

NHDA Shoe Drive For Haiti Newsletter

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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!

NHDA SHOE DRIVE FOR HAITI COLLECTS OVER 2,500 PAIRS OF SHOES!

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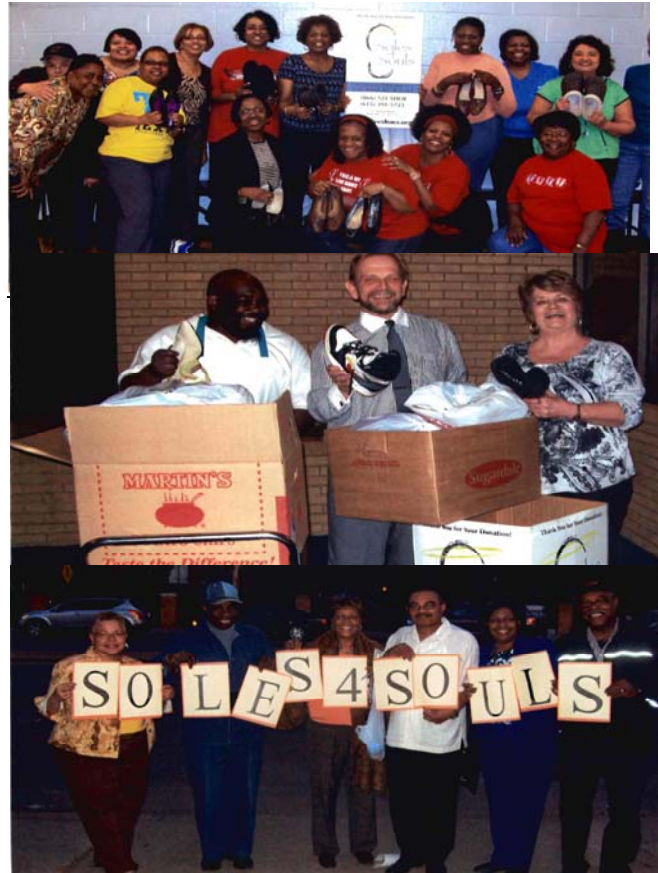
Thanks to the Hand Dance/dance community and the community at large, the NHDA Shoe Drive for Haitian earthquake victims is a complete success. We officially collected 2,500 pair of shoes during our one month drive. Thanks to the earnest participation of the oldies dance clubs, organizations and the generosity and enthusiasm of its many patrons - we have dramatically exceeded our goal of 1,000 pairs of shoes. These Clubs include:

- The Eclipse, Wash DC
- The Chateau, Wash DC
- The VFW Post 9619, Morningside, MD
- The Elks Lodge, Temple Hills, MD
- Tradewinds, Temple Hills, MD

In addition, we had participation from so many groups, clubs, organizations and businesses throughout the region to include: Teenarama Inc., Freestyle Dancers, Praise Academy of Hand Dance & Bop, Oldies Inc., U Can Dance 2, MJ Creations, QBall 1 Billards, Sports and Learning Line Dancers, Marlow Heights Rec Ctr. Line Dancers, Dept. Of Justice, Wibble Wobble Child Development Center, The Postal Service, The Empowered Jewels, Blacks In Government (Pentagon); 7 Step Dance Academy, our special contributors in California, etc. Special thanks to our DJ's Disco Bird, Lil Bobby, Peaches, Lady D, Jas. Funk, Ted, Double 07, and to our individual supporters who made large donations. Collectively, all our contributions large and small made this shoe drive a success.

Special thanks to our benefactor, Ms. Leslie Thornton, who made it possible for us to ship the additional 1,500 pairs of shoes. We thank 7 Step for bringing you to us and many blessings for your generosity.

We are in the process of shipping the last of our donated shoes to our partner in this effort, Soles 4Souls; an international non-Profit agency who's mission is to support countries around the world with shoes for those who are in need. Over 1,000 pair have been shipped to date.



Pictured above: Marlow Heights Recreation Center Line Dancers; Elks Lodge Management, Leadership & Staff; Teenerama Inc.

Kudos to NHDA's President, Beverly Lindsay-Johnson and the Shoe Drive committee members (Jo Jo Nelson, Marsha Letsinger, Jacque Ballard, Dionne Ball, Donna Springs and yours truly), who toiled day and night sorting, retrieving, delivering, packing and shipping shoes.

To celebrate our success NHDA hosted a dance night on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at the Solar Eclipse Nightclub, where many of our shoe drive contributors were recognized. We plan to continue our recognition efforts throughout the following months at other clubs and venues. Thanks to everyone these shoe donations will go a long way towards helping Haiti on its journey to recovery.

Be sure to check out the photographs below of NHDA Shoe Drive activities during the past few months:

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