



Boxes for Life - Volunteer Program

What is Boxes for Life?

Are you are looking for a meaningful family service project this holiday season?

Boxes for Life is a group service project in which volunteers organize large boxes of assorted medical supplies such as gloves, gauze, and tape in your own location! The material you sort will be delivered by Afya to healthcare facilities impacted by Covid-19.

The sorting process can take place anywhere - in your home, organization, company, club, or faith institution. Children as young as 4-years-old can sort material. You can spend a few hours or a few days on sorting, depending on how many boxes you take!



How to Get Involved

1. Decide how much time you want to spend sorting, from 2 hours to multiple days.
2. Reach out to the Volunteer Coordinator Mary Grace to coordinate when you will pick up and drop off the boxes at the Afya warehouse (dates must be one week apart).
3. Donate \$250 or more to Afya on our website at afyafoundation.org/boxes4life
4. Watch [the video on our YouTube channel](#) to learn how to sort properly. Written instructions will also be provided and a Zoom video call can be scheduled if need be.
5. Sort the boxes!
6. Take pictures & videos of your family or group sorting & post them on social media!
7. Return the completed boxes to the Afya warehouse.

More About the Afya Foundation

Afya is a recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that recovers surplus medical supplies from hospitals and clinics around New York and ships it to public health missions worldwide. Our regional network of medical suppliers and volunteers enables Afya to meet immediate humanitarian needs in countries devastated by natural disasters, conflicts, & lack of resources.



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Frequently Asked Questions

How big are the boxes? Will they fit in my car?

The boxes are 27" x 17" x 12" and weigh up to 50 pounds. Depending on the size of your car, you can fit 2-5 boxes. Contact Mary Grace to schedule the pick-up.

We live in the city and don't have a vehicle. Can boxes be delivered?

Yes, but a donation to cover costs of the transportation will be required.

We have a 4-year-old. Is this an appropriate activity for her?

Yes! We presort all our boxes to ensure that items are safe for all participants. Your child can work on matching like items or practice their counting skills!

What type of medical supplies will be sorted?

We have a variety of medical supplies such as tubing, gauze pads, tape, gloves etc. We will not be sending any needles or sharp objects to be sorted at your house.

Will we be sorting medications?

No, you will not be sorting any medications.

Will there be any hazardous items?

No, you will not be sorting any hazardous items. The boxes will be presorted to ensure that no hazardous items will be included for sorting.

My family has been to the warehouse before & we prefer sorting there. Is that an option?

Unfortunately, that is not currently an option. The warehouse may open for in-person sorting in January. For now, we are closed to volunteers due to Covid restrictions.

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