

Compassion In Action: Equipping Pharmacy Students to Serve Children in Need

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Background: Understanding the Need in Our Community

- Serves children and families across North and Central Louisiana
- Provides food, clothing, school supplies, and family support
- Monroe, LA: one of the poorest cities (~40% of children <5 in poverty)
- Impacts 25,000-50,000 individuals annually
- Partners with local churches to expand outreach

Our Purpose: Faith Driven Service Through Pharmacy Practice

- Address food insecurity in Ouachita Parish through compassionate care
- Support Compassion for Kids by funding essential distribution supplies
- Promote consistent food access through pharmacy-based service
- Reflect Christian values through patient-centered outreach
- Strengthen our role as future pharmacists through service

Methods: How We Made an Impact

- Funded by CPFI Hands & Feet Grant (\$750)
- Purchased boxes from Bocks Board Packaging (Monroe, LA)
- Supplied 1,000 boxes for food distribution
- Reached ~2,000 individuals
- Implemented by ~25 volunteers with Compassion for Kids

Results: Lives Reached Through Service

- Distributed 1,000 food boxes
- Served ~2,000 individuals in Ouachita Parish
- Supported weekly food distribution efforts
- Improved food access for families in need
- Strengthened student pharmacist-community partnership

Conclusions & Future Impact

- Addresses food insecurity through meaningful community service
- Integrate pharmacy practice with Christian, compassionate care
- Partner with community organizations to expand impact
- Replicable model using grants and local partnerships
- Small efforts can create significant community impact

