

## Foundation providing critical supplies to students

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### To the Editor:

The St. Mary's County Public Schools' shoe fund provides shoes to school age children in the public schools who are in need of shoes, but who have limited financial resources. Requests for shoes are highest at the beginning of the school year, but continue to be requested and provided throughout the remainder of the school year. The shoe fund is totally supported by donations from the community. Contributions to the shoe fund are accepted from business organizations, community clubs and groups, and especially from individuals.

The shoe fund is a longstanding program that exemplifies the partnerships between St. Mary's County Public Schools, parents, and community. Pupil Personnel Workers in the Department of Student Services facilitates the referral process, recordkeeping, purchasing, and delivery of shoes to families. The shoe fund is audited by St. Mary's County Public Schools' Department of Fiscal Services. One hundred percent of the contributions received for this fund are used to purchase shoes for students.

If you are interested in more information about the shoe fund or you would like to contribute to this fund, please contact the Department of Student Services of St. Mary's County Public Schools at 301-475-5511, extension 32150. Contributions can be mailed to St. Mary's County Public Schools' Shoe Fund, 23160 Moakley Street, Suite 104, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650. Checks should be payable to St. Mary's County Public Schools' Shoe Fund. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Charles E. Ridgell, III**  
**Director of Student Services**

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