



# Charity



NAME members have been very generous over the past years in sharing with others. The 2024 “Old Southern Charm” committee has selected



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is the Christmas Shoebox Outreach Ministry of Samaritan’s Purse, a worldwide relief agency, based in Boone, NC. Each year shoeboxes are filled with items for children around the world and delivered in time for Christmas. Since 1993 over 209 million shoeboxes have been filled and distributed. For many children this is the only gift they will receive or have ever received. These items can make a big difference in their lives.

Attached are idea sheets for girls and boys. In speaking with representatives of Samaritan’s Purse, we have learned that the most important gift in a box is sometimes the pencil.

Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make checks payable to Samaritan’s Purse with “Operation Christmas Child” on the memo line.

There will be a donation box in the Hospitality Room where you can put any items you bring. The items collected will be taken to the Operation Christmas Child distribution center in Charlotte, NC. Thank you so much for your contribution. For more information about this outreach, you can go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>



# Shoebox Gift Suggestions

## Girl

### A "WOW" ITEM

- Doll
- Large toy
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Musical instrument



### PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comb or brush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Fun adhesive bandages
- Eating utensils
- Nail clipper and file



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils and sharpener
- Pencil case
- Erasers
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape



### CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Clothing and undergarments
- Flip-flops or shoes
- Cold weather items
- Sunglasses
- Bags, backpacks, or purses
- Hair accessories
- Hats
- Wristwatch or jewelry
- Flashlight



### CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Fishing kit
- Jump rope
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Playdough
- Stickers
- Craft kits or colorful rope/twine
- Books or picture books



### TOYS

- Ball
- Frisbee®
- Building blocks
- Finger puppets
- Slinky®
- Yo-yo
- Magnets
- Kaleidoscope
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



### DO NOT INCLUDE

- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knife, saw, or razor blades

To learn how to pack a shoebox, get the latest resources, and receive Follow Your Box labels, visit

[samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)



# Shoebox Gift Suggestions

## Boy

### A "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Musical instrument
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



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