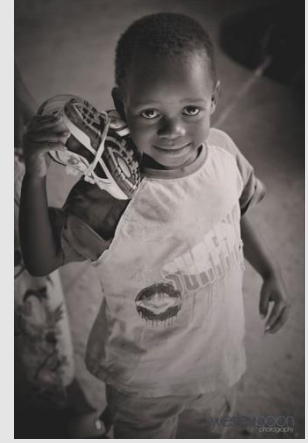




# Soles For Jesus, Inc.

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Dear Friend,

As the end of the year quickly approaches, I thank the Lord for all that He has done! Jesus said, **"Go into all of the world and make disciples of all nations."** This is why SFJ exists, and thousands of people would not have found Jesus this year if we didn't, "Go!" With each shoe distribution in Africa, the spoken and written Gospel is shared and demonstrated by foot washing and the gift of shoes. Most of these new believers join a Christ-group where they are discipled, and entire villages are changed for eternity. To God be the glory!

Soles For Jesus provides you with a unique opportunity to reach across the globe and share His love throughout Africa. We are intentional about our purpose and strategic in our execution, and I humbly invite you to join us by using this link to make a year-end GIFT. To learn more about an exciting giving opportunity, you can click and read a copy of my recent LETTER. Thank you for your faithful support, and may God bless you this Christmas season as we celebrate the gift of Jesus!

Sincerely in Christ,  
Diane Studer  
SFJ Founder/Director

## Quick Links

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[Our Website](#)  
[Donate Now](#)  
[Contact Us](#)

## Year-End Giving



As we enter this season of giving, would you prayerfully consider a year-end gift? Every Donation helps share a pair of shoes and a Gospel book with someone in need in Africa. You can also give on behalf of a friend or relative, and they'll receive a personalized card from SFJ.

Many employers also have programs designed to match their employees' charitable giving, and this can be a great way to multiply the impact of your donation! If you have any questions, Mark would be happy to help you at [MEllefson@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:MEllefson@SolesForJesus.org) or 414-365-1392.

To ensure 2016 eligibility for your donation, please remember:



*SFJ Team, sharing the love of Jesus in Tanzania.*

## Mark your Calendar: November 11, 2017!



The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Show Luncheon will be on **Saturday, November 11, 2017!** Dr. Dick Eastman, Every Home for Christ International President, will be our key-note speaker, and we can't wait to pack out the Italian Conference Center in Milwaukee once again!

## 7th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon!

Thank you to all who came to our annual luncheon and fashion show, which had a sell-out crowd of

- Donations made by Credit or Debit Card must be completed before midnight on Dec 31st. **Donate online at [SolesForJesus.org](http://SolesForJesus.org)**
- Mailed checks must be dated and postmarked on or before Dec 31st. You can also drop off your donation at our office on weekdays between 8am – 5pm.

## Staff Updates!

We are excited to welcome Yenih Mikolajewski and Kris Monteen to the SFJ team!

Yenih has been a part of our SFJ family for six years, and we are now thrilled to welcome her to our office team! Yenih has led SOS events in our warehouse (where volunteers sort and organize shoes), and she has also served on our Operations Team. Yenih lives in Brookfield with her husband, Will, and their two children, Anthony and Mikayla. Her background is in Social Services and Education and she has a M.S. degree in Exceptional Education. Yenih is thrilled to be serving as our new office manager and shares, "I am amazed at how God brought me here, and I continue to be astounded with the miracles that He does through Soles For Jesus."



*Yenih Mikolajewski*

Kris has been a part of our SFJ family for almost seven years! She was the first part-

600 guests! Our 2016 theme was, "The Story of One." Diane Studer shared the story of one boy from Tanzania, one grandmother from Mozambique and one mission team member. It's powerful to hear how each of these lives have been forever changed for the glory of God! If you'd like to hear the story of one boy named Mishak, you can watch that video [HERE](#).

A special thank you to our Gold Sponsor, Lisa Reinecke from RE/MAX Realty 100, and to our stylists Stephanie Horne and Squire!

To see more photos from our annual luncheon, click [HERE](#).



2016 Fashion Show Luncheon

## Volunteers of the Month

Jamie Thomas and Heidi Dawson are tremendous blessings to our SFJ family. These ladies ran our entire silent auction, organizing almost 200 items. We are so grateful for all of the many hours that they put in to make 2016 a record-breaking auction! God bless you and your families for all that you've done.

time employee that Diane hired, and we are estatic to welcome her back to our office team! Kris lives in West Bend with her husband, Ric, and their daughter, Bella. Kris has traveled to Africa with SFJ four times, and she leaves a piece of her heart there every time. Kris shared, "I found my true passion for missions through SFJ, and am truly blessed to be a part of this ministry since almost the beginning! God is amazing in how He brought this opportunity to work for SFJ again, and I am so thankful!"



Kris Monteen

Please keep Yen and Kris in your prayers, and help them feel welcome the next time that you see them. We are thrilled to have them on our office team!

## Shipment to Swaziland

We are excited to share that a shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes is now on its way to Swaziland! As the photo below shows, they are on a ship that is leaving the Caribbean and headed for South Africa. These shoes will be distributed by our EHC ministry partner, Joseph. Please pray for a safe delivery of these shoes as they make their way across the ocean. Pray that God will prepare Joseph and his team for distributions, and pray that the hearts of those receiving shoes will be ready to hear about the love of Jesus.



*Jamie Thomas & Heidi Dawson*

## Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

**The Simon Family in PA** — We love the Simon family, who drove all the way from Pennsylvania to join us at the #SFJ7thannual Fashion Show! Their love and commitment to the people of Africa is so evident in how much they do as they partner with us. Every week they drive to various donation sites around the area to pick up shoes, then sort the shoes and ship them to our warehouse by partnering with their PA State Rep, Jan Moreth. This year they collected over 10,000 pairs of shoes, which are on their way to Milwaukee, thanks to the help of John Corey. Thank you for all that you do to touch so many lives in Africa from the state of Pennsylvania!



*Sailing through the Caribbean.*

## Shipment to Guinea Bissau

A shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes has arrived in Guinea Bissau. Our partner Julio is working to obtain customs clearance, so he can store them and prepare for distributions in the rural areas of his country. Pray for Julio, his team and all those who will receive the gift of shoes. Pray that they receive the Gospel message and come to know Jesus as Lord. View pictures of the shipment to Guinea Bissau [HERE](#).



Candace, Shane, Michelle and Don Simon from PA



Michelle Simon and PA State Rep, Jan Moreth, loading 10,320 pairs of shoes for transport to Milwaukee with the help of friends and family!

**Odetta Jeffries in TX** — We were thrilled to welcome our precious friend and SFJ Texas State Rep for the #SFJ7thannual Fashion Show! Odetta was on the original trip to Ethiopia (where SFJ was born), and also created the idea of our fashion show luncheon. Thank you, Odetta, for being such a blessing to our SFJ team. We love you and it was a joy to celebrate your birthday,

## Shipment to Lesotho

A shipment of 8,000 shoes left the warehouse for Lesotho this month! It is always exciting to see a shipment loaded in the truck and headed to the shipping port after so much prayer and planning! These shoes sent to Lesotho will go to remote, mountainous areas that have not yet heard of God's love. In these particular regions, there is an incredible physical and spiritual need among many with HIV/AIDS.

Our ministry partner, Josias, is prayerfully preparing to serve thousands of people in these remote areas through giving shoes and communicating the message of life and hope through Jesus.

You can view pictures of the Lesotho shipment [HERE](#).

too!



*Diane and Odetta Jeffries*

**Dr. Dick Eastman, Every Home for Christ —**

We were honored to have Every Home for Christ President, Dr. Dick Eastman, along with his wife, Dee, and board members, Doug & Joan Stanich, visit the SFJ office, all the way from Colorado! What a God-given partnership we share with our EHC family!



*Dr. Dick & Dee Eastman, Diane Studer and Doug & Joan Stanich*

**Appleton Alliance and @xcelsports in WI** - We are so grateful for our sweet partnership with Appleton Alliance and @xcelsports! They recently finished their annual shoe drive by delivering 1352 pairs of shoes & volunteering in our warehouse! Thank you friends for touching so



*A shipment leaving the SFJ warehouse for Lesotho.*

### Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner, Gilford Matonga, in Malawi. Years ago, when Gilford decided to follow Christ, he no longer felt rejected, but fully accepted by God and his new church



family. Now, Gilford is sharing the Gospel message with thousands of families in Malawi and desires to see the spiritual life of his nation transform. As he leads others to Christ, he reflects on Matthew 25:31-45 as a reminder of how practical Christian living is. Part of this passage says, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me (Jesus)." Gilford recognizes that the way of Christ can be as simple as helping others in need. Let's support Gilford by praying for his requests:

- Good health and provision for him, his wife, and their three children
- The improvement of Malawi's economy
- Political stability in the country
- Favor from the government for Gilford and his ministry

### Amazon Smile Program!

many lives in Africa!



Members of Appleton Alliance & @xcelsports

**Elle Van Grinsven in WI** - We are grateful for students like Elle Van Grinsven who take a shoe drive and run with it! Elle and her volleyball team just collected & delivered over 750 pairs of shoes for Africa! Thank you students of Wisconsin Lutheran High School for all that you've done to help others.

You can support Soles For Jesus while you shop this holiday season! Each time that you sign in to your [Amazon Smile](#) account, a portion of your purchase can be donated to SFJ. It's the same Amazon site that you already know, and now you can help support our mission as you shop! To get started, click on the "Get started" link to sign in to your account and select "Soles For Jesus," as the charity you want to support. Thank you! To learn more, click here: [Amazon Smile FAQs](#)

**Shop at AmazonSmile**  
and Amazon will make  
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## Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

- Anytime Fitness, WI
- Appleton Alliance Church, WI
- Bridge Church Waukesha, WI
- Brookfield Christian School, WI
- Calvary Lutheran School, WI
- Clark Richard Salon, WI
- Divine Consign, WI
- Elaine Schachelmayer, WI
- First United Methodist Church WI
- Friends of Jen Hanson, WI
- Grace Church, OH
- Gretebeck Family, WI
- Jean La Violette, WI
- Kate Vanderbaan, IL
- Lisa Riley, WI
- Marge Tackes, WI
- Mary Ellen Simeth, WI
- New Balance, IL
- Nick Kaun, WI
- Odetta Jeffries, TX
- Palisades Lutheran Church, CA
- Paul and Judy Schumacher, WI
- Paul Michaels, WI
- Performance Running Outfitters, WI
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, WI
- Princeton Club, WI
- Rotary Club of Oconomowoc, WI



*Elle Van Grinsven & members of the WLHC volleyball team*

## Volunteer Opportunities

**SOS Events (Sort & Organize Shoes)** Join us as we gather at the Milwaukee, WI warehouse to prepare shoes for shipment to Africa! New volunteers are always welcome and we will have a brief orientation before each event. Please contact us at 414-365-1392 or [Yenh@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org) to set-up a time to come and volunteer.

- Salty Earth Pictures, WI
- St. John's Lutheran Church, WI
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, WI
- Starbucks Brookfield, WI
- Sussex Hamilton Cross County Team, WI
- Terri Mitchell, WI
- Toby Shaw, WI
- Turning Point Life Church, WI
- Unity Lutheran Church, WI
- Victory International Fellowship, WI
- Visiting Angels, WI
- Wellington Park Lutheran Church, WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club, WI

## Shopping Event with SFJ!

Mark your calendar to join the SFJ Event Team at Stephanie Horne on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm! It's going to be a fun time to checkout the items from our fashion show & to do some holiday shopping! You'll find us at: 317 N. Broadway in Milwaukee's charming Third Ward!



*Join our SFJ team at Stephanie Horne on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm!*

## Sharing the Love of Jesus!

To be received into a village with such love is a sincere privilege. These two women had been praying for Christian missionaries to bring the love of Jesus to their village and they were overwhelmed with joy! We love the people of Tanzania!! "Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations."





Students from Lake Country Lutheran High School serving at a SOS.

### December

Thursday, December 1, 6-8pm  
 Saturday, December 3, 9-11am **FULL**  
 Thursday, December 8, 9:45-11:15am  
 Saturday, December 10, 9-11am  
 Friday, December 16, 9-11am **FULL**  
 Saturday, December 17, 9:15-11:15am **FULL**

### January

Saturday, January 7th, 9-11am  
 Thursday, January 12th, 6-8pm  
 Tuesday, January 17th, 6-8pm  
 Saturday, January 21st, 9-11am  
 Saturday, January 28th, 9-11am

**\*You can choose a different date to serve!**  
**To learn more about this, read below.**

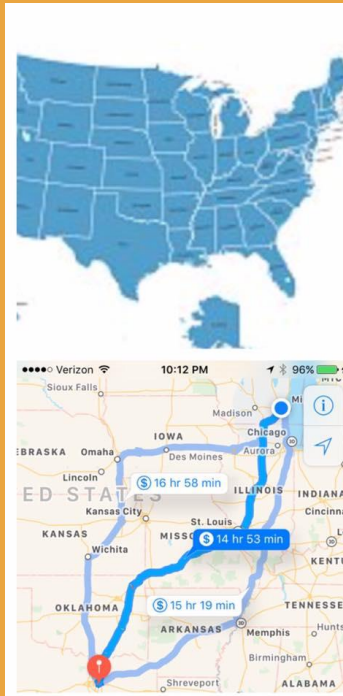
**“Business Hours” SOS:** Volunteers are welcome to come during weekdays to sort shoes (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm). Come and sort shoes when it fits your schedule. You can sort for an hour or a day - it’s entirely up to you. Also, please feel free to bring friends! Training will be provided, and SFJ staff will always be available to provide support. For more details about this opportunity, please contact Mark Ellefson at [Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org) or 414-365-1392, and please let us know 48 hours in advance that



Sharing the love of Jesus in Tanzania.

### Be a SFJ State Representative!

We are extremely grateful for all of our State Representatives! If you’re interested in being a voice for SFJ in your state, please let us know at [Info@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Info@SolesForJesus.org). We’d love to hear from you!



GA: Sarah Wheless – [sarah@godss](mailto:sarah@godss)  
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 TN: Chrissy Jensen – [chrissymjense](mailto:chrissymjense)  
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**\*\*If you're interested in more informa  
 involved as a SFJ State Rep, please  
[kadam@solesforjesus.org](mailto:kadam@solesforjesus.org).**

you're coming.

**SOS Group Event:** Schedule a special date to host your own group! Are you a part of a sports team, small group, or club in your work, school, church, or community? Volunteering together to organize and pack shoes for Africa is a rewarding, 2 hour, team building opportunity for youth and adults (12+ years). Please contact us at [Info@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Info@SolesForJesus.org) or 414-365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.

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