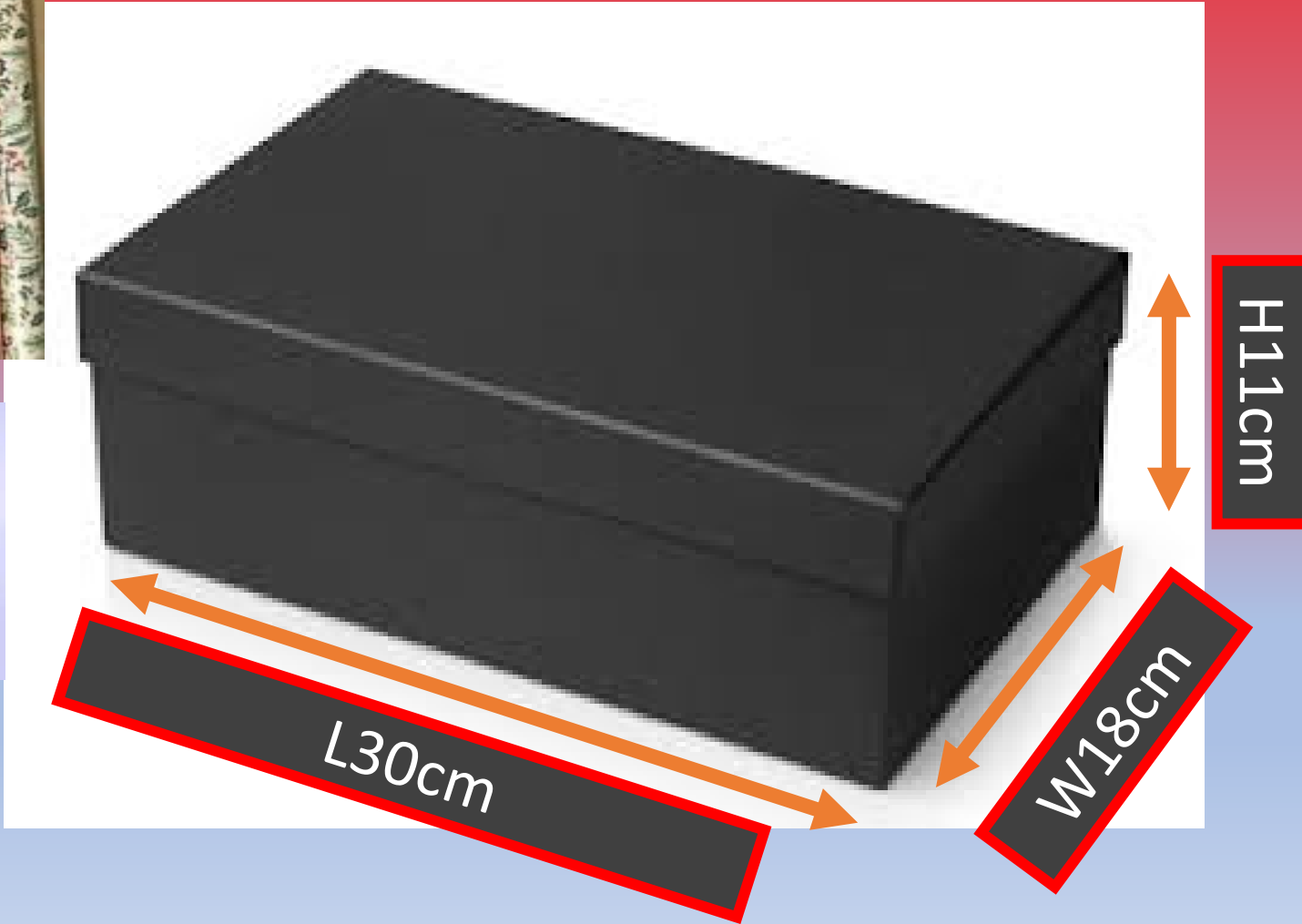
BOY



GIRL

Please cut out your choice and stick it to the top of the box

Please wrap the lid and the box in Christmas wrapping (*Maximum size of the shoebox*)



Shoe box contents

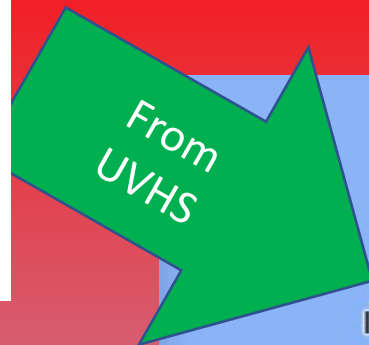
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mainly on the

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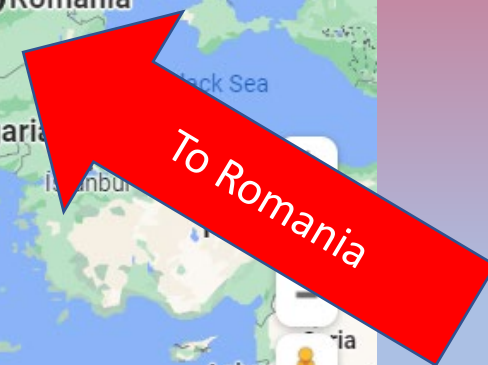
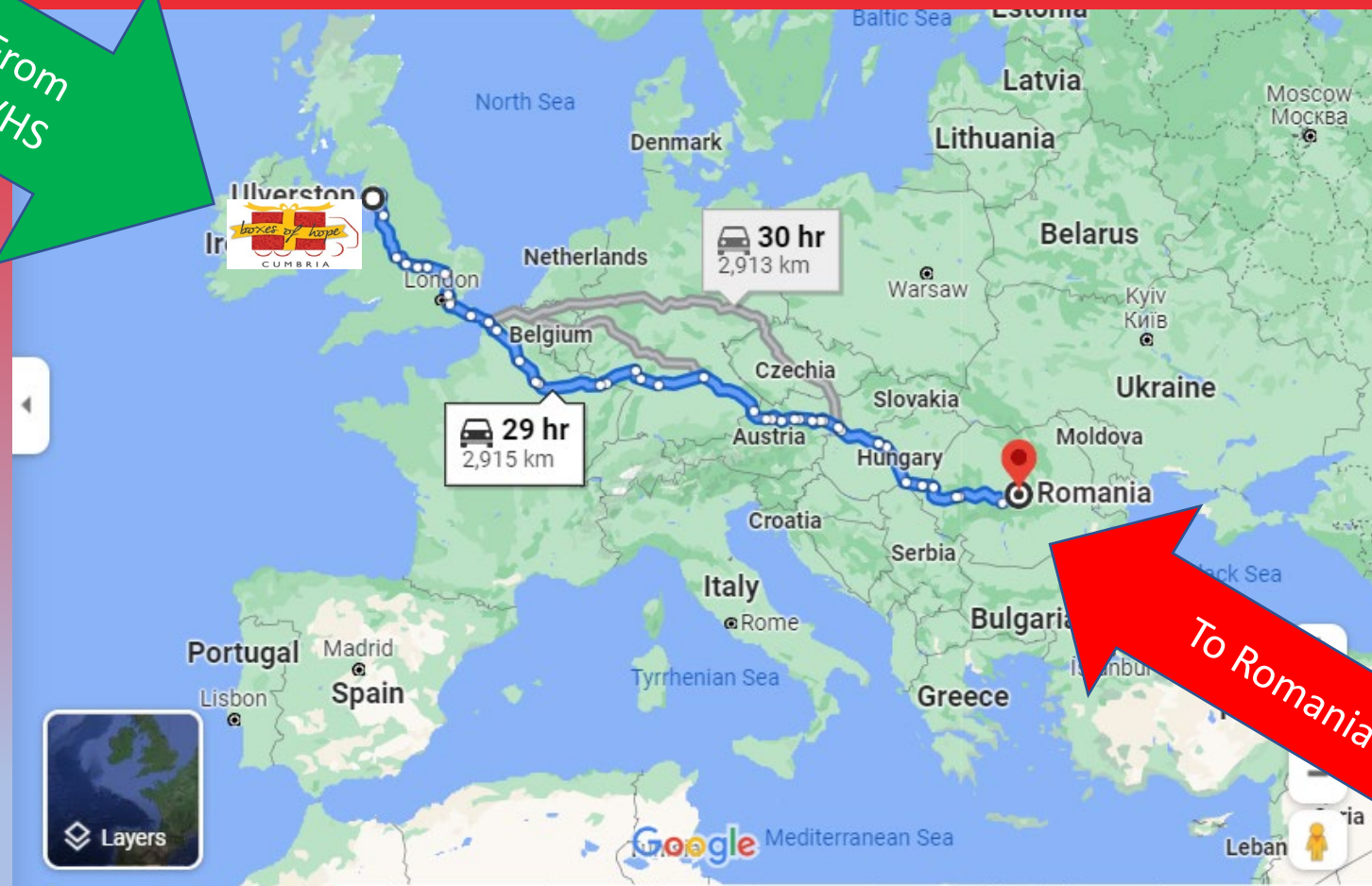
element – small toys,
games and sweets.

Please return your
filled box to your form
room or Townlands.





BOXES OF HOPE'S FINAL JOURNEY





Our Amazing team of volunteers
arrive to delivery the Boxes Of Hope

The excited
children
receiving their
Box Of Hope



Thank you on
behalf of the
volunteers and
the children

