

Box Project lets people help on a more personal level: [Chicagoland Final Edition]

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ABSTRACT (ABSTRACT)

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FULL TEXT

If writing a check to a charity seems too impersonal, The Box Project offers an opportunity to form a long-term relationship with people in need.

The project pairs sponsor families with rural American families who are living in poverty. Each month the sponsor family sends a box of needed items to their sister family. The box might include food, clothing, medicine, toiletries, toys, books or seasonal items.

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To get involved, visit www.boxproject.org.

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