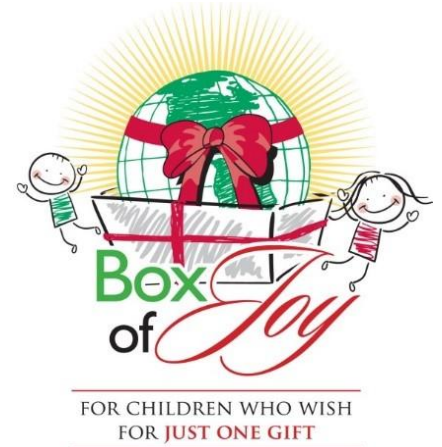


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Attention, South Florida: Cross Catholic Outreach Needs Your Help

Catholic nonprofit needs volunteers to fulfill Box of Joy shipments for impoverished children across the world

BOCA RATON, FL – Jan. 11, 2022 – Cross Catholic Outreach, a Catholic global relief and development non-profit, has collected nearly 100,000 Boxes of Joy that will be shipped to poverty-stricken children in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Granada, Colombia and Guatemala.

Volunteers are urgently needed to screen the boxes to make sure all gifts are safe and appropriate for kids, and prepare them for shipping to each destination country — while having lots of fun.

COVID-19 restrictions prevented completion of the project before Christmas, thus Cross Catholic Outreach needs help to get these gifts into the hands of children as soon as possible.

Several shifts are available for volunteers during the month of January, including Martin Luther King Jr. Day, at the Box of Joy screening center: 10243 NW 62 Street, Doral, Florida 33178. Volunteers can sign up for a shift here: <https://bit.ly/3JHDuag>.

Cross Catholic Outreach adheres to the CDC Guidelines for the pandemic, and will have hand sanitizer available for all volunteers and encourage volunteers to wear masks. The warehouse where the Boxes of Joy will be processed is a large facility with ventilation, and tables are spaced to accommodate social distancing.

Catholic parishes, schools and groups nationwide organize Boxes of Joy by packing the boxes with small gifts like toys and school supplies, and adding essentials, like soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, as well as a few treats like hard candy and coloring books. To learn more about Box of Joy, visit www.BoxofJoy.org.

About Cross Catholic Outreach CrossCatholic.org

Based in Florida, Cross Catholic Outreach is an official Catholic nonprofit 501(c)(3) relief and development organization that, since its founding in 2001, has given more than \$3 billion in aid to help “the poorest of the poor” in more than three dozen developing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and other parts of the world. For more information about Cross Catholic, visit CrossCatholic.org or call 800-914-2420.

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