

## St. Thomas the Apostle Launches Sneaker Drive Fundraiser



STA School is holding an athletic shoe drive fundraiser. This drive will earn funds based on the total quantity of pairs of gently worn, used, and new sneakers collected. [GotSneakers](#), a social enterprise, will issue funds in compensation for the collected sneakers, and those funds will benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School. Anyone can help by simply donating gently worn, used, and new sneakers at the school or in the receptacles located in church.

[GotSneakers](#) is a unique fundraising initiative that asks communities to reach into their closets, not their pockets! All donated sneakers are redistributed throughout the [GotSneakers'](#) network of small business partners throughout Haiti, Nicaragua, Bolivia, and Ukraine. [GotSneakers](#) works with micro-entrepreneurs helping them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Learn more about [GotSneakers](#) by visiting their website at [www.gotsneakers.com](http://www.gotsneakers.com).

We are excited about our sneaker drive! We know that most people have extra sneakers in their closets that can be donated rather than away. By doing so, we raise money for our school, help the environment, and have the chance to help individuals and families in developing countries who are in desperate need of economic opportunities. It's a win-win for everyone! So please, contact family and friends and ask them to donate any gently used sneakers to this drive!

By donating gently worn, used, and new sneakers to the St. Thomas the Apostle School fundraiser, the sneakers will make a difference in people's lives around the world and here at home.

The request is simple: Clean out your family's closets of all unwanted paired sneakers. Please send them to school with your child. (Please do NOT send any non-athletic footwear including but not limited to boots, heels, sandals, and dress shoes of any kind.) We will have bins in the school vestibule until December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you for your contributions!

