

## Sycamore Creek Elementary School Crocs Collection Drive

Earlier this year, Sycamore Creek Elementary School learned about a refugee settlement camp in Uganda where thousands of children are orphans. Many of these children live with an adult relative or guardian in tiny mud huts where they struggle to survive. Because of the extreme poverty in Uganda, the children have worn clothing, and as for shoes, they have none. Without proper shoes, these children run the risk of serious infections due to their harsh living conditions.

Sycamore Creek Elementary School was very excited to learn that we had the opportunity to help provide shoes for these children. On November 10<sup>th</sup> 2009, our school had the privilege to participate in a wonderful project with some really amazing people at [Think Humanity](#). Working with Think Humanity, our school can make a positive difference for the refugee children in Africa as we provide shoes for children who are not as fortunate as we are. We hope that each pair of shoes we donate will give a child in need a smile, the hope for a brighter future, and the chance to walk safely on the ground.



We are very pleased to announce the final total of donations from our Sycamore Creek Elementary School Staff Variety Show and Crocs Collection Drive! On November 10<sup>th</sup> 2009, our students, teachers, staff and families donated **160 pairs** of children's shoes and collected **\$1151.00** in donations to buy new Crocs shoes and pay for shipping to Africa. The 160 pairs shoes we collected were shipped to the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement camp in Uganda Hoima District and they should arrive in Africa any day now.



The Crocs company at the Streets at Southpoint Mall helped us purchase 182 pairs of new Crocs shoes at a big discount and the Crocs company shipped these free of charge to Think Humanity's headquarters. That purchase brought our final total to **342 pairs** of new and gently used shoes.

Volunteers from Think Humanity will travel to Uganda and deliver Crocs shoes to the refugee children. Their volunteers will also

deliver the inspiring letters and beautiful cards created by students at Sycamore Creek Elementary School. Our very own [Kirby the Crocodile](#) is going along for the ride with Think Humanity to Uganda. Stay tuned for updates on Kirby's blog with news and photos from Africa.



Thank you to Beth Heckel of Think Humanity and to Cheryl Heath of the Crocs Company for your compassion and your dedication to helping children in need.

And last but not least, thank you to the many special people at Sycamore Creek Elementary who hosted a very entertaining Staff Variety show and gave of their time, their shoes and their donations for the refugee children in Africa. Many volunteers created inspiring posters and cards, organized a lemonade stand, and collected, cleaned and shipped the gently used and new Crocs shoes to the refugee children in Africa

Together we can make a difference!

Thank you to all of our students, teachers, staff and families who partnered together with Think Humanity to put shoes on the feet of refugee children in need. We stand in awe of your caring, compassion, and accomplishments!

Best wishes from the Sycamore Creek Elementary School where "Our Crocs Rock!"