



# **The Columbus Area Community Relations Team**

*The Power of a Simple Shoebox*

Volunteers serving on the Columbus Area Community Relations Team work throughout the year to build relationships with non-church groups such as schools, businesses, civic organizations and scout groups. Their goals are not only to gain awareness in their local community and to increase the number of shoe box gifts that will be provided around the world, but also to secure gifts-in-kind that are used to add to existing shoeboxes or to replace an item that is breakable, that could damage a gift, or that is inappropriate in some other way.