



**Send Good News  
with Great Joy**  
Pack a Shoebox!

Hello SHARE members!

Every year for as long as we can remember, we have participated in the **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program**. We are sure that many of you are familiar with it. We don't get as many shoeboxes as we used to, but we know that many of you now do this with your church or other organizations. But even if we only bring in a handful of boxes, that is a handful of love and joy that we have given to children who do not have much in their lives.

**FREE BOXES!!!!** If you need a shoebox and a sticker, please stop by at Homelink on any Tuesday or Thursday. We purchased a ton of boxes. We only ask that if you take it, bring it back filled. 😊 This year we also have a limited number of PLASTIC shoeboxes, but are charging \$1.00 each for those. Really, any kind of shoebox that you have at home in fine...it's best to Christmas wrap it with the lid wrapped separately so that Samaritan's Purse can add items and gospel literature to the box.

Here's a little flyer below with lots of details, but feel free to ask any questions. If you want to check out their website, where lots of your questions can be answered, here's the link: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

If you pack a shoebox, you will be able to get it to us through many ways, such as **drop it off at Homelink, drop it at my house, I'll come get it from you, or bring it to a SHARE event**. You can also bring them to our annual Thanksgiving Skating party that will be held on Friday, November 22, 2024 at Rock Roll Arena. See flyer at bottom of this email.

But remember for sure that **Thursday, November 21st is the last day for your box to be in at our Homelink location.**

**All boxes will be turned in to a drop-off point on Sunday, November 24th, on my way home from church.**

We cannot think of a better way to teach your children to be givers. We love the fact that when you pack a shoebox, that box of goodies does not go to some CEO in an ivory tower. It goes directly into the hands of a needy child. We encourage you to watch some of the videos where the kids are opening their boxes--you will laugh and cry at the same time! 😊

Let us know if you have questions. Again, we realize that some of you do this with your church or another organization. That is awesome! The important thing is that the shoeboxes get to the kids!!! 😊

Hugs,

Cathy and Kelly too!

P.S. Since this flyer below is a jpg, the links do not work. So I copied them below the flyer. I encourage you to show your children how excited these kids are to get their shoeboxes. I still cry when I watch these videos. ~Cathy



## YES! It is 2024 & WE ARE COLLECTING CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES AGAIN!!!!

IF you are doing a Christmas Shoebox, you can bring them to Homelink or bring them to our Harvest Skating Party on Friday, November 22, 2024, however, you are not required to participate in our **Christmas Shoebox Project** to skate!

**Skating is for everyone whether you bring a shoebox or not.**

### **AGAIN THIS YEAR!**

\*We have purchased **official Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** that you may pick up at the Homelink (in the cafeteria) any Tuesday or Thursday **for FREE!** **We only ask that if you take one, you bring it back full.** We also have purchased some **plastic shoeboxes** but we are asking to be **slightly reimbursed for those at the price of \$1.00 each.**

\*I'll also have lots of extra box labels too for those who do not do online tracking. A **\$10 donation** per shoebox gift is critical to provide for shipping and other ministry expenses.

\*Be sure to check out this resource page...I love the *Let's Be Friends* page to insert in the box:  
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/childrens-ministry-resources/>

\*Here's help on what to pack in a shoebox based on gender and age. Click on the different ages to see the screen change: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/> This page will also show you items that are not allowed...no candy or toothpaste among others.

\*Here are some great shoebox stories to show your children:  
[https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-stories-index/?utm\\_source=Shoebox-Stories-Email-1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=m YOCC-16EB&utm\\_content=read-shoebox-stories-button](https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-stories-index/?utm_source=Shoebox-Stories-Email-1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=m YOCC-16EB&utm_content=read-shoebox-stories-button)

\*Don't forget to include a \$10 donation per shoebox to provide for shipping and other project costs. If you donate online, you can use a special *Follow Your Box label* and discover the destination of your shoebox gift.

**IMPORTANT!!!** If you can't come to the skating party and have made a shoebox, you can bring it to Homelink any Tuesday or Thursday **before or on November 21** OR drop it by Cathy's house (3675 Montana 63116) OR call Cathy and she will come to get it! (314-769-7965).

**GOT QUESTIONS?**  
Don't hesitate to ask!  
[Ekjcmullins@gmail.com](mailto:Ekjcmullins@gmail.com)

*God always puts the right box  
In the hands of the right child...  
Pack and pray!*



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**Sign up for the Thanksgiving Skating Party too! Invite friends! This is open to ALL homeschoolers in the area.**

**You do NOT have to bring a shoebox to skate...it's just a drop-off location!  
Last chance to drop off your shoeboxes is at this event  
(unless you drop them off at my house before I go to church).**

**Shoebox Drop-off Location**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE S.H.A.R.E. ANNUAL  
THANKSGIVING  
ROLLER SKATING PARTY**

**WHEN?** Friday morning, November 22, 2024

**TIME?** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**WHERE?** Same location as the last few years...  
Rock Roll-O-Rena, 4153 Jeffco Blvd. Arnold, MO 63010

**HOW MUCH?** \$6.00 per person IF I have 70 skaters.  
If less than 70 skaters are signed up, we will have to beg for donations.

**\*Includes old-fashioned-type skate rental or rollerblades.**

**\*Or you may bring your own skates, but they must meet the approval of the management.**

**BTW.....no charge to watch! (The rink owners would love it if you had a soda or snack while you were watching the skaters!)**

**\*Music? Contemporary Christian, Disney and nice popular tunes will be played.**

**HOW TO SIGN UP?**  
Sign-up is on the SHARE website calendar. If you will be paying via Paypal, please LOG-IN first before your sign-up so that the website can automatically credit your account for me. **Invite friends!**

**See the website for more details.**  
[www.sharehomeschool.com](http://www.sharehomeschool.com)

**Non-SHARE members can come & pay at the door.**

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