



“ *It was a box with magic. It gave access to many open doors. Met many good people and few nice friendships*

Welcome Box Recipient

“ *I am alone in this country where no mother or father or brother or sister or my husband...But when I met you everything change where you became my brothers and sisters...thank you for you in my life*

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“ *I feel so much happy. You are first person I meet. Before you, no one knock my door. Now I feel I have family and nice support.*

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“ *He is a happy boy now no more tears thank God for sending me to derby so that I can meet wonderful people like you guys*

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Welcome Boxes

Arriving in a new place can be a daunting experience, especially if you can't speak the language. Many people who come seeking protection, have fled traumatic situations or persecution in their home countries. They have often left homes and loved ones behind and had a long and difficult journey.

Trained volunteers deliver a Welcome Box, filled with small gifts, to the homes of people who have recently arrived in the area. They provide information about local groups and services and can help for example, with finding an English class or a local doctor. Just something simple like going to the local park together or visiting a group, can be a lifeline to people.

A Welcome Box may seem small but it means so much more than the gifts inside. It helps newly arrived families and individuals feel valued and accepted and extends a hand of welcome and friendship in the neighbourhood. Often our Welcome Box volunteers are the first local person they meet!

Welcome Boxes National Initiative. Welcome Boxes training, material and support is now available for people wanting to run Welcome Boxes in their area. The Cinnamon network is supporting the initiative amongst churches who would like to run Welcome Boxes. for more information contact us on hello@upbeatcommunities.org

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