Hudson High School Service Learning students are conducting a shoe drive fundraiser now through March 20, 2020 to raise funds for the Hudson City Schools Student Assistance Fund of the Hudson Community Foundation.

Here’s how it works:

Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes (any types for women, men or kids) at the main offices of each building of the Hudson City Schools. Collection bins are in place at Evamere, East Woods, Ellsworth Hill, McDowell, Hudson Middle School and Hudson High School. As well, Hudson Community Foundation.

Funds will be earned by the students based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected. All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout a network of micro-enterprise (small businesses) in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. By refurbishing and selling the shoes, owners of these overseas micro-enterprises are able to conduct business and use the proceeds of shoe sales to feed, clothe and house their families. Funds earned by the Hudson Service Learning students in collecting the shoes will benefit Hudson City School students facing financial hardship.

"We are so proud of our high school students and their faculty advisors for taking the initiative to launch this shoe drive," said Amy Jordan, President of the Hudson Community Foundation. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets and here is an easy way to donate them to a local good cause with benefits that ripple around the world. The students will raise money to help their fellow students, and we have the chance to help support families in developing nations who need economic opportunities. The shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people's lives around the world."

The Hudson City Schools Student Assistance Endowment Fund is a fund of the Hudson Community Foundation created by William Wooldredge in 2012 to provide financial support to economically disadvantaged students with specific needs that may be necessary to function successfully at school.

How can you help?

- Look around your house for shoes that can be given away
- Tie shoe laces together or rubber band them
- Bring shoes to one of the many drop off locations in the main offices

Need more information, call our office (330) 655-3580 or Click Here