

FFCC and Operation Christmas Child Partnership

What: Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest Christmas project, bringing hope and love to children worldwide who are suffering from poverty, disease, famine, war, terrorism, and natural disasters. FFCC and Operation Christmas Child have joined together as partners in collecting gift-filled shoe boxes from the public. Operation Christmas Child, a project of international relief, and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, headed by Franklin Graham, encourages volunteers to fill simple shoe boxes with: **small toys, necessity items (e.g., socks, toothbrush, toothpaste), sunglasses, hats, school supplies, hard candy, hand-written notes of encouragement, etc.**

When: The project will be conducted onsite at FFCC's October 23rd Food Packaging Event #27.

Who: Anyone can pack a shoe box with children's necessities and/or bring items to the FFCC event. We encourage all ages to participate!

Why: Over 8.2 million children in 2010 received shoe box gifts and the opportunity to hear about God's love for them. Our hope and goal is to double the impact this year and make a bigger difference in the lives of children around the world. For many of these children, the shoe box gift will be the first gift they have ever received, letting them know they are loved and not forgotten. Learn how to pack a shoe box and become a part of the largest Christmas outreach in the world.

FAQs:

- ❖ **How much does it usually cost to pack a shoe box gift?**
The cost will vary depending upon the items, shopping preferences and a person's budget. Generally a gift filled shoe box can be assembled for as little as \$10.
- ❖ **What type of box do I use?**
You can use any standard sized shoe box or many people have been using a plastic shoe box. You can wrap the lid of the box separately but wrapping is not required.
- ❖ **Who is it for?**
Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or girl and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
- ❖ **Do I need to include a monetary donation?**
A donation of \$7 is requested for shipping and other project-related costs. A person can give online (via samaritanspurse.org) or use the donation envelope in the brochure provided at the event.

