

2021 IMPACT REPORT



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Executive Director Update

2021 was quite a year. We began the year, pressing deeper and deeper into the impacts of Covid. The need for shoes and socks was more significant than ever before; some schools limited volunteers, some were virtual, and the supply chain we rely on to purchase shoes stopped working.

We had to remain creative, confident, and quick-thinking as an organization. We had shoes and socks on hand that, by faith, we thought would get us through until the shipping issue improved, and they did.

We created two new delivery methods called the Drive-Through and the Direct-to-Classroom. These methods were somewhat effective but not ideal. They allowed us to help thousands of children, but lack of transportation for the most vulnerable was an obstacle for the Drive-Through, and the Direct-to-Classroom method was slow and inefficient.

Fortunately, as 2021 progressed, we could slowly return to our usual way of operating. Larger teams of volunteers were allowed back into buildings to work one on one with students. Our efficiency and effectiveness returned to our usual standards! We were able to end the year as we always do with our special deliveries to boys and girls living in two local residential treatment centers. These events bring out the best of our volunteers who shop, bake, wrap and go into these places of deep sorrow.

Since starting this mission in 2010, we have seen many needs. We have never seen anything like we are seeing now. We suspect this will only continue.

By the grace of God, our mission will continue. Thank you so much for choosing to be part of our team. What we do matters.



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By The Numbers

Shoe Delivery Events

74

Total Amount of Hours Volunteered

11,140

Truck Packing Events

65

Monetary Value of Volunteered Hours

\$311,920

Pairs of New Shoes Provided in 2021

12,441

Market Value of Shoes Provided

\$496,400

Pairs of New Shoes Provided SINCE 2010

133,992

Market Value of Socks Provided

\$140,000

Monetary Value of SATS Total Community Impact

\$948,320

Looking Ahead

2022 is off to a strong start.

We are serving thousands of children in multiple counties and will continue at this pace through May, and then we will move into our summer schedule.

Serving at this pace is only possible because of our volunteers. People who continue to work along beside us even during Covid packing trucks outside in all types of weather, going into schools to work one-on-one with students, donating money, praying, advising, and cheering for us. We have never had to cancel a delivery because of a lack of volunteers, and we do not expect we ever will. We know what type of people we are surrounded by within our community, people of courage, love, and kindness.

One of our biggest challenges will be the damaged supply chain. Our wholesale shoe vendors are just now ramping up production. Our costs have doubled or tripled, and it is taking longer to get orders delivered with no guarantees they will come at all. We will continue to walk by faith and schedule as usual.

As for socks, we haven't had to buy a single pair this year because of one of the most successful sock drives in our organization's history. Our community rallied behind us and provided more socks than you can even imagine. As a result, we have been free to give whole bags full of socks to children who did not own any.

We are confident, energized, and encouraged. We will reach 14,000-16,000 of the poorest children in the Greater Miami Valley this year who will not be helped without us.

We have plenty of volunteer opportunities! If you would like to join our team, volunteer applications can be found at www.shoes4theshoeless.org.

If you would like to donate funds to purchase shoes for a child, that is easy too! Information can be found at www.shoes4theshoeless.org.

Thank you so much for caring about the children we serve.

