

Buckner partners with baseball club, academy to collect shoes

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The Dallas Patriots, a select baseball club, and Premier Baseball Academy of Plano—working in partnership with Buckner International—hope to hit a home run for needy children this month by collecting a record number of new shoes for orphans and vulnerable children worldwide.

Dallas Patriots President Logan Stout chose to work with Buckner and its Shoes for Orphan Souls ministry after seeing pictures of children without any shoes and learning how a simple pair of new shoes can affect a child's health, education and overall well-being.â€”â€”

“I asked them, ‘What’s the biggest donation of shoes to date?’ And they said 25,000. So, that’s why we decided to do 25,000 plus 1,” Stout said. “In today’s world, there is so much pressure for kids to complete, to win. ... I think it’s equally important to teach these kids the importance of servant leadership and giving back.”â€”â€”

Multiple drop-off locations where donated new shoes are being collected have been established throughout North Texas throughout July. They include select Payless ShoeSource stores, PrimaCare, LifeWay Christian Stores, Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, First Baptist Church in Richardson and Cornerstone Baptist Church in Dallas.

For an interactive map showing a complete listing of drop-off locations, visit <http://www.shoesfororphansouls.org/dropoff-patriots.shtml> .â€”â€”

Since 1999, Shoes for Orphan Souls has collected and distributed more than 2.2 million pairs of new shoes to needy children in North Texas and 72 countries worldwide.

Shoes for Orphan Souls is the largest humanitarian aid project of Buckner International. To learn more, visit www.buckner.org .