

## **Call for Shoes and Donations Benefits Low-Income and Homeless**

According to the latest U.S. Census Bureau data, more than 38.4 million people in San Diego County live below the poverty level. This holiday season, Existence Church asked the community to “picture yourself fighting poverty” as the theme of its third annual Shoes That Fit drive benefitting Monarch School, one of only three schools in the U.S. for homeless children, and UPLIFT, a tutoring program for children of low-income families. Students and families were able to select their new shoes on December 12, 2010 at Monarch School during a holiday carnival held in their honor.

Existence Church collected over 800 pairs of shoes before the holiday carnival. Shoe donations were made at Existence Church (7686-B Miramar Road), or via donations on the church's Shoes That Fix Facebook cause page or on the Existence Church Web site.

“The community has done a great job of encouraging their families, workplaces and friends to get involved,” said Josh Carter, Missional Pastor, Existence Church. “One college student asked her family to buy new shoes in lieu of birthday presents and they ended up buying out the entire shoe department at Kohl’s.”

Monarch School, dedicated to providing homeless and at-risk children with an accredited education while caring for their basic needs, and UPLIFT, a tutoring and mentoring program for low-income and racially diverse children, each serves over 150 students every year ranging from ages four to 19.

For more information, visit <http://www.causes.com/causes/531155-shoes-that-fit>. For more information about Existence Church, visit <http://existencechurchsandiego.com>. For more information about the beneficiaries, visit Monarch School at <http://monarchschoools.org> and UPLIFT at <http://upliftsandiego.org>.