

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

- 1. What is the purpose of your ministry?** To provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- 2. Who does your ministry serve?** Shoeboxes go to areas where children do not know Jesus. Operation Christmas Child is not intended as a solution for meeting physical needs, but rather a strategy for the local church to meet spiritual needs of children in their communities. Simple gifts - packed with love in Jesus' Name - deliver hope and joy to children all around the world. (2020 186 million boxes delivered) Here at CHAC, we are called to participate in the Great Commission "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." to the "Ends of the Earth." (Matthew 28:19, Acts 1:8). Working together for a common goal builds strong relationships at our church. We also use OCC as a tool to teach children about giving and missions. They participate in "work" projects and packing, while taking the time to pray for the children who will receive the boxes we send.
- 3. What volunteer needs are there currently in your ministry?** Thank you to all those who have been helping all year long - this is a big project and not possible without your valued assistance. But there is still more to do before OCC 2021 is finished for the year!
- 4. Would you provide a schedule of ongoing activities/events, or special activities/events for Sept-Oct?** Upcoming workdays:  
Wednesday evenings, Sept. 22 and 29, Oct. 6, 13, & 20 - we will be working in the auditorium on the right-hand side from approximately 6 to 8 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 5 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (more or less!) in the Square – come and go as needed. These will be "sit down" projects to work on.  
**Fundraising Supper** - Chili and Cinnamon Roll supper on Wednesday, Oct. 27 for a Free Will donation.  
**Needed:** Donations of a gallon of chili and workers to help with set up, serving, and clean up.

The following volunteer listings are flexible to accommodate your schedule (ex. If you want to work in an evening or Saturday)

**Box folders** - assemble shoe boxes (possibly Nov.7, 8 or 9) No great skill needed, just a willingness to help! NO sign up necessary, just show up!

**Sorting and set up** – Nov. 4-9 - exact times TBD - all the items in storage need to be sorted and distributed to the 6 different packing areas. Sign up and you will be contacted with details. Set up requires a fair amount of physical effort.

**Packing supervisors** for Wednesday, Nov. 10 - CHAC kids will be packing boxes and we need people to assist with this effort.

**Packers** – Nov. 11-15 Packing opportunities for families, small groups, Bible study groups, home school coop, teens, neighborhood outing, 4-H club - if you have a group you would like to host at a "packing event" sign up by texting Becky Vos at 641-521-1370 (PRE-ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE NECESSARY)

**Box Closers/labelers** – Nov. 16 – 18. Come in to help arrange the items in boxes (so the lid closes) checking if essentials have been included. Rubber band, label, and stack.

**Clean up** – Nov. 16-18 Count leftover inventory, pack, and haul to storeroom (or set aside for stronger backs to help)

**Nov. 21** - Stan and Linda Laverman (regional directors) come to pack boxes into cartons and haul to CRC. Strong help to load the cartons is appreciated.

**NOTE: If you want to pick up an empty box, do your own shopping, and return it with the \$9 donation - you are welcome to do so. Boxes will be available Oct. 24.**