

JUVENILE INMATE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX PROJECT
a work of the greater church, coordinated by Christ Chapel

The Finger Lakes Residential Center is a facility of the NYS Office of Correctional Services in south Lansing, NY. It houses around 70 juvenile inmates from ages 11 to 18 from all over New York State. We want to make them know, on the occasion of Christ's birth, that they are remembered and loved by Christ and His church.

The plan: Shop ahead from the list below. Ideally, come to the church (160 Graham Road) at 9:30am Saturday December 13. The FLRC staff will vet our shopping (you never know what the state won't allow!), we'll "shop" the vast array of donations, and then we will wrap every little thing! This is these kids' only Christmas! If you want to participate but can't be there Dec. 13, contact pastor Steve to arrange to drop off items (steven.felker@gmail.com / 607-262-0545).

Below are suggested gifts for individuals. What is "- group" would be given to the unit (the kids are grouped in units) and utilized in a group setting. If folks would like to make monetary gifts that staff could shop with for the children then best is either cash or gift cards to Walmart or Target. Checks can be made to Christ Chapel with "FLRC Shoebox" in the memo. Christ Chapel's online giving portal can be used, designating a gift "FLRC Shoebox" at <https://christchapelithaca.churchcenter.com/giving>.

More: Our contact is Dee Cooper, Activity Director for the facility. She is glad to answer your questions, and has other opportunities for the community to engage the boys: (a) FLRC has a program where they bring a group to you to serve in assorted unskilled labor services, and (b) they are looking for churches to adopt a unit - to come there and hang out with kids (one church in our area has already adopted a unit..., you can too!) Dee can be reached for more information at 607-533-3000 or <Dollbaby-Dee.Cooper@ocfs.ny.gov>

Suggested items:

Calendars	Mens Body Wash	<i>group items (unwrapped)</i>
Air Fresheners(Little Tree)	Mens Lotion	Playing Cards - group
Drawing Pads	Mens Shampoo	Color Pencils - group
Adult Coloring Books	Mens Conditioner	Face Mask - group
Coloring Books	Mens Face Wash	Basketballs - group
Stress Balls	Mens Deodorant	Footballs - group
Chap Stick	Stationary/stamps	Soccer Balls - group
Toothpaste	Journals	Kick balls - group
Slipper Socks	Christmas Candy	Board Games - group
Hair Ties	Loofas	Color Pencils - group
Sensory-toys: Bubble Pop,	Slippers Sizes 8-14	Face Mask - group
Fidget spinners, etc	Puzzle books	I-tune cards - group
Ramen Noodles / Cup of	Bibles	PG13 or better movies,action,
Soup (Dry Stuff)	Hair Gel	comedy - group
Drink Packets for Water	Hair Grease	watercolor markers - group
Bottles	Head Phones	
Photo Albums - No Metal	Puzzles	
	Word Search Books	

Please note that there are things that the kids can't have: No Yo-Yo's, No Combs, No Nuts, No Peanut Butter, No Gum, No Matchbox Cars/Metal Cars.

AND - we can use all the wrapping paper we can get. If you have scissors you can bring to the wrapping party, that will be a great help. Children who can assist with wrapping are welcome!

Pastor Steve at Christ Chapel is glad to field any questions: steven.felker@gmail.com / 607-262-0545

THANK YOU!