



Genesco Employees Fit Park Avenue Elementary Students With New Shoes At Annual Cold Feet, Warm Shoes Community Event

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More than 100,000 shoes have been given away since program's inception

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 12, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- Christmas came early last Friday for nearly 350 Park Avenue Elementary students when Nashville-based Genesco Inc. brought its *Cold Feet, Warm Shoes* signature community shoe fitting to the school and spread a little holiday cheer. As part of the event, more than 225 employee volunteers set up a mock shoe store and fit students with new shoes, socks and hats along with a few other surprises, including Tennessee Titans cheerleaders and the team's mascot, T-Rac.



Since 1989, *Cold Feet, Warm Shoes* recreates a real-life, in-store experience, complete with a mock shoe store and customized shoe fitting where employee volunteers measure each student's foot and fit them with a brand-new pair of shoes. Students were empowered with a choice of shoes coordinated through its Journeys and Journeys Kidz stores. Genesco volunteers roll out the red carpet for each child so they have the same service and respect they would receive at any of Genesco's 1,400 Journeys, Journeys Kidz, Johnston & Murphy or Schuh retail locations.

After a two-year pandemic pause, Genesco employees eagerly prepared for this year's signature event with hundreds of employees volunteering in roles ranging from product planning, stockroom coordination, logistics, and day of "boots on the ground" support. Employees volunteer from all areas of the company from senior management to divisional teams including its Journeys, Journeys Kidz, Johnston & Murphy and Genesco Licensed Brands divisions.

"The event was filled with pure joy. The children light up with excitement and big smiles while being fitted with their new shoes and they look great. We hope the children are standing a little taller and feeling a little more confident coming away from the fitting," said Mimi Vaughn, Genesco Board Chair, President and CEO. "We are nearly a 100-year-old footwear focused company. Giving back to the community is important to us, especially through our signature *Cold Feet, Warm Shoes* program. We had 225 volunteers come together who are compassionate and committed to giving back in a way that makes sense to our business and the community."

During the shoe fitting, the Nashville students were able to meet and walk the red carpet with Tennessee Titans cheerleaders and the Titans team mascot, T-Rac. Students also received a healthy snack. In addition to the fitting, Genesco donated an extra 100 pairs of shoes to the school's resource closet.

About Genesco Inc.

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