



## **\*\*CALENDAR/MEDIA ALERT\*\***

### **Inspire Higher Hosts Fundraising Shoe Drive**

**WHAT:**

The public is invited to participate in a shoe drive to raise funds for Inspire Higher NFP, to promote social emotional learning, supporting different learning abilities and styles, anti-bullying, anti-violence and suicide prevention lessons, materials and workshops. Donations of gently worn, used and new shoes will be accepted. The amount of money raised is determined by the total weight of the shoes collected.

All donated shoes will be redistributed to microenterprise partners through Funds2Orgs, a for profit social enterprise, and used in developing nations for impoverished people to start their own businesses.

**WHEN:**

February 24 – April 9, 2020

**Collection boxes:**

Batavia Public Library, State Farm – Scott Queen, Louise White Grade School

**DETAILS:**

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 Inspire Higher “The Change We Need Fundraiser”, your shoes are given a second chance to make a difference.

**About Inspire Higher NFP:**

We all want safer, stronger and healthier schools. Inspire Higher NFP offers classroom services for social emotional learning. Our programs include promoting sensitivity for different learning abilities and styles, anti-bullying, anti-violence and suicide prevention. We offer adult workshops to schools, churches, and parent groups with hands on training to help support the challenges of different learning styles and abilities for today’s rising needs.

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