ACE PTO is proud to announce our partners for this year’s shoe drive fundraiser:

★ The POET Foundation will be matching dollar for dollar up to our $3,000/7,500 pounds of shoes.
★ Savers will be supporting our shoe drive by contributing gently worn, used, and new shoes.
★ Funds2Orgs will buy the shoes we collect per pound and redistribute the footwear to support micro-enterprises in developing nations like Haiti. Then, the micro-entrepreneurs clean the shoes, make them like new and sell the shoes in their communities for a profit.
All City Elementary PTO Launches 3rd Annual Shoe Drive

(Sioux Falls, SD, 2019) - (All City Elementary PTO www.allcitypto) is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser until September 30, 2019. All City Elementary PTO will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2Orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes. This year's goal is to collect 7,500 pounds of shoes, which will raise $3,000. All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of microenterprise partners in developing nations. The public is invited to participate in our shoe drive. Donations of gently worn, used and new shoes will be accepted. As we know in South Dakota, that means sandals to snow boots, baby to adult sizes, all accepted!

In the US alone, over 600 million pairs of shoes are thrown away per year. The materials used to manufacture a pair of shoes are created from chemical compounds that will create health hazards if left to disintegrate openly or in landfills. By donating your gently worn, used and new shoes to the All City Elementary PTO, your shoes are given a second chance to make a difference.

All City Elementary PTO is fortunate to partner with two entities in Sioux Falls: The POET Foundation and Savers. The POET Foundation was formed by POET Chairman and CEO, Jeff Broin, with the purpose of improving the lives of others, especially children, through: improved health conditions, sustainable agricultural development, sustainable business development, and spiritual growth. The POET Foundation will provide a financial match, up to All City Elementary PTO fundraising goal, for the amount raised through the hard work of students, parents, staff, and community members. POET will also set up a shoe collection campaign for POET team members. Savers of Sioux Falls is about one-of-a-kind finds for one-of-a-kind people and helping keep usable items out of landfills. They will be supporting our shoe drive by contributing gently worn, used and new shoes.

Anyone in the community can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes at the drop off location: All City Elementary at Jane Addams or they can be sent via mail to the school. The address is 2511 West Brookings Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

On Thursday, September 9th from 2 - 3 pm the entire ACE school (K-5) will be working together in the gym to bag up a portion of the shoes already collected.
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