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PEN Products Hosts Samaritan's Feet

Indianapolis, Indiana (January 22, 2009) – PEN Products, the industries and farm division of the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC), is hosting Samaritan's Feet at its central office warehouse. PEN Products has excess warehouse space that is not being used, and the Indiana Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives contacted PEN Products to host Samaritan's Feet shoe donations.



Manny Ohonme, founder and President of Samaritan's Feet, shows off the donated shoes.

Samaritan's Feet is an international humanitarian organization collecting shoes for those in need, both in third world countries and here in the U.S. PEN Products offender workers from Plainfield Re-entry Educational Facility are working daily at the PEN warehouse. The warehouse will receive 120 semi-trailers of shoes, totally nearly 1,000,000 pairs of shoes. The offender workers will unload trucks, sort, and prepare the shoes for shipment overseas.

Governor Mitch Daniels endorsed Samaritan's Feet by working in his Statehouse office barefoot on Friday, January 16, 2009. In addition, many coaches across the country are coaching basketball in bare feet to raise awareness for Samaritan's Feet. Because of this, ESPN will air a brief segment on Samaritan's Feet, featuring the PEN Products effort, between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 24, 2009 during its College Game Day.



Boxes of shoes fill up the PEN Products warehouse.

“I am glad that the Indiana Department of Correction, through PEN Products, can be a part of the tremendous Samaritan’s Feet effort,” said IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss. “Providing the unused warehouse space at no cost is just a small thing we can do to help such a worthy cause.”

To donate to Samaritan’s Feet, visit their website at www.samaritansfeet.org.

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