



Christmas in July!

Sounds strange? Maybe not so!



Epiphany and Orphan Grain Train are partnering to **share HIS love with little ones** in foster care placements through Christian Family Care Phoenix location. Every July the school age children in their foster placement receive a backpack filled with school supplies. Children ages birth to 4 years old are not included in this “Christmas in July” gift giving.

So, we’re switching up the Orphan Grain Train Christmas Shoebox gifts to July for the little ones! **May is National Foster Care Month** and a great time to launch our summer project! Our goal is to fill 50 Shoebox Gifts! Here’s how:

- ❖ Pick up a shoebox to fill starting May 14th and 15th and sign up with your name, contact information and the number on the box.
- ❖ Shoeboxes are to be filled with the following age-appropriate items. All items **MUST** fit in the shoebox!

Birth – 1 year

Bib
Baby wipes
Pacifier
Teething ring
1 toy per box for infant
Onesie
T-shirt
1 pair new socks
Small blanket

1 - 4 years

Coloring book
Crayons (24 count box)
Plastic or rubber ball (tennis ball OK)
Stuffed animal (Beanie Baby size)
1 toy per box:
Doll for girls
Wheeled toy for boys (no combat vehicles)
New toothbrush
1 pair new socks non-packaged
1 new pair underwear non-packaged
1 T-shirt gender and age appropriate (non-military)

In the box for all children: A printed Christmas message from Orphan Grain Train.

- ❖ Place the items in the box. No additions, deletions or substitutions. Do not add money, photos or personal notes.
- ❖ Do not decorate the shoebox or write on it except mark the box label with gender and age.
- ❖ Secure the closed box with tape. No wrapping paper just the tape.
- ❖ Return the filled box to Epiphany before or no later than July 9th.
- ❖ Shoeboxes will be delivered to Christian Family Care to be included in their backpack distribution event in July.

What is Christian Family Care? It was founded in 1982 with their Mission: “Strengthening families and serving at-risk children in the name of Jesus Christ.” and Vision: “We envision a future in which every child is loved and nurtured in a Christ-centered family.”

In 2021: 458 foster children were served through their programs; 200 children were adopted by their forever family; 47 foster children now have a Christian mentor; 3,598 hours were spent counseling children and families.

Christian Family Care is an Arizona Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organization (QFCO 10024) for tax credit. Christian Family Care has locations in Phoenix, Tucson and Prescott. For more information - <http://cfcare.org>.