



Operation Christmas Child



Hi,

My name is Sean O'Hara and I am a senior at Ridgefield High School. This fall I am once again working with Samaritan's Purse on their **Operation Christmas Child ("OCC") project which delivers shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to needy children all over the world**. In its first year, 1993, OCC sent 28,000 shoebox gifts to children in the Balkans. Since then, **more than 188 million children in more than 170 countries have received an OCC shoebox**.

I'm hoping you could fill a shoebox and help us bring joy to children around the world!

You can choose a boy or girl, ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14, include a personal note and even track your package online! You can use any shoebox or I would be happy to deliver and pickup OCC preprinted shoeboxes. I'm also happy to be supported by Tiger Sports (27 Catoonah Street) which will also act as a pickup/drop off location for the shoeboxes. In addition, I will have bins with shoeboxes to pick up/drop off on the stone wall on my driveway (25 Tally Ho Road). I can provide a list of suggestions of what to include in your shoebox but they include such things as a "wow" item (doll, toy truck, soccer ball, etc.), personal items (comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, etc.), school supplies, small articles of clothing, crafts, etc. You can find out more by following Operation Christmas Child on Facebook or by going to the OCC website (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>). I need to collect all shoeboxes by Monday November 15th.

In addition, all are welcome to our "Packing Party" which we will be hosting at the Ridgefield Rec Center on Saturday, November 6th from 2:30 to 4:30. Get into the Christmas spirit early! Stop in and get involved by packing a preprinted shoebox with donated items we have been collecting. There will be music and OCC giveaways. You can also pickup preprinted shoeboxes to fill on your own.

Please email me at seanohara.occsbox@gmail.com with questions or for drop off/pick up of the preprinted shoeboxes. Thank you!