

# *Saint John's Hospice*

## *Ministry to the Homeless*



*Saint John's Hospice seeks to be a community grounded in faith and service where homeless persons find dignity, respect, nourishment, and opportunities for new beginnings.*

**Join us in the annual drive to support St. John's Hospice by participating in our Christmas Shoebox Drive which provides personal care items to the homeless men of Philadelphia. Please visit their website for more information [www.saintjohnshospice.org](http://www.saintjohnshospice.org)**

### *How can you help?*

**Gift wrap an empty shoebox (lid and base separately) with Christmas paper, then fill it with personal TRAVEL SIZE toiletries since many of the men carry their belongings in their pockets. *The men are in dire need of warm socks ~ so if you could add a pair to your box that would be great!!* Some suggestions to fill the box are:**

**Soap  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Deodorant  
Powder  
Comb  
Hand Lotion  
Hard Candies  
Warm Gloves and/or Hat  
Scarf  
Pair of Warm Socks  
Toothpaste and Toothbrush**

**After you've filled the box, tie it with a piece of holiday ribbon. Note ~ lids and base are wrapped separately because every box is inspected prior to handing out to ensure they do not contain razors, over the counter medications, cough syrup, mouthwash, etc.**

### *Then what?*

**Join us for a great evening and bring your wrapped box to the Mothers' Guild Christmas Dinner on December 4 commencing with Mass at 7:00 PM. Place your box under the Christmas Tree on the altar.**

**If you are unable to attend that evening, you or your son may drop your Shoebox off at the Chapel anytime through December 15. Boxes will then be delivered to St. John's Hospice by Mr. Whartenby and some of our students.**

### *Still have questions?*

**Please contact Jodi Zelinsky @ [jodiandjoe@verizon.net](mailto:jodiandjoe@verizon.net) THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!**

