

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD volunteers spread the spirit of giving YEAR-ROUND

Estill County Residents use Gift-Filled Shoeboxes to Share the Message of Eternal Hope Globally to Children in Need

For Estill County residents, the spirit of giving is not limited to a specific time or holiday. That's why, whether it's October or December, generous volunteers are rallying to participate in the largest Christmas project of its kind, Operation Christmas Child!

Throughout the year volunteers are transforming empty shoeboxes into gifts of hope filled with school supplies,

hygiene items, notes of encouragement and fun toys, such as a doll or soccer ball. Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, delivers these shoebox gifts to children overseas living in poverty or affected by war, disease and natural disaster. These gifts are meant to be tangible expressions of God's love.

Estill and surrounding

counties hope to contribute 31,227 shoebox gifts toward the 2016 global goal of reaching 12 million children.

How local residents can join the effort:

- **Pack a shoebox gift** - Fill shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and notes of encouragement. By going online at <samaritanaspurse.org> to give the suggested shipping donation

of \$7 per shoebox gift, participants can print a shoebox label to affix to the top of their box and then later receive an email to discover where in the world it will be delivered.

- **Drop off a gift** - National Collection Week is Nov. 14-21. Estill County Shoebox Collection will take place at Salem Baptist Church, 4470 Spout Springs Rd, at the following times: 11/14, 3-7pm; 11/15, 10:30am-12:30pm & 5-7pm; 11/16, 6:30-8:30am & 5-7pm; 11/17 5-8pm; 11/18 5-8pm, 11/19, 9am-4pm, 11/20 1-4pm, 11/21,

8:00-2:00pm

- **Join a volunteer team** - Year-round volunteer opportunities are available in our area.

- **Spread the word** - Enlist families, friends and groups to take part in this life-changing project.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, contact local volunteer, April Stone, at 606-643-6065 or via email at april.stone33@yahoo.com.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and

evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 135 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries and territories. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

The Estill County Community Chorus meets every Thursday night, 7-8:30pm at Irvine United Methodist Church on Main Street, and chorus members are excited to welcome Rose Daniels, the new director. The chorus needs more members and welcomes singers of all ages in order to get ready for the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 4th. New members are welcome and former members are urged to return.

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My name is Donna Isfort and I ask for your vote on November 8th!

I am seeking a position on the Estill County School Board in District 1



I am a life long resident of Estill County and the daughter of Donnie Arvin and the late Mary Evelyn Arvin. I am married to John Isfort and have four children Taylor, a senior biology/pre-med major at ECU; Kaylee, a sophomore biology/pre-veterinary science major at ECU; Lindsey a junior at Estill County High School and Will, an 8th grader at Estill County Middle School.



I am a graduate of Estill County High School and Eastern Kentucky University School of Nursing. I have obtained associate, bachelors and masters degrees From ECU. I am an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practitioner (APRN) and currently own the Estill Medical Clinic. I am a member of the Crooked Creek Christian Church and serve as a Sunday School Teacher.

As a graduate of Estill County High School as well as having four children attend or graduate from the school system I have a passionate interest in seeing that the children of Estill County have the opportunity to succeed in life.

Your Vote Is Greatly Appreciated! Thank You