



## In His Steps Shoe Ministry

For nearly 25 years working with San Benito CISD this ministry has helped to identify the underserved children in San Benito. New shoes has been one of the most important needs for school age children

**A New Pair of shoes  
can make a huge difference in a child's confidence  
as they attend school.**

**Mission: To work with San Benito CISD to assist in getting new shoes for students from Kinder to High School as they start the school year. Students are contacted by FACE (The Family And Community Engagement Department)**

### **How it works:**

- The principals of each school identify students and give the name to FACE
- FACE department makes a list of the students they have contacted and checked their names off as they arrive at Walmart
- The student with the family arrives on an announced Saturday for 3 hours. Coming to the back of the store at the shoe department at Walmart in San Benito.
- Since the whole family often comes, it was decided early on that ***no child would be left out.*** So, every child in the family receives new shoes even though their name is not on the list.
- Volunteers from FACE and the Church and Walmart Workers are available to assist the families.
- Walmart make sure they are well stocked and they set up a checkout by the shoe department where the checkout happens.

## Breakdown for past 4 years:

- **2021:** 45 families were helped with 113 pairs of shoes the total cost was \$1793.84
- **2022:** 42 families were helped with 134 pairs of shoes the total cost was \$2512.58
- **2023:** 84 families were helped with 274 pairs of shoes the total cost was \$5125.50
- **2024:** 39 families were helped with 139 pairs of shoes the total cost was \$2544.62



## How you may help:

Please prayerfully consider how you will respond by donating to In His Steps. ***Last year a pair of shoes cost on average \$18 We predict that shoe cost will be up so to say you could help buy one pair of shoes for \$20.00 would be a good estimate.***

The Funds will be collected by

**Judy Sutherland @ SB 224 (305) 608-7807**  
**Ruby & Barry Shaw @ CJ 216 (920) 205-3452**  
**Mary Lou Tillison @ K 017 (906) 249-1255**

The donation will be brought to First UMC San Benito at the end of February. We will then celebrate the total putting the funds **The In His Steps** designated account where a 100% of the giving goes to purchase f school shoes for San Benito CISD.

**If you would like to give by check make it to FUMC San Benito and on your check notation put In His Steps and it will be deposited in the designated account.**

Thank you for your faithfulness in this ministry and all ministry Christ leads you in.

Grace and Peace

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