



GIVE YOUR CHILD'S OLD TRAINERS A NEW HOME IN SOUTH AFRICA

'In My Shoes' is an appeal to send used (but in good condition) trainers
& sports shoes from families in Ireland to the kids in Townships in
Cape Town, South Africa through local schools.



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2,500 PAIRS OF SPORTS SHOES DONATED

BY IRISH FAMILIES IN 2019 AND SENT TO KIDS IN THE TOWNSHIPS OF SOUTH AFRICA.
FOR 2020 WE ARE AIMING TO DONATE 5,000 PAIRS OF SHOES.

When I visited Khayelitsha (the largest Township in Cape Town) in November 2018, I was both amazed by the scale and conditions of the settlement but also the attitude and resilience of its inhabitants, especially the children. I visited a local school which had 1,500 pupils, all happily running around the yard during break in their uniforms.

Standing there watching them, the first thing that struck me was that most of the children had no shoes on – and that a township is somewhere I would definitely want my kids wearing shoes. I could also visualise a box in our attic full of shoes which our kids had outgrown but were still in good condition.

In January 2019 'In My Shoes' was set up. Over 2,500 pairs of used but in good condition sports shoes were kindly donated by Irish families and distributed to the children of the townships in Cape Town. The results were amazing, the donated shoes made such a difference. For 2020 we are aiming to double the number of donated shoes to continue the good work.

Children in Ireland will also have the option to include a note with each pair of shoes to tell the kids in Cape Town a little bit about themselves and the sports they play.

Ciaran McHugh, Sligo.

WHAT WE NEED:

Runners, trainers & sport shoes for both boys and girls aged 6 - 16.

The shoes need to be in good condition.

Shoes need to be machine washed - this is essential for customs clearance. (leather football boots need to be as clean as you can get them)

Each pair of shoes need to be securely attached to each other, ideally by a cable tie. (essential for shoes without laces)

Feel free to include a short note with the shoes to tell the child in South Africa about the sports you play

WHEN WE NEED THEM:

Shoe donations will be collected on Saturday 15th of February at Clane United Football Club from 5pm to 7pm

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