



SHOES THAT FIT FACT SHEET 2008

The mission of Shoes That Fit is to build the self-esteem of schoolchildren in need by providing them with new shoes.

What we do

- We provide schoolchildren in need with new shoes for school.

Our success

- Began in 1992 helping children at one elementary school in Pomona, CA.
- Today, we are in 786 elementary schools in 29 states.
- To date, over 633,000 new pairs of shoes and clothing items have been delivered directly to schoolchildren in need.
- During the 2007 school year, over 107,000 items were provided to children.

How we work

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

What sets us apart

- Items are bought specifically for a 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

- 2008 Smart Cookie Reader's Choice Award winner sponsored by Cookie Magazine (a Conde Nast publication) & Citi
- Distinguished Service Award – 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.

Board members: **8**

Note: to download most current national statistics and fact sheet, go to <http://www.shoesthatfit.org/stfdocuments/stfdocuments.htm>