

# News Release

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## **Lt. Governor André Bauer and Samaritan's Feet are providing shoes to underprivileged children**

(Columbia, SC) – Lt. Governor André Bauer and the Samaritan's Feet program will distribute free shoes to underprivileged children at five locations in Columbia, West Columbia, and Saluda on Saturday, August 8.

Over the next several months, up to 46,000 children in the state of South Carolina will receive a pair of shoes as part of Lt. Governor Bauer's partnership with Samaritan's Feet. The shoe recipients are students who are on free and reduced lunches.

Thousands of South Carolina residents will be given a new pair of shoes, and touched with a message of hope through a partnership of hundreds of volunteers from Samaritan's Feet, the United Way, state government, and churches throughout South Carolina. Samaritan's Feet is a Charlotte-based humanitarian relief organization founded by Manny Ohonme that puts shoes on children's feet all around the world. The shoe distribution will take place at various locations in all 46 counties in the state.

“We are facing challenging times economic times here in South Carolina and in our nation as a whole,” Lt. Governor Bauer said. “Small gestures and acts of charity can make a difference in a person's life. I think Manny Ohonme's story proves this – that is why I am supporting Samaritan's Feet.”

### **About Samaritan's Feet**

There are over 300 million children who go without shoes every day. It's their only mode of transportation. That's why Samaritan's Feet was started. Samaritan's Feet is a humanitarian relief organization based in Charlotte with the goal of providing 10 million pairs of shoes to 10 million impoverished people in 10 years. To date, nearly one million pairs of shoes for children around the world have been collected.

It was started in 2003 by President and Founder, Manny Ohonme of Nigeria, who received his first pair of shoes at the age of 9 from a missionary. He started playing basketball and other sports with these new pair of shoes. He earned a spot on a traveling basketball team and eventually his high school team. Upon graduating high school, he was offered a scholarship to play basketball at University of North Dakota (Lake Region) where he received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees

For more information on Samaritan's Feet, please contact Todd Melloh at 317-417-3525 or visit its website at [www.samaritansfeet.org](http://www.samaritansfeet.org).

**Midlands Samaritan's Feet Distribution Locations:  
August 8, 2009 10:00 a.m. -- 2:00 p.m.**

- Bible Way Church, 2440 Atlas Road, Columbia, S.C. (250 pairs)
- North Trenholm Baptist Church, 6515 N. Trenholm Road, Columbia, S.C. (250 pairs)
- Suburban Baptist Church, 1700 Holland St., West Columbia, S.C. (250 pairs)
- Saluda High School -160 Ivory Key Road, Saluda, S.C. (500 pairs)
- Riverside Community Development Center (250 pairs)  
117 Bouknight Ferry Road, Saluda, S.C.

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