

# Shoebox Project

**Friends Meeting of Washington's Hunger and Homelessness Task Force in collaboration with the staff of the World Bank help 1,000 to 2,000 each year.**

**For over 30 years WB staff have helped the homeless in Wash, DC through this project.**

**Eric Nothman**



# Homelessness

## How do you become homeless?

- Major causes:
  - Lack of affordable housing
  - Job loss
  - Poverty
  - Mental illness and/or Substance abuse
  - Domestic violence (especially women)



# Who are the homeless?

- 80% of homelessness is temporary
- About 30% have mental illness and/or a drug/alcohol addiction problem
- About 70% of homeless are single and 30% are families
- Chronic homelessness takes about 30 years off life expectancy



# Homeless

## Washington DC area

- About 4,100 were counted as homeless in the District as of January 2022
- Once one is homeless it can be very difficult to re-establish work and a home
- Shoebox Project - over the winter holidays provides warm winter hat, winter gloves, winter socks and more
- Resource Card - to help people find access to food, shelter, showers, health care, clothing, Internet access and city services



# Shoebox Project

**World Bank staff & FMW - 31st year!**

- Provided 1,325 “Shoebox gifts” last year
- Each gift is a set of necessities for a homeless man, woman or child
- Packed at the Friends Meeting of Washington near Dupont Circle
- Delivered to homeless shelters and encampments around the winter holidays



Go to Pension Portal => Retiree Portal  
Select: Donation Matching and then "Donate Now"

: Search "Shoebox"

**Search: Shoebox**

**Select=> Friends Meeting of Washington**

- 100% of your tax-deductible donation goes for purchasing items for the homeless
- Over 90% of Shoebox Project funding comes from World Bank staff
- All tasks are done by volunteers
- Friends Meeting of Washington is a 501(c)(3) that donates all book keeping/audits and the facility at no charge

**Some people will get only one present  
this Christmas ...**

**the one you give**

**30th Annual  
Shoebox Project for the Homeless**

On Dec. 25th, more than 3,000 people will have their Christmas meals at Washington area soup kitchens. You can make their day a little more special.

A \$20 **eGive** contribution will provide a homeless man, woman, or child with a festively wrapped shoebox or bag containing items such as:

- a warm hat, gloves, and rain poncho
- socks and underwear
- a toothbrush and toiletries
- nail clipper and bandana
- resource card

Shoeboxes designed for the area's homeless children will include the above, plus:

- illustrated reading book
- a coloring book and crayons
- a jump rope
- a paddleball and small toy

Last year, World Bank staff and others enabled the purchase, wrapping, and delivery of over 1,000 Shoebox gifts distributed through the local homeless shelters (contact us to volunteer!).

Please make donations online. In browser type "**eGive**" and

Search Shoebox **Select "Friends Meeting of Washington"**

This all volunteer project is only possible by the generous donations and volunteer efforts of World Bank staff. Questions to Eric Nothman 202-438-5915 or R.S. Hanwatananugool x87696.

*Thank you for sharing your holiday warmth with others.*









