

Operation Christmas Child Service Project

The University of Kansas CPFI Student Chapter

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BACKGROUND

- Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a nation-wide event that is hosted by Samaritan's Purse.
- The University of Kansas CPFI Student Chapter has proudly participated in Operation Christmas Child since 2011.
- Our goal for OCC 2024 was to gather supplies and pack 80 boxes to send to children across the world.

PURPOSE

- Samaritan's Purse's verse for OCC is Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
- In our case, OCC provides pharmacy students with the opportunity to spread the Gospel locally and globally.
- Experience what it is to give God's gift of love in grace in a tangible way to those who are in need.

METHODS

- Purchased and gathered supplies to properly pack shoeboxes.
- Supplies included, but not limited to:
 - School supplies
 - Hygiene products (toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrushes)
 - Toys
 - Jump ropes
 - Stuffed Animals
- Collected appropriately sized boxes to pack supplies
- Obtained proper labels for boxes (i.e., girl, boy, age range)
- Organized all school packing event on November 18th, 2024.
- Delivered packed shoeboxes to local drop-off location.



RESULTS

- We packed 63 shoeboxes during our all-school packing event.
- A total of 33 students were in attendance.
- Our original goal was 80 boxes. Unfortunately, our limitation was the number of available boxes to pack.
- Thanks to our team's great effort, we were able to accumulate enough boxes to still provide OCC with a significant amount.
- This was over a 20 box increase from last year's packing event!
- All together Samaritan's Purse collected 11.9 million boxes in 2024.

CONCLUSIONS

- Overall, this event was a huge success for our chapter, school, and children/families on the receiving end of these boxes.
- It has been found that for each box delivered to a child that a total of 7 people will be introduced to the Gospel.
- We are hoping and praying that close to 450 people were introduced to Jesus through the 63 boxes we were able to pack and send to those in need.
- We believe that is worth a huge celebration in the Kingdom of God, when one person comes to Jesus, but hundreds of people were able to learn the Good News!
- It was a blessing to be a part of not only the movement in the Kansas City area, but world-wide!