



## Operation Christmas Child Packing Party And Bucks County Opportunity Council Drive Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ Perkasie Fire House

### What is Operation Christmas Child?

- The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts—filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.
- Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 157 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 160 countries and territories.
- In 2018, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 11 million children in countries like Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda and Ukraine. More than 11 million shoebox gifts were collected worldwide in 2017, with more than 8.8 million collected in the U.S.

### Process

- Anyone can pack a shoebox. Individuals, families, churches and groups fill empty shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys, such as dolls or soccer balls.
- During **National Collection Week (Nov. 12 – 19, 2018)**, Samaritan's Purse will collect the gift-filled shoeboxes at nearly 5,000 drop-off locations in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.
- Learn how to pack a shoebox, view gift suggestions, get your Follow Your Box label and find the nearest drop-off location at [samaritanpurse.org/occ](http://samaritanpurse.org/occ).
- **Do not include** candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items, such as snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans.
- Participants can donate \$9 per shoebox gift online through Follow Your Box and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.
- Participants who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse [samaritanpurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanpurse.org/buildonline) to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.
- Shoebox gifts are prepared for overseas shipment at eight major processing centers across the U.S.—Atlanta; Baltimore/Washington; Boone, North Carolina; Charlotte, North Carolina; Dallas/Fort Worth; Denver; Minneapolis; and Southern California.

### Scope

- Shoebox gifts are collected in the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Australia, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Finland, Spain, New Zealand and Japan.
- Nearly 500,000 volunteers worldwide—with more than 150,000 of those in the U.S.—are involved in collecting, shipping and distributing shoebox gifts.
- Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. Samaritan's Purse currently works in more than 100 countries to provide aid to victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty and famine.

### Eternal Impact

- Delivered into the hands of children through local churches, every shoebox gift is an opportunity to share about Jesus Christ and God's love.
- Since 2010, more than 11 million children who have received a shoebox gift have participated in The Greatest Journey—a 12-lesson discipleship program. Children learn from trained, local volunteers what it means to follow Jesus and share their faith with friends and family.

### Social Media

To spread the word, tag Operation Christmas Child on any social media posts related to the project. You can also share your shoebox stories and photos by emailing them to [occinfo@samaritan.org](mailto:occinfo@samaritan.org). Your content may be used on national social media pages. Be sure to like, comment and share Operation Christmas Child posts.

Facebook [@OperationChristmasChild](https://www.facebook.com/OperationChristmasChild) | Twitter [@occ\\_shoeboxes](https://twitter.com/occ_shoeboxes) | Instagram [@operationchristmaschild](https://www.instagram.com/operationchristmaschild)

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**Join Us on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 beginning at 12 Noon  
Perkasie Fire House, 100 N. Fifth Street, Perkasie, PA 18944**

**Pizza and Soft Drinks will be provided  
This year's goal is to pack over 300 Boxes**

**For more information or to RSVP contact Nickole Uva at our office**



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## **Bucks County Opportunity Council Collection Drive and Toiletry Packing**

In 2017, Stone Hill Contracting, added yet another way to give back during the month of November. They added to their already successful Water For People Gala (now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year) and their Operation Christmas Child Packing Party (6 Years) by packing 50 Backpacks for needy young people in the Bucks County area.

This year Stone Hill has teamed with Bucks County Opportunity Council (BCOC) in an effort to help homeless throughout Bucks County and the surrounding areas. During the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party (see other side of this sheet), they will packing toiletry bags (Clear Ziplock) as well as collecting items to be distributed by BCOC.

*The mission of the Bucks County Opportunity Council is to reduce poverty and partner with the community to promote economic self-sufficiency. Our vision is to elevate the awareness of poverty, and to create and lead partnerships to make our community a "Bridges Out of Poverty" community. We strive to be a model of seamless case management and influence our community to make reducing poverty one of its priorities.*

*The Bucks County Opportunity Council (BCOC) was founded in 1965 as a result of President Johnson's War on Poverty legislation. BCOC is a 501c3 non-profit Community Action Agency that serves low income families in Bucks County*

*through a variety of programs. Community Action Agencies were created to address issues of poverty at the local level and BCOC is the only one in Bucks County. Part of BCOC's funding comes from the federal Community Services Block Grant, administered by the Office of Community Services and through the state office of Community and Economic Development.*

*BCOC currently operates five programs in Bucks County: a food program, emergency services, home energy program, volunteer income tax assistance and economic self-sufficiency. BCOC is the lead food agency in Bucks County providing public and private donated food to over 60 food pantries and distribution sites.*

*Our home energy program reduces home energy consumption and repairs heating systems for over 200 households each year, saving costs of high energy bills. Our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) is a free tax program to help people get the maximum refund. It is run entirely by volunteers from our community and generates over a million dollars of refunds and saved fees annually. The Emergency Assistance program provides housing, utility, and basic needs assistance to low income residents facing a crisis and the Economic Self-Sufficiency program works with low income people to increase education and employment in order to be free of all government subsidies.*

### **Items needed in quantity (all sizes):**

Socks- much needed! \*\* Scarves, gloves/mittens, hats \*\* mini packs of hand warmers  
Face wipes \*\* tissues packs \*\* zip lock baggies \*\* notepad/pen/envelope/stamp packets  
small blankets

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**Please let us know if you will be joining us, so we have enough food available.  
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