

# DEDUSHKA

grandfather

# BABUSHKA

grandmother

For us to stay in touch with you, simply fill in your contact details below and put the form into your shoebox so we can send you our up to date news.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Please Remember €4

Any extra funds we receive is used to improve the conditions in the community of Vileyka. Visit [www.pashlii.org](http://www.pashlii.org) to view some of our projects

## What do I do with my shoebox when it's ready?

Call the number below to arrange delivery or collection, or for any other information, or talk to the person who gave you this leaflet.

To allow for administration, customs clearance and shipping it is wonderful to have boxes prepared as early as you can.

**Last date for receiving boxes is 10th November.**

We reserve the right to remove prohibited items

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# Babushka Boxes

Gifts in a shoebox for the elderly living in the shadow of the Chernobyl disaster



### Contact:

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Charity No: CHY 19094





## GIFT IDEAS

- ✓ Toiletries
- ✓ Art & Craft
- ✓ Dominos / Playing Cards / Sudoku
- ✓ Jewellery
- ✓ Reading Glasses
- ✓ Disposable Razors
- ✓ Nightwear / Underwear
- ✓ Gloves / Scarves / Socks
- ✓ Soft Sweets
- ✓ Why not include a personal gift or photo?

## SHOEBOX CHECKLIST

- 1 Cover an empty shoebox with colourful gift wrap.

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- 2 Label your box  
**Dedushka**  
for Grandfather  
**Babushka**  
for Grandmother

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- 3 Enclose €4 (£3) in an envelope\*

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- 4 Secure the lid with an elastic band or ribbon.

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- 5 DO NOT SEAL THE BOX

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\*To cover transport, customs & distribution



### Anastasia's Story

Bringing love in a shoebox!

Anastasia is 93. Along with her husband and three children, she was taken prisoner by the Nazis during World War II. The family lived out the war in enforced labour, working in a German munitions factory / prison. The family's food was just above starvation level. Post war, the family was released and made their way back to their home town in Belarus. Nothing remained. Their village was levelled and its occupants disappeared. No relatives, neighbours or friends were ever found.

Only one of her children is still living. Her 70 year old daughter is now her carer. For the past 5 years Anastasia has been bedridden and responds to no one but her daughter.

We took 5 flights of stairs to reach her apartment, there was no lift. We sang an Irish song and gave her a Shoebox Gift. She couldn't believe that we had travelled all this way from Ireland.

At first the tears ran down her cheeks but they were soon replaced by a big broad grin of delight that you can see in the photo above.

Hilary (Pashli Volunteer)



Pashli is a charitable organisation  
working in Belarus since 2004.

### What we do:

Since 2006 we in Pashli have shared the love and care of the spirit of Christmas, by giving gifts in a simple shoebox to Babushkas (elderly ladies) & Dedushkas (elderly men) to let them know they are special and that someone is thinking of them.

The appreciation and joy on their faces as they receive and open their gift is deeply heartening. This has been made possible by the generosity of people in Ireland.

**Pashli**

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