



The UT-SHRM student organization will once again be filling and collecting shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse as one of their service projects this year. These shoe boxes go all over the world to children who would otherwise not have a Christmas. **ETCBA is partnering with UT-SHRM to help them reach their goal of collecting at least 200 shoe boxes!**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? If so, please pick up a cardboard box from Debbie Mackey or fill a standard size shoe box or a clear plastic shoe box (18" by 6-8" deep) with a mixture of school products, hygiene items, stuffed animals, toys, T-shirts, socks etc. (see Gift Suggestions on next page). Most items can be purchased at dollar stores. Print out one of the labels below and tape it to the top of your box. If you do not have a box, you may get one in the **Rothchild's parking lot 4-5pm on October 27th** from Dr. Debbie Mackey. You may drop off your completed box at Rothchild's then or from **5-5:30pm on November 10th**. Email Dr. Mackey with any questions: dmackey@utk.edu.

*If you wish to wrap your shoe box in Christmas paper, be sure to wrap the box and lid *separately* as all boxes must be opened for inspection.

DON'T FORGET SHIPPING FEES! Please enclose **\$9 per box** to cover shipping and handling fees (checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse with a note on the memo line for Operation Christmas Child). The shoe boxes will be transported and mailed for you. If writing a check, it is helpful to write a separate check for each box. You can also pay shipping online (see below).

TRACK YOUR SHOE BOX! Want to see where your shoe box was delivered? Go online and prepay the \$9 per box shipping at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box-iframe/> and print out a label with a bar code (instead of using the labels below). The bar code is linked to your email. A few weeks after Christmas, you will get an email that will tell you where each box was delivered.

DELIVER YOUR BOX! Bring your filled shoe box to Dr. Debbie Mackey, 415 Stokely Management Center by **Wednesday, November 20th at 12:00 noon**. You can email Dr. Mackey (dmackey@utk.edu) or Elizabeth Boyd (meboyd15@vols.utk.edu) for more information.

THANK YOU for helping give Christmas to children around the world!





Shoe Box Gift Suggestions

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

TOYS: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch,[®] toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky,[®] etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush, **NO** toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER: T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), **NO CANDY.**

A PERSONAL NOTE: You may enclose a note or Christmas card to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy (no Halloween candy, please!); liquids or lotions (this includes body wash, shampoo and perfume); medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes, mirrors or glass containers; aerosol cans.

If any of the DO NOT INCLUDE items are placed in a box they will be REMOVED from the box before sending it out.

- A nice mixture of a few items from each category above makes for a very nice box. Most items can be purchased at dollar stores.
- Don't forget to include \$9 shipping fees for each box.
- You can pay postage online and follow the box and print the label.