



ABOUT SHOES THAT FIT

Shoes That Fit is a nonprofit founded in 1992 that aims to improve the lives of impoverished children in the United States by giving them a new pair of shoes to replace their long-worn, ill-fitting shoes which they continue to wear due to poverty. *Shoes That Fit* is focused on allowing children the opportunity to reach their fullest potential, starting from having a new pair of shoes. We are currently active in 48 states, Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C.

WHY SHOES FOR CHILDREN?

Underprivileged children are at a higher risk of being bullied in schools. Bullies tend to pick on children who do not fit in, and underprivileged children stand out among their peers when they wear shoes that are too old, smelly and inappropriate. This causes underprivileged children to have low self-esteem, poor school attendance and subsequent poor academic performance. By giving these children in need a new pair of shoes, they are able to attend school with dignity and joy and focus on doing well in school and subsequently later on in life. Currently, as many as **20 percent of children in the United States are in desperate need of shoes**.

HOW WE WORK

Shoes That Fit relies heavily on our community partners, including our sponsor groups and partner schools:

1. We match sponsoring groups such as businesses, colleges and community groups with children at their local schools
2. Staff at the local schools identify their students who are most in need
3. We provide school staff with tools that they use to personally measure each child who is identified
4. Sponsoring groups get the relevant information from the schools and purchase the shoes
5. The new shoes get delivered to the schools and the children's lives are changed

POVERTY IN THE UNITED STATES

In 2018, **38.1 million** people in the United States were living in poverty, which was **11.8 percent** of the American population.

Almost **12 million** were children, meaning **16.2 percent** of American children were living in poverty in 2018.

An average of **2.5 million** children experience homelessness in any given year.

Source: [Poverty USA](#)

OUR IMPACT

Since our founding in 1992, *Shoes That Fit* has distributed over **2 million** pairs of shoes to needy children across the United States. We have **2,649** school partners, **437** volunteer groups across the United States, and helped **124,077** children in the 2018-2019 school year. The below percentages reflect the number of educators from our partner schools reporting a marked improvement in certain areas after the children received their shoes:

- **40 percent** saw an improvement in attendance rates
- **87 percent** saw an improvement in self-esteem
- **70 percent** saw an improvement in physical activity
- **56 percent** saw an improvement in behavior

CONTACT US

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