

Dear Families,

We are excited for GCA to join with Samaritan's Purse and participate in Operation Christmas Child this year. For more info about Samaritan's Purse and their mission, please visit www.samaritanaspurse.org



How to participate in Operation Christmas Child.

- 1.) Decide. Gender and age group you will buy for. (Boy, Girl) (ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14)
- 2.) Purchase 1-2 items from each category below to fill up a shoe box. (Shoe box will be provided and packed by GCA students, you do not need to provide one.)

Categories (purchase 1-2 items from each category)

Please see GCA's website for more info and gift ideas at my-greenacres.org/operation-christmas-child

- personal care items (comb brush, toothbrush, washcloth, lip balm stick (no liquid), adhesive bandage, flashlight, mirror, deodorant, small blanket etc.)
- school supplies items (pencil, crayons, notebook, pens, markers, calculator, tape)
- clothing item or accessory (shirt, shorts, sundress, underwear, socks, flip flops, sunglasses, hat, small tote bag, jewelry, hair accessories, watch etc.)
- craft or activity (puzzle, coloring/activity book, activity book, small lego set, etc.)
- small toy (yo-yo, etch a sketch, kaleidoscope, marbles, small ball, small frisbee, doll, small stuffed animal, small instrument, string backpack, etc.)

DO NOT PACK THESE ITEMS (liquids, toothpaste, gum, food items, candy items, chocolate, toy guns, knives, military figures or anything war related, scary items, seeds, fruit, drink mixes (liquid or powder), vitamins, Vaseline, medicines, liquid paint sets, breakable items, aerosol cans, lotion, razors, nail polish, money or play money, baby powder, matches, sand, rocks, seashells).

Once you are done collecting the items, please pack them into a bag or box and attach a note to the outside with the child's gender (Boy, Girl) and age group (2-4) (5-9) (10-14). Because this is a Gospel outreach, your family is asked to please pray for the recipient of this box and you may also choose **to add a family picture and an encouraging card if you would like**. With each box we will also need to provide a \$10 donation in order to help cover the cost of shipping and distribution. Please plan to send in either \$10 cash or check made out to GCA along with the items when you send them in.

Please turn in items with a \$10 donation anytime between Nov. 1st—Nov 15th, no later than Wed. 11/15.

GCA students will be helping to decorate, add cards, and packing the boxes. Student Council will deliver the boxes to our designated Samaritan's Purse site November 17th.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.