

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

Proverbs 11:25



The Outreach

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Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

We are excited to announce that our 12th Annual School Shoes for Kids Distribution will take place on Friday August 19th at Stevens Elementary School. As you may know, this event is for kids K-8th grade to get a new pair of athletic shoes and socks before they start the school year. This event is open to all students (K-8th grade) in our community.

In 2019, we gave out 1640 new pairs of shoes and in 2021 we gave out 896 new pairs. Each year we work hard to collect and purchase shoes and socks so we can be ready to serve as many kids as possible.

Mission Community Outreach Center's
12TH ANNUAL
SCHOOL SHOES FOR KIDS
SHOE DRIVE
July 5th -
August 8th
We are collecting new athletic
shoes and socks to be given out to
children entering grades K-8th
(kids size 12-adult size 13)
DONATION DROP OFF HOURS
Monday & Thursday 1-4pm
& Wednesday 10am-1pm
(or contact us to set up another time)
1906 E Mission Ave. Spokane
509-536-1084
If you would like to donate funds you can do so
via our website at www.4mission.org
Mission Community
Outreach Center
Reaching Our 8th Year For Over 25 Years

Why Shoes? Here is an article written by our Board President Bob Fisher 10 years ago about why MCOC started our School Shoes for Kids event.

A Shoe Story...

It was Wednesday, the 6th of June. You may not remember that specific day, but I am sure you recall the cool wet days we had. Would summer ever come? School was still in session, and a mother and daughter came into Mission Community Outreach Center just after classes had ended for the day at a nearby school. It was damp and chilly outside. Nothing in particular stood out about this mom and her daughter who was about 10 years old. They needed clothes just like many others in the Spokane area. Mom shopped for clothes for herself and her daughter looked for her own clothes. After a bit of time the girl asked one of our volunteers if she could have shoes instead of a clothing outfit. For some reason she didn't understand that we provide both. She was willing to do without a nearly new outfit of clothing if only she could have some good shoes. It had been raining all week long and the only shoes she had to wear to school were saturated. The shoes were completely worn through in the front and her soaked toes poked through. Our volunteer graciously helped the girl find a very nice pair of shoes that looked like they would fit her. But her mom at first didn't want the girl to try them on because not only her shoes, but her socks were also soaked. Well, we helped her get those shoes and two new pairs of socks; one of them was bright red which put another smile on her face! Of course, we also assisted her in picking out two nice outfits of clothing.



Bob Fisher,
Board President



She wore her new shoes home and we tossed her old ones in the trash. After she left we pulled those shoes (pictured at left) out of the wastebasket. It took until the next Monday for those shoes to dry out. We kept them because they tell a story that words just can't. It is hard to believe that a child in Spokane would have nothing to wear to school but those completely worn out shoes. That's why we took a picture.

Thank you for helping this girl and many others have decent clothes and shoes to wear. Our Back to School Shoe Drive is in full swing, and we are hoping to provide new school shoes and socks for hundreds of children whose families might not otherwise be able to afford them. Your financial support is needed and will be greatly appreciated. I hope you have a smile on your face knowing that your gift put a smile on the face of a child when they receive their very own pair of new school shoes!

Bob Fisher, Board President

School Shoes for Kids Event Over the Years



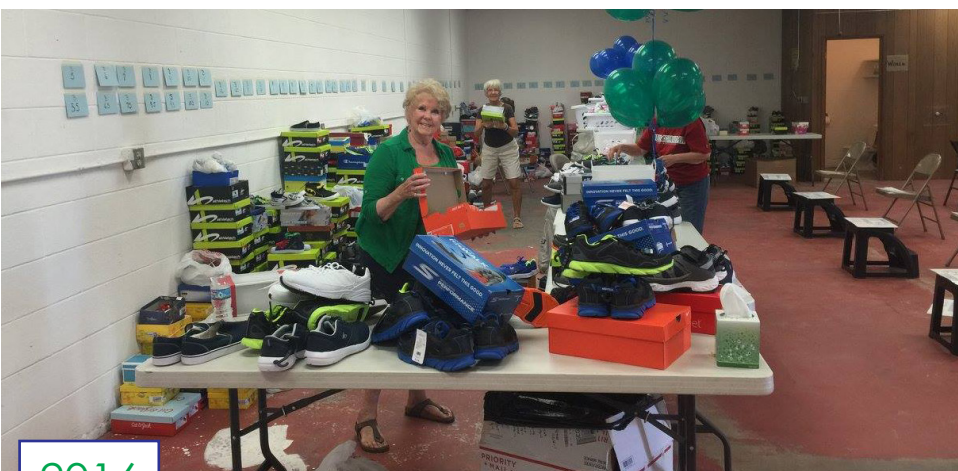
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2015



2016

This is where we need YOUR help!

Can you help us by:

- Donating new shoes or socks during our Shoe Drive?
- Donating funds to help us purchase new shoes or socks?
- Sharing this newsletter and Shoe Drive flyer with your friends and family?
- Volunteer on Fri., August 19th?

If any of these ideas sound like something you can help with, please contact me at mcoc.spokane@gmail.com or call the office at 509-536-1084.

As always, thank you for your support!

Ali Norris,
Executive Director, MCOC



2017



2018



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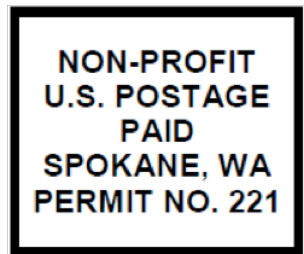
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We would love to come talk to you. Are you part of a community group, church or business that would like to hear more about MCOC? If so please let us know! We would love to come speak with you at your next meeting.

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