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The boxes meet more than just physical needs; they open hearts to the gospel. A recipient of the boxes, Demetricy, says the message of the boxes is, "God loves you. God sees you, and he wants you to, at least today, have a smile on your face. And that's what those boxes did for us."

Chaplain Debi Sharkey explains, "The thing that those ladies need is hope that...they're not forgotten, that their lives are not ended, that God actually has a plan and a purpose for their lives."

PRAY FOR:

- The gift boxes to open hearts to hear the gospel inside LCIW.
- The hundreds of church volunteers who collect supplies and pack, transport, and distribute boxes each year.
- Chaplain Debi Sharkey and those who provide ongoing spiritual care to the women in LCIW.

To learn more about how you can donate items for boxes, contact the Women's Missions and Ministry office at WMM@LouisianaBaptists.org.

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