



This Christmas season HCA would like to once again participate in packing shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**, a Ministry of Samaritan's Purse. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world. Every one of these shoebox gifts is an opportunity for the Gospel. HCA can be part of this worldwide effort to grow the Kingdom of God even in places where the Gospel has never been heard.

The school participation and response to this ministry has been exceedingly good over the years thanks to your generosity. This year the PTC would like to encourage HCA families in taking this to another level, offering an opportunity to make a spiritual impact in the lives of children through a simple shoebox.

On Friday at pick-up, you will receive a very colorful red and green "GO" (gospel opportunity) box. Families will have a chance to shop for items (see suggested items list), fill the box, and **bring them to Chapel on November 19th**. Families can pack as many shoeboxes as they wish. Don't forget to **include personal notes, family pictures, and a suggested donation of \$9.00 for each shoebox for shipping cost**; and most importantly, don't forget to **pray** for the child receiving the box.

We realize that some may be unable to fill a shoebox or already participate at a local church. If so, we request that you ask for God's leading as to how you might still contribute to the effort at HCA. If you chose not to fill a shoebox here, we encourage you to pray for the "journey" of the other shoeboxes and the children who will be receiving them, and to perhaps provide a donation to cover the \$9.00 shipping cost of a box.

We appreciate you taking part in this wonderful Christmas activity that is meant to bless others and share the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ! Please visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ for more information about packing a shoebox and learning more about the ministry, including stories from shoebox recipients.

Blessings for Christmas and the Holiday Season,
Ruth Dahlstrom
For the Parent Teacher Council