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Operation Christmas Child

2025-2026 Hands and Feet Grant Recipient

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Background

- Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is an annual project coordinated by Samaritan's Purse and facilitated by thousands of volunteers from local churches and organizations around the world.
- These efforts not only bring gifts to underprivileged children, but they also result in new lives dedicated to Christ and new churches planted in these communities.
- Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy (HCOP) has annual contributed to OCC through their CPF Chapter.
- This initiative cultivates a spirit of service and global citizenship among students while meeting tangible needs of children worldwide.



Purpose

- To expand the OCC service project at HCOP; supported by the 2025 CPF Hands & Feet Grant:
- To increase the number of pack 100 boxes for OCC
- To increase the number of participants at HCOP
- To expand participates to include students and faculty from other Colleges in Auburn and in Mobile
- To units the Auburn and Mobile HCOP campuses through participation it his hands-on service initiative



Methods

- Our goal was to pack 100 boxes full of supplies.
- HCOP students and faculty from both Auburn and Mobile were invited to participate.
- Donation drives were conducted throughout October, with collection boxes placed in HCOP buildings.
- Two packing parties were held in November, one at the Auburn campus and one at the Mobile campus, to allow participation across both sites.
- Volunteer sign-ups were used to assign roles such as station leaders and box checkers.
- Themed packing stations (hygiene, school supplies, toys, personal notes) were created to streamline assembly and encourage collaboration.
- Coordination with Samaritan's Purse ensured proper labeling, packing, and shipping procedures.

Results

- Funds from the Hands & Feet Grant were used for supplies, with additional support from donations and a sweatshirt fundraiser.
- Shipping costs were covered through a combination of grant funds and donations.
- Boxes were prepared for a variety of demographics.
- 30 students and 1 faculty member participated across both campuses.
- 62 shoeboxes were packed and delivered to local churches for OCC National Collection Week. Last year 25 boxes were packed.

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 20:35

Conclusions

- The number of boxes packed increased by 148%, although our goal of 100 was not met.
- Additionally, more individuals participated in supporting OCC this year.
- The CPF Chapter's commitment to servant leadership & Christ-centered outreach expanded.
- Support of the CPF Hands & Feet Grant expanded our service efforts, engage students across two campuses.
- Next year we plan to start advertising earlier for greater support and packing more boxes.

