

15th March 2021

NATIONAL SHOE THE WORLD DAY



Each year, *National Shoe The World Day* on March 15th shines a light on the value of good footwear for millions of people around the world.

Each day, over 500 million children, teens, and adults around the world do not have a pair of shoes to wear. Despite the terrain and the climate, they have to walk barefoot everywhere. It is a struggle each day that we cannot begin to imagine. Having to live a daily life without protection on your feet can lead to a lifetime of problems including pain, injury, cuts, sores, infections, parasites. Schools and businesses ban students and customers without shoes. A stigma becomes attached to people who do not have proper footwear. It affects their health, education and financial well-being. One issue leads to another, creating a never-ending cycle.

There are a few who are fortunate enough to have one pair of shoes even though they are much too big for them. This way, their shoes will last for many years as they grow, and they are only allowed to be worn for special occasions. In other cases, they may have one pair of shoes that are too small and tight for them (they will make them work) but to have a pair at all is a luxury.

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL SHOE THE WORLD DAY

Visit Soles4Souls to donate shoes. The observance brings awareness, to everyone across the nation, of the incredible need to help those people around the world that do not have shoes to wear and then to take action in helping

Why not donate a pair of shoes that you do not wear anymore? We will deliver them to a local charity.