

Shoes have reached the Feet of Many in Need throughout the Province

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Soles4Souls Canada is providing for the footwear needs of children, youth and adults in British Columbia who are unable to afford shoes. Since April 05, 2014, over 650 pairs of shoes have been delivered to those in need in seven locations throughout the province. Local not-for-profit agencies in these cities/towns have been extremely helpful in identifying the specific needs of individuals and then making requests of shoes from the Kelowna Soles4Souls warehouse.



Warehouse manager, Tom Paterson, with assistance from Rotarians, Interact members and other community volunteers, filled twelve orders for shoes on April 05 and April 12th. Shipments were made to the Ketso Yoh Centre in Prince George, Boundary Women's Transition House in Grand Forks, Squamish Helping Hands Society in Squamish, Compass House in Penticton, TDCSS (Homelessness Outreach Program) in Terrace, Alouette Home Start Society in Maple Ridge, and Maggie's Housing for Older Women, Covenant House Vancouver, Atira Women's Resource Society, Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, and First United Church Ministry Society all in Vancouver.



As a major sponsor of Soles4Souls Canada, members of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise have been actively engaged in volunteering on Tuesdays and Saturdays during April to ensure that shoes are getting to those in need as quickly as possible. Many Rotarians are picking up shoes at various locations throughout the Central Okanagan, while others are volunteering at the warehouse, either sorting or packing shoes for delivery.

Rotarians and community members are encouraged to continue donating and collecting shoes for those in need in our province, in our country and beyond.