



With All Your Heart

Discovery Challenge #6

Engaging your neighborhood to make a
Christ-like difference in the world!



Most of our closets (and our neighbors) are filled with shoes we rarely wear. Last year alone, Americans discarded more than 300 million pairs of shoes. Instead of letting them collect dust or dropping the unwanted pairs in the trash, join **Holy Cross** and **Cross Border Partners** as we team with **Soles4Souls** in their mission of “changing the world, one pair at a time®”. The collection of shoes is a simple yet profound way to benefit people in need and offers us the opportunity to make Holy Cross visible in our neighborhoods.

Your gift of footwear is important to children and adults around the world; 300,000,000 people in the world do not have shoes. Footwear can help eliminate the spreading of diseases through the foot as well as help children obtain an education – as many schools have footwear requirements to attend.

Soles4Souls can save your shoes from early death by cleaning them and shipping them to needy people around the world, who will treasure the gift for years to come. Since its inception following the Asian tsunami, Soles4Souls has distributed over 16 million pairs to people in 127 countries.

Soles4Souls also distributes used shoes to support micro-business efforts to eradicate poverty. A micro-enterprise program is a market-based charitable program that is designed to provide impoverished people in developing nations with the resources to start and maintain their own business. In this way, they focus on long-term development, as opposed to short-term crisis relief. While there will always be a need to distribute shoes for crisis relief, they believe that micro-enterprise is the best hope to eliminate poverty by giving people a way of supporting themselves and their families.



Shoes of all types and condition, for both adults and children, can be donated including:

- Athletic
- Men’s dress
- Women’s dress (including high heels)
- Sandals
- Flip-flops
- Nurse
- Crocs, etc.



Lenten Servant Event

Step 1 – Dig through your closets, garage, basements, etc. for shoes that are too big or small, not wanted or a little tired. Bring them to church the weekend of February 25-27 and drop them in the Sole4Souls collection box in the Welcome Center.

Step 2 – Pick-up neighborhood advertising flyers after services on February 25-27.

Step 3 – Plan a date for your family to distribute the flyers to your neighbors (street, addition, etc.)

Step 4 – Fill in your contact information and neighborhood pick-up date on the flyers and distribute them as planned.

Step 5 – Canvas your neighborhood on the advertised pick-up date and bring the shoes collected to Holy Cross the following weekend.

Note: Please plan your flyer distribution and shoe pick-up dates so all shoes are returned to Holy Cross by the weekend of March 31-April 2.



Packaged, shipped and distributed

Learn more about Soles4Souls at soles4souls.org!