



# Shoes That Fit

Every Child Deserves Them

**Our Mission** is to tackle one of the most visible signs of poverty in America by giving children in need new sneakers to attend school with dignity and joy, prepared to learn, play and thrive.

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A new pair of shoes can be life-changing for a child. School attendance, self-esteem, and behavior improve. Physical activity increases. Smiles return. All from an often over-looked item – a good pair of shoes.

**Our vision** is that, one day, every child in America who needs new shoes gets new shoes, allowing all children the opportunity to reach their highest potential.

In 2018, we helped over 131,000 children across the country. We are active in 48 states, Washington, DC and Puerto Rico. The teachers who work with the children we help report significant increases in:

- Self-Esteem (85%)
- Social Interaction (70%)
- Participation in physical activity (68%)

We accomplish all this with a substantial volunteer effort, and with the help of civic organizations and corporations.

**YOU** can help us reach our goal of doubling the number of children we reach each year by making a difference today. Contact us to get started.

## Some of our current and past partners include:

- Nordstrom, Inc.
- Kiwanis Club of Upland
- DaVita Inc.
- Perera Construction
- Claremont Lincoln University
- First United Methodist Church (San Diego)
- Rack Room Shoes
- San Antonio Spurs
- Los Angeles Kings
- Los Angeles Galaxy
- Plus, we have volunteers across the country!

## How we work:

- We pair volunteers, businesses, colleges, community organizations and other groups of caring people with schools in their community that have students who need new shoes.
- The school identifies the children in need and measures them with materials we provide.
- Shoes (and socks) are purchased by the volunteers and delivered to the school.

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## Facts about Childhood Poverty:

- **1 in 5 children in the U.S. — about 21% of all children — live in poverty.**
- **31 million — 43% of all children in the US— live in low-income families.**
- Most Americans don't think about the need for shoes. But when families have to choose between rent, food, medical care and shoes, **shoes often come last.**
- Without proper shoes, kids are more likely to be chronically absent from school, or when they are there, to not participate fully in activities. According to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, **students who are chronically absent are up to seven times more likely to drop out of high school.**

## Facts about Shoes That Fit:

- **We were founded in 1992**, and have been proudly providing kids in need with new shoes and other necessities for the past 27 years. **In 2018, we served over 131,000 kids!**
- **We match volunteer groups** with schools that have kids in need.

- **We measure each child's feet** and give them a **brand new pair of sneakers.** We *never* distribute used shoes.
- **Our Emergency Warehouse** serves over 7,000 kids in the L.A. area each year.
- We focus our efforts on children in the U.S. with **over 90% of contributions going directly to kids.**
- **We don't accept any government funds**, instead relying upon an impressive network of volunteers, and on generous individual, corporate and foundation donors.
- We have received a **four-star rating from Charity Navigator** (their highest award)!
- We were named as a **California Nonprofit of the Year** in 2017!

## Shoes are more than just shoes.

**Join us.** Together with our partners, we give more than just new shoes. We give children dignity, pride, and joy, allowing them to **learn, play and thrive.**

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