



20th Annual Community Holiday **SHOEBOX** Drive & Reception

Dear Community Partner,

The 20th Annual Community Shoebox Drive to benefit our local seniors has begun, and we hope you will join our efforts. Our Annual Shoebox Drive is a great way to promote your business while helping a great cause. All donations support Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee and the Community Shoebox Drive.

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO HELP:

- **DONATE AN AUCTION ITEM** for our auction and raffle to be held at our Annual Holiday Shoebox Reception on Saturday, December 13th at Lakewood Ranch Elks Lodge. Donations of concert/sporting tickets, merchandise, memorabilia, or gift cards will be used in our auction/raffle at the reception.
- **BECOME A SPONSOR OF THE COMMUNITY SHOEBOX DRIVE** FOR JUST \$500. Your support will help seniors and garner your business valuable exposure.
- **DONATE WRAPPED AND FILLED SHOEBOXES TO BRING JOY TO SENIORS** in our community this Holiday Season! (Turn over for item list)

Our goal is to provide a gift for 1,000 seniors this year during the Holidays. The Shoebox Drive will continue now through **December 13th, 2025** at the Annual Community Reception at **The LWR Elks Lodge, 4602 Lena Road, East Bradenton, FL 34211 from 4-6 pm**. We hope you will attend this fun, festive party in support of this program. If you can't attend the event on December 13th, shoeboxes can be dropped off at Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee at 811 23rd Avenue East, Bradenton, FL 34208 between 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday no later than Friday, December 19th

Please contact Kelly Pinskey if you have any questions about the Holiday Shoebox Drive or the Holiday Shoebox Reception. Kelly can be reached at kpinskey@mealsonwheelsplus.org or by calling 941-747-4655 ext. 1250.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Maribeth Phillips'.

Maribeth Phillips
President & CEO

**Please deliver
donations to:**
Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee
Attn: Kelly Pinskey
811 23rd Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34208
or call 941-747-4655
for pick-up!

Funds donated in excess of need will be used to provide nutrition and caring, supportive services throughout the year. Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee is a 501 (c)3 organization. The Florida registration number for Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee is #CH1420. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the division of consumers services by calling toll free 800-435-7352 or at www.800HelpFLA.com within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.



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EXAMPLES OF ITEMS TO FILL A SHOEBOX

- Lip Balm
- Small Flashlights or Nightlight
- Hand Lotion/Moisturizer
- Holiday Trinkets (non-breakable)
- Tissues (small travel-size packages)
- Mechanical Pencils
- Notepads
- Large Print Paperback Word Puzzles (Crossword, Word Puzzles, Word Jumble)
- Pens
- Shampoo
- Slipper Socks (with rubber grips)
- Socks
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste (small to medium size)

Please do **NOT** include items such as: Razors, Candy, Candles, Breakables, Gift Cards, etc.

When packing shoeboxes, please be sure of the following:

- The shoeboxes are wrapped — top and bottom separately.
- Tissue is placed in the box.
- Typically 10 items are placed in each box. A good place to purchase items is Dollar Tree.
- The box is closed and secured with an elastic.
- A tag identifying if the box is for a male, female or neutral is attached under the elastic.

The wrapped and filled shoeboxes are then delivered to Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee Home-delivered Meal clients and other low-income seniors, by our Meals on Wheels PLUS volunteers during the holiday season.

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