

**Florida Aktion Clubs**  
**Single Service Project 2020-2021**  
**Aktion Group of Celebration Baptist Church**

Because of the restrictions of Covid-19, our club decided in September 2020 to repeat a service project/fundraiser that we have completed twice before. We wanted to raise money so we could purchase infant car seats for A Women's Pregnancy Center, an organization we have helped in the past. We hoped to raise enough money to purchase 15-20 infant car seats which could be handed out to the clients of A Women's Pregnancy Center. We planned to start advertising the event in our church and Kiwanis club in September, begin collecting soon after and complete collecting before Thanksgiving.

We partnered with Funds2Orgs, an organization that provided us with heavy-duty collection bags and rubber bands for our shoe drive, and paid our group 40 cents a pound for the shoes we collected. We contracted with them to try our best to collect 100 bags of 25 pairs of new or lightly worn shoes in each bag. Our job was to advertise the shoe drive, collect the shoes, inspect/process them tossing ones that were too worn or did not meet our needs for the collection, rubber band or tie pairs together and place approximately 25 pairs in each large bag. Funds2Orgs would come to our storage location to collect the bags of shoes when we needed more space or when the shoe drive was over.

Funds2Orgs sends the shoes on to organizations who take them to developing nations to help them set up shoe businesses and improve the economy of those areas. They provided a lot of help to our Aktion Club with guides to help with the collecting of the shoes and ways to advertise the shoe drive.

In September the shoes began to arrive in bags and boxes from church and Tallahassee Northside Kiwanis members. One of our newest Kiwanis members was the coach of FAMU's women's basketball team, and she collected basketball and football team shoes that were no longer worn by players- over 100 pairs! In October our Aktion Group began to process and bag the shoes after our Bible Study/meetings on Sunday mornings. By November, we had collected 51 bags of 25 pairs of shoes each- that's over 1200 pairs of shoes! We arranged for Funds2Orgs to come and collect those bags while we continued to collect more shoes. Things slowed down around the holidays, but in January we started our final push. We were able to collect another 36 bags, which Funds2Orgs collected from us in March.

With a check in December from the first 51 bags, we purchased, with the help of a church member, 9 infant car seats which were delivered to the Belly Boutique- A Women's Pregnancy Center in January by some of our Northside Kiwanis members and our club advisors, Debbie Wade and Gavin Boone. They were thrilled to receive those car seats, and we promised that more would be coming. With the second check we purchased 3 more car seats- for a total of 12- which were delivered in March 2021.

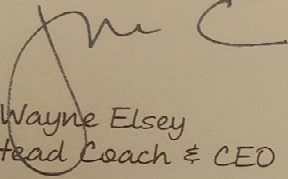
We did not reach our goal of 100 bags of 25 pairs of shoes each, but we did help A Women's Pregnancy Center with those car seats. Thirteen of our fifteen members were able to help in some way with this project. Over 100 hours was spent completing this project and approximately \$600 was raised. We would have had more money, but our club paid a fee to Funds2Orgs for not getting all 100 bags that we contracted for. Maybe we will have another shoe drive in the future. Debbie says we need to wait at least 2 years. She is tired of seeing so many shoes!





Thank you for making such an impact in your community and around the world with a shoe drive fundraiser. Every pair counts and I'm glad we could count on you.

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-Wayne Elsey  
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