





Operation Christmas Child a success

Volunteers in Sisters and surrounding cities have collected enough gift-filled shoeboxes to reach more than 7,400 children in need through the Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child.

The Operation Christmas Child Bend Area Team is now thanking the Sisters community for their gift donations already on their way to children in need worldwide. For many of these children, the shoebox gift delivered through this local Sisters project will be the first gift they will have ever received.

Although local Sisters collections have finished for the season, there is still time to pack a gift-filled shoebox online for children suffering from poverty, natural disaster, war, terror, disease and famine. Like online shopping, visitors can browse www.samaritanspurse.org/occ

to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish by uploading a photo and writing a note of encouragement to be included in the shoebox they build online. They can also follow their box to discover where in the world it will be delivered.

Participants can give a \$25 gift card to a family member or friend so they can join in the excitement of Operation Christmas Child by packing a shoebox gift online. These shoeboxes—filled with school supplies, toys, hygiene items and notes of encouragement—are delivered to children in some of the hardest-to-reach countries around the

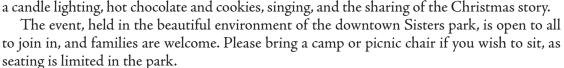
For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call or visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Vast Church

Share the reason for the season — celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ, and the anticipation of his return in a celebration on Christmas Eve.

Vast Church invites all of the Sisters community to share in the celebration of Christmas Eve on December 24 at 4:30

p.m., at Fir Street Park. The open-air services will feature



Vast Church is marking Advent throughout December.



You saw it — the first snow has fallen in Sisters. That means it's soon going to be time to blow snow off your vehicles and out of your driveways. Sisters Rental can rent you a snowblower — and just about anything else you need

Did you know that a hand-held or backpack blower makes an excellent snow remover? Get

'em here! They sell four types of Husqvarna snow blowers, and they service all makes and models.

And Sisters Rental can get you set up with all the tables and chairs you need for your holiday event.

Sisters Rental is a great place to find a useful gift for that hard-to-buy-for fella in your life. Prison Blues or Stihl apparel works as hard as he does, all year round.

And you know he's had his eye on that Stihl chainsaw. Make this the year...

Your Store

Sisters folks looking to put checkmarks on their Christmas list without putting a dent in their wallet owe themselves a visit to Your Store.

Give the gift of Outlaws spirit with black-andwhite Outlaws logo T-shirts and sweatshirts. Or show your college pride with Ducks or Beavers wear — all at fantastic prices.

Got a skier or snowboarder on your list? Let them fly their winter sports flag with T-shirts or sweatshirts featuring Mt. Bachelor or Hoodoo.

The selection is huge, the prices are elf-friendly and the shop is conveniently located right on Cascade Avenue. At this time of year, it's great when someone makes it easy — and that's what you'll find at Your Store.



