

SWOSU Student Group Spearheading Effort for Operation Christmas Child

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Fellowship of Christian Pharmacists (FCP) is encouraging students and members of the community to join them in participating in Operation Christmas Child this year.

Since 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced the benefits of shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. The Samaritan's Purse organization sponsors the outreach and works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver the gifts and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Virgil VanDusen, faculty sponsor of FCP, said the shoeboxes are filled with gifts, school supplies, hygiene products and other essential items that children need as a way to demonstrate God's love to these children who would otherwise receive nothing for Christmas.

The FCP is seeking people who are interested in making a box or donating items towards this cause. Pamphlets with detailed instructions on how to pack the shoebox and what items should be included can be found in the College of Pharmacy student lounge.

Some example items are:

- Small dolls
- Toy cars
- Yo-yos
- Jump ropes
- Pens/pencils
- Crayons
- Coloring books
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Brush
- Hair clip

Any donation (including empty shoe boxes) can be placed in the red Santa-wrapped box in the Pharmacy lounge or given to any of the following representatives: Erin McGuire, Emily Selby or VanDusen. Items are due by Friday, November 15. For more information, contact VanDusen at virgil.vandusen@swosu.edu or 580.774.3255.