



Shoe Drive FAQ

Who does SFJ need help from?

We need **everyone** to get on board — **we need YOU!** Individuals, families, churches, organizations, retailers and corporations are all invited to join the SFJ team! Whether you send a donation as a family, host a shoe drive at your local church, school or company, or provide a donation to cover shipping costs—each role is vital for these shoes to reach their destination.

Do you have special signage for the public schools and corporations? Our organization is on board with the SFJ mission however, we cannot display the name of Jesus.

Yes! When you register your event with us, let us know that you need the “public school / corporation signage” that reads "Donate Your Shoes" (vs. Soles For Jesus). SFJ recognizes the fact that 'separation of church and state' prevents us from displaying the name of "Jesus" in our public schools and some corporations. We have made a way for you to still be involved!

What types of shoes do you accept?

All shoes! We accept all new and used shoes - all types and sizes. Any unusable shoes will be repurposed and every pair will be put to use.

What will you do with received shoes that are not adequate for sending to Africa?

Shoes that are not adequate in African climate and terrain (ie. winter boots or high heels), or not usable due to excessive wear, will be repurposed through micro-enterprise. Micro-enterprise represents one of the most effective ways to lift families out of the extreme poverty in devastated economies. Small business owners can use our repurposed shoes to earn money for food and earn a sustainable source of income.

How will you ship them to Africa?

This is a great expense for SFJ, and we are committed to actively fundraising to send these shipments. We challenge each donor to consider giving \$1 or \$2 per pair of shoes donated to help them reach their final destination. While this is not mandatory, it does go a long way toward helping SFJ serve those in need.

What materials do you have for me to advertise my shoe drive?

We can email you SFJ flyers to print and/or mail large posters to you. We have two types of posters; “Soles For Jesus” or “Donate Your Shoes” (for public schools & other places). We also have a shoe collection box for you! You can pick one up for free at the SFJ office or make a \$10 donation to cover shipping and have it mailed.

What options do I have for the shipping costs to reach your warehouse?

You can either commission someone to drive shoes here OR fundraise to cover the cost of mailing shoes to our Milwaukee, WI warehouse. You might consider asking local businesses in your community to sponsor shipping to our warehouse, and local shipping or transportation companies often will donate or provide discounted rates for this cause.

How do I prepare the shoes before shipping them to SFJ?

Each pair should be bound together as a pair with a rubber band or tied laces. Do not use zip-ties.

Where do I send my shoes and monetary donations?

All shoes and monetary donations should be delivered or mailed to our Milwaukee warehouse. Send your shoes with the SFJ Packing Slip to this address: **Soles For Jesus, 8480 N. 87th St., Milwaukee, WI 53224**. Please send monetary donations *separately* from the shoes to the same mailing address.

How can I personalize my gift of shoes to teach my children the importance of giving?

We encourage parents to involve their children in their giving. Tuck a small note inside of a shoe for a child to receive across the ocean. What a great addition to your gift of love, especially if the child does not have a family of their own!

Can I obtain a tax receipt for my donations?

SFJ is a Non-Profit 501(c)(3), so tax receipts are available. This is mainly for retailers or corporations donating large amounts of shoes, however, anyone is welcome to contact us at info@solesforjesus.org and request a form.