



SHOES THAT FIT FACT SHEET 2012

The mission of Shoes That Fit is to provide new shoes to children who wouldn't otherwise have them.

What we do

- We provide schoolchildren in need with new shoes

Our success

- Began in 1992 helping children at one elementary school in Pomona, CA.
- Today, we provide items through over 1,500 elementary schools in 41 states
- To date, **1,071,520** new pairs of shoes and clothing items have been delivered to schoolchildren in need
- In each of the past 3 years, over 100,000 items were provided to children in need through Shoes That Fit
- We have earned Charity Navigator's* highest rating of 4-Stars two years running

How we work

- We pair businesses, colleges, and community service groups with children at elementary schools
- The school identifies the children most in need
- The school nurse measures the children with tools we provide
- Needed items are purchased by the sponsoring group and given to the children

What sets us apart

- Items are bought specifically for each child who has been measured and identified by school staff
- In our community programs, everything purchased goes directly to the child
- We are grassroots: all our programs are volunteer run & we encourage volunteerism in the community and at the workplace

We have received national recognition

- Harlequin's More Than Words Award winner, 2009
- 2008 Smart Cookie Reader's Choice Award winner sponsored by Cookie Magazine & Citi
- Distinguished Service Award 2008– Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission of San Bernardino County
- George Washington Medal of Honor by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for being “one of the best in the spirit of volunteerism in the country.”
- Mitzvah Hero Award—Ziv Tzedakah Fund
- Nominated by Family Circle magazine for the “Good as Gold Award” sponsored by Publisher's Clearinghouse

We are a

- 501(c)(3) charitable organization.
- There are 8 Shoes That Fit Board of Directors members

Note: to download most current national statistics and fact sheet, go to

<http://www.shoesthatfit.org/stfdocuments/stfdocuments.htm>

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