

## Operation Christmas Child Volunteer Opportunities

Every day boys and girls worldwide suffer from war, poverty, disease, and natural disaster. Operation Christmas Child makes it possible for millions of these children to experience God's love through shoeboxes filled with gifts. These shoeboxes (Gospel Opportunities) open doors for presenting the Good News of Jesus Christ by working in and through local churches where possible.

In 2015 Operation Christmas Child delivered over 11.2 million shoeboxes to children in over 100 countries. This year the mid-Atlantic region's goal is 1.2 million shoeboxes (Gospel Opportunities). During National Collection Week, Nov. 14-21, we expect to receive into our Crestwood gym 10,000 to 12,000 shoeboxes. These all need to be logged in, packed into cartons & loaded onto a tractor trailer truck. On Monday November 21, we expect to receive *another* 8,000 already in cartons to be loaded onto the truck.

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED DURING COLLECTION CENTER HOURS:**

Mon 11/14	9 am - 6 pm	
Tuesday 11/15	11 am - 2 pm	5 pm - 7 pm
Wednesday 11/16	11 am - 2 pm	5 pm - 7:30 pm
Thursday 11/17	11 am - 2 pm	
Friday 11/18	11 am - 1 pm	5 pm - 8 pm
Saturday 11/19	10 am - 12 pm	
Sunday 11/20		12 pm - 6 pm
Monday 11/21	9 am - 6 pm	

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers will participate in the following activities to receive and process shoeboxes during Collections Week:

- Greet the donor with warm smile & word of welcome.
- Help unload the donor's vehicle
- Record accurate drop off info (individual, community group, church)
- Invite the donor to join you in prayer over their boxes
- Inventory boxes - double count donation, secure boxes with a rubber band, and check for proper label
- Load shoeboxes into cartons for shipment - arranged to hold as many shoeboxes as possible (at least 15 per carton). These heavier cartons will be loaded by "Loader Volunteers" into the OCC truck.

In addition to the Collection volunteer opportunities, we would also be grateful for donations of refreshments that brighten the day of both our donors and volunteers; look for a Hospitality Volunteer sign up option each day of Collections Week. Snacks may be left in the kitchen the night before if they are labeled as "OCC Collections Center". Please let Gilda know if you deliver your snacks early so that she can retrieve them.

***For more information or to volunteer contact Rec or Gilda Stanbery, 804-514-5052, srsngks@verizon.net***