

Operation Christmas Child

The University of Kansas CPFI Student Chapter

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- The University of Kansas School of Pharmacy has proudly participated in Operation Christmas Child (OCC) since **2011**

- Operation Christmas Child is a Samaritan's Purse Project that provides children around the world with shoeboxes full of toys, school supplies, and personal care products

- Since 2009, more than **27 million** children have made a decision to accept Christ through the ministry of OCC

- Our original goal for the 2025-2026 school year was to pack **75 shoeboxes**

- The mission of OCC is rooted in Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

- Each child who receives a shoebox gets to hear the message of the Gospel and is invited back to a discipleship course
- OCC provides student pharmacists with the opportunity to play an **active role** in spreading the Gospel globally



- We packed **100 shoeboxes** at our school packing event, representing an increase of 37 shoeboxes from the previous school year

- We estimate that our shoeboxes allowed the Gospel to reach approximately **800 people** globally

- Altogether, Samaritan's Purse collected **12.2 million** shoeboxes in 2025

- OCC provided our student pharmacists the opportunity to learn more about health and economic disparities worldwide

- Our OCC packing event was a direct result of [unclear] local, [unclear] [unclear], [unclear] [unclear]



- Toys, school supplies, and personal care items were purchased in bulk on Amazon in October using the Hands & Feet Grant (**\$750**)
- A generous donation of **~300 packing items** was provided by the Topeka Salvation Army
- Through weekly emails, announcements, flyers, and approval of project through the KU School of Pharmacy Professional Development Program, we welcomed over **25 students**, including members and non-members, to our packing party on November 17, 2025