

Subject: Donation Drive for the Center of Hope

I will be participating in a donations drive for [Voice of the Free](#), a human rights NGO in the Philippines known for innovations in addressing modern-day slavery, especially human trafficking and the exploitation of domestic workers. They also house, nourish, educate, and reintegrate trafficking survivors through their rehabilitation center, The Center of Hope. The Center is always expanding and is in constant need of new supplies.

Currently The Center hosts a 4 years old girl, 9 years old girl and the rest are mostly 14-18.

I will be putting together a "balikbayan box" (literally "return to country") of supplies for the Center of Hope. I'd love for you to participate and help me fill and ship the box! My plan is to have the box ready for shipping by the beginning of September.

Used items are just fine, as long as they are washed and in good condition. School supplies left over from your graduating kids are great. You can also donate towards the shipping of the box, which is expected to cost around \$120, or some of the more ambitious items on their wish list:

Wish List:

1. Clothes, toiletries, and school supplies. Girls sizes are S - M, some L.
2. For the counseling room and sensory room
 - Hand puppets
 - Educational materials: clay, sketch pads, crayons, colored paper, scissors, glue, sets of ball pen (red blue and black), pencils, erasers, notebooks, plastic envelopes
3. Recreational Materials
 - Inflatable pool (10-12 people, for summer season)
 - Indoor board games
 - Outdoor games (volleyball)
4. School Needs
 - Backpack for around 30 students
 - Jogging pants and white T-shirts. For jogging pants - either dark blue or gray, as long as all come in the same colors. The girls also wear white T-shirt (not polo shirt) with sizes ranging from small to medium
 - Rubber shoes, preferably black rubber shoes, or dark gray with sizes 4-7 (US size)
5. Toiletries - feminine wash, deodorant, face towels, bath towels, shampoo and bath soap
6. Gardening tools

I got acquainted with this Center through Che. She actually worked at The Center of Hope and it is the second time she is leading this effort of sending balikbayan boxes.

<https://www.chemeriales.com/voice-of-the-free-project>

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,