



Caring for Orphans and Widows

2024 CPFI Hands and Feet

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BACKGROUND

- Located in rural western Oklahoma, SWOSU was founded in 1901, and the College of Pharmacy (COP) was established in 1939. Our CPFI student chapter is known as Fellowship of Christian Pharmacists (FCP).
- The mission of FCP is to glorify God and share the Good News by loving and serving others. Approximately 40 FCP members span pharmacy students in their P1.1 to P4.2 semesters.

PURPOSE

- James 1:27 says, "Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you."
- All "Hands and Feet" projects were driven by the mission of loving and serving families in foster care, families in financial need, and those who have lost their spouses.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank all our partners in joining us to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We could not have done this without your help.

METHODS

- FCP began establishing contact with a variety of local ministries to assess areas of need and options to collaborate to meet both physical and mental needs of individuals and families within our community.
- Communication with the Weatherford Ministerial Alliance allowed for connection with local widows and widowers. FCP members partnered with the SWOSU freshmen orientation course to identify and meet tangible needs.



- Collaboration with SWOSU COP Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS), Harley's House (HH), the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Circle of Care, local restaurants, and We Rock The Spectrum (WRTS) indoor playground allowed for identification of family specific needs, advertisement of services, and hands and feet to provide the services.



RESULTS

Widows and widowers received the gift of food, fellowship, and physical needs being met around the house.

Seven families participated in a Parent's Night Out where over 25 children enjoyed dinner and an evening of fun at WRTS with FCP and PLS supervision.

Five HH families were provided warm meals and homemade treats over the holidays.



CONCLUSION

Meeting physical needs allows for opportunity to develop relationships. This process led to the humbling awareness of the great physical and spiritual needs that surround us wherever we are. We will continue to be an active partner with our many ministries to act as one body and boldly proclaim the mystery of the Gospel.