03-24-17 Bath County Soccer Camp sponsoring shoe drive

It’s time to go through all closets and boot boxes, and bring together unused shoes, blue suede or not.

Bath Co Soccer Camp is conducting a shoe drive that began on March 15 and will run until May 15 to raise funds for this summer’s Brazilian soccer camp.   Bath Co Soccer Camp will earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected as Funds2Orgs will purchase all of the donated footwear.  Those dollars will provide scholarships for area kids for this summer’s Brazilian soccer camp. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes at several locations throughout the county.  These locations include the Bath Co. Library, the Bath Co Courthouse, Valley Animal Hospital, BB&T Bank in Hot Springs, Valley Elementary School, the radio Station, Bath Co Supply and Hot Springs Presbyterian and St. Luke’s Episcopal churches.  Our goal is 2,500 lbs. of shoes.  Last year’s camp provided 35 kids with a week of fun improving their soccer skills and learning about Brazil.  Many of these children would have been unable to attend without financial help from our fundraising efforts.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of microenterprise partners in developing nations.  Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow businesses in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.

A spokesperson for the Bath County Soccer Camp said,

“We are excited about our shoe drive. We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like to donate to us and help those less fortunate become self-sufficient.  It’s a win-win for everyone.”

By donating gently worn, used and new shoes to the Bath Co Soccer Camp, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people’s lives.

Again the shoe drive is already underway, and will continue until May 15th. For any of the nine collection sites visit this news piece again on AlleghenyMountainRadio.org. And please share the information to with friends and family who may be tackling their closets for spring too.

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