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Batesville Main Street Launches Shoe Drive Fundraiser to Support Community Events

Batesville, IN (May 2026) – Batesville Main Street is launching a shoe drive fundraiser beginning May 18 to help raise funds for community events such as Touch-A -Truck, Batesville Music Bash, The Holiday Tree Lighting, and more.

Batesville Main Street will earn funds based on the total weight of gently worn used shoes and new shoes collected. The organization is partnering with Funds2Orgs, which will issue a check for the donated shoes. Proceeds will directly benefit Main Street community events and downtown revitalization efforts.

Community members can donate shoes at the following drop-off locations:

- Amack's Well Community Coffee House
- Indiana Pet Supply
- Southeastern Indiana YMCA

All donated shoes will be redistributed through the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise and small business partners around the world. Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in developing countries to help create, maintain, and grow small businesses in areas where economic opportunities are limited. Proceeds from shoe sales help provide food, clothing, housing, and education for families in need. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send her son to law school.

“We are excited about our shoe drive,” said Amy Lunsford, Executive Director of Batesville Main Street. “We know many people have extra shoes in their closets they would love to donate. By doing so, they help us raise money for efforts to revitalize and support our downtown district through events, business partnerships, and community connection. At the same time, these donations create economic opportunities for families in developing nations. It’s truly a win-win for everyone.”

By donating gently worn used and new shoes to Batesville Main Street, community members can help give shoes a second life while making a positive impact around the world and at home.

Our Mission:

A volunteer-driven endeavor, Batesville Main Street strives to preserve Batesville’s illustrious history while continuously looking for ways to transform and cultivate inviting community gathering spaces and promote investment in our downtown district so that it thrives as a place to live, shop, and own a business.

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