



An Opportunity to **help**  
Make Wishes Come True.

**The School Supply Fund**  
Enabling teachers to  
provide children with  
necessary school supplies.

**The Sneaker Exchange**  
Providing students in need  
with clean socks and shoes to  
participate in all school activities  
with increased confidence  
and self-esteem.

**The Indian River Regional  
Science and Engineering  
Fair Program**  
Encouraging curiosity and  
creative thinking through the  
application of the scientific method.

**Great Ideas/ Grants  
Programs**  
Funding teacher grants  
to engage and excite students  
in the process of learning.

**Building Libraries  
Book Exchange**  
Distributing books to teachers  
and librarians to start or expand  
classroom libraries.

### Our Mission

The mission of the Education  
Foundation of Indian River County is  
to enrich and enhance educational  
opportunities for all students and  
teachers, in both public and private  
schools, through effective fund-  
raising and efficient allocation of  
resources.

### Financial Support Needed for the Sneaker Exchange Program

"I really appreciate the new shoes. My mom does too. She did not have gas money this week. She was really happy I got the shoes. I hope to own the store some day."  
"You guys are the best! I really enjoyed talking to you ladies. My shoes make my feet feel great! I hope I can come back and hang with you again!" "Thank you for the sparkly new sneakers. I feel so beautiful I could fly!"

These are just a few quotes from children served by the Education Foundation's Sneaker Exchange Program. The Sneaker Exchange Program elevates a child's self-esteem with a new pair of socks and sneakers. This kind act keeps children on a path of learning.

Now more than ever, the Education Foundation of Indian River County needs your help. Due to the depressed economy, referrals from the 26 public school have nearly doubled. Please consider making a charitable donation to purchase sneakers and socks for children in need. All donations are restricted for the purpose of providing shoes and sneakers. A charitable gift will touch the heart and souls of those we serve.

The Education Foundation is seeking financial support to continue reaching out to the economically disadvantaged 2,000+ students served each school year in Indian River County. More than 50% of all school age children are eligible for free and reduced lunch. This means that the children we serve come from families whose resources are consumed with meeting the basic necessities of life: fuel, food, and housing.

For many economically disadvantaged children, learning is difficult. Every child wants to feel they are part of their classroom group. Being singled out as different or being in need derails their self-confidence. A new pair of sneakers helps them feel they are just as good as anyone else. Most importantly they gain a feeling of self worth. Increased confidence leads to improved learning.

A gift of \$15.00 buys a student a new pair of shoes and socks. You can make a difference by donating on-line at [www.edfoundationirc.org](http://www.edfoundationirc.org) or by sending a check to the Education Foundation of Indian River County, P.O. Box 7046, Vero Beach, Florida 32961.

The Sneaker Exchange Program is supported by the private donations, grants and the following community groups: Community Church of Vero Beach, Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program, Holy Cross Catholic Church Community Service Ministry Junior League of Indian River County, and Quail Valley Charities.

To learn more about the Sneaker Exchange Program visit: [www.edfoundationirc.org](http://www.edfoundationirc.org).