CHRIS HUGHES

and the employees and families of the

Tax Collector's Office

Annual Santa's Helpers

Christmas Shoe Box Campaign

How You Can Help A Local Child In Need

▲Find an empty shoe box and wrap the box and lid separately in Christmas paper. ▲ Decide if your gift will be for a boy or a girl and what age category (2-4), (5-8), (9-12) or (13-16). Check the appropriate label provided. ▲ Fill the box with gifts (see suggested list). You may even want to enclose a personal holiday greeting to the child or a photo of yourself and your family. If you include your name and address, the child may even write back to you. ▲ When the box is full, put a rubber band around it to hold it shut. ▲ Put the boy/girl/age label under the rubber band. ▲ Drop the shoe box off at any Okaloosa County Tax Collector's Office or participating business partner location before December 16. ▲ Shoe box gifts will be distributed throughout our community before Christmas by local agencies including **Sharing & Caring of Okaloosa County and the Boys & Girls Club of the Emerald Coast.**

For More Information:

651-7300 or 689-5700

www.okaloosatax.com

or visit your local tax office

Suggested Shoe Box Gift Items

▲**Small Toys:** cars, trucks, dolls, stuffed animals, yo-yos, cards, toy jewelry sets, coloring books, picture books, puzzles, games, toys that light up or make noise (include extra batteries), etc. ▲ **School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpener, paper, note pads, crayons, markers, calculators, rulers, erasers, stamps with ink pads, etc. ▲ **Hygiene Items:** toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, brush, washcloth, deodorant, lotion, bubble bath, shampoo, etc. ▲ **Other:** candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, socks, T-shirts, ball caps, hair clips, watches, coin purses, wallets, puzzle books, radios, clocks, gift certificates, flashlights (with extra batteries) etc.

▲**Please Do Not Include the Following Items:** Used toys or clothing, toy guns or knives, perishable food items, medicines (including cough drops, vitamins, ointments, etc.), breakable items (such as mirrors or porcelain dolls), etc.

The content of each box will be inspected for the protection of the children.