EAST DAYTON

OPTIMIST CLUB

Thank you for my new shoes. I can't wait to show them to my friends at the shelter. *Anna 5*

Dear Friend of Youth,

Did you know that shoes are one of the most visible signs of a child in poverty? New shoes are one of the easiest ways to boost a child's self-esteem, not to mention increased comfort and safety. That is the reason the East Dayton Optimist Club became affiliated with Shoes That Fit, a national organization, in 2009. Since then, this program has provided more than 1,000 new pairs of shoes to kindergarten children in several public elementary schools in East Dayton. Will you help us continue to make a difference in the life of a child this year?

The East Dayton Optimist Club has been fortunate to partner with Payless Shoes, which provides us with the shoes at cost. For just $25 per child, we can provide a new pair of shoes and socks to every kindergarten student in the selected school. The club receives no grant funding for this project. We rely solely on private contributions and club fundraising activities to support the program. That is where you FIT in! Please accept our invitation to contribute to the Shoes That Fit Program, sponsored by the East Dayton Optimist Club**.**

Remember, 100% of your contribution will be used to purchase new shoes and socks for a child. Your gift will make a huge difference: warm socks, dry shoes, running without tripping, walking without blisters, a huge difference.

If you are able to help us in this worthwhile endeavor, please mail your tax deductible contribution in the enclosed envelope to:

East Dayton Optimist Club
PO Box 751512
Washington Township, Ohio 45475-1512

Make checks payable to **Optimist International Foundation**.

If you would like to know more about the activities of the East Dayton Optimist Club, email me at jsuelab@aol.com. For more information about Shoes That Fit, visit www.shoesthatfit.org.

Sincerely,

Sue Labatzky, President
East Dayton Optimist Club

The East Dayton Optimist Club is a volunteer service organization which was established in 1953 and is affiliated with Optimist International (OI) and the Optimist International Foundation (EIN: 23-7102928). Check us out on Facebook or visit the OI website at www.optimist.org.