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MEDIA ALERT

60 volunteers to pitch in for United Way Shoebox Project

Third annual Shoebox Project to deliver hope to 40 area nonprofits

- WHAT:** Community volunteers and members of [United Way's Emerging Leaders Council](#) will work on thousands of shoeboxes for distribution of shoeboxes filled with personal care items to be distributed to local nonprofits.
- VISUALS:** Activities will include:
- **Decorating – wrapping shoeboxes that are not decorated**
 - **Sorting – checking shoeboxes to make sure contents are safe and appropriate**
 - **Assembly – filling recently decorated shoeboxes with basic need items**
 - **Packing – place shoeboxes into large moving boxes to be given to member nonprofits**
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 8, 2017
9 a.m. - Noon
- WHERE:** San Antonio Food Bank (Agency Side facing Old Highway 90)
5200 W. Old US Highway 90
- SPONSORS:** San Antonio Shoes, San Antonio Food Bank, SAMMinistries, H-E-B Tournament of Champions, Broadway Bank, and United Way Emerging Leaders Council

About the Shoebox Project: Individuals and organizations throughout Bexar County are donating shoeboxes filled with toiletries, including toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, soap, shaving cream, etc., which will be distributed to 40 nonprofit partners serving local children, veterans, elderly, homeless and vulnerable populations. The project runs from March 6 to April 28, 2017, and United Way is working create 6,000 personal care packages. Volunteers gather at the San Antonio Food Bank to help count and manage shoeboxes filled with basic-need or emergency-preparedness items. Visit www.unitedwaysatx.org/shoebox, email shoeboxproject@unitedwaysatx.org or call (210) 352-7077.

About The Volunteer Center at United Way: The Volunteer Center at United Way engages volunteers for a variety of community projects including: the Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner, H-E-B Annual Feast of Sharing, Martin Luther King Day, natural disasters (hurricanes, floods, fires), and hundreds of non-profit and civic events during the year. The Volunteer Center also coordinates Days of Caring, organizing volunteers to participate in city-wide community service projects across Bexar County; and the annual [Volunteer of the Year Awards](#).