



4EVERYKID Greater St. Louis

2025 – 2026 School Year
Impact Report

Changing Lives Through 4EveryKid

The goal of 4EveryKid is simple: to ensure that every student experiencing homelessness in the U.S. receives a new pair of athletic shoes each year.

During the 2025–2026 school year, **6,200** students experiencing housing instability in Greater St. Louis walked into school with the confidence, dignity, and opportunity that come with a brand-new pair of shoes.

This milestone would not have been possible without your support.

Together, we are proving that when a community rallies around its most vulnerable students, every child can go to school with confidence and the chance to thrive.

Thank you for being an extraordinary partner in making this vision a reality.



A Critical Need

13,000+ *students in Greater St. Louis are identified as experiencing homelessness.*

Nationwide, approximately **2.5% of all public school students** are identified as unhoused under the McKinney-Vento Act. In contrast, **St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS)** has historically recorded a rate of **15.7%** - more than **six times the national average**

WHY THIS MATTERS

72%

of students experiencing homelessness say new shoes are one of their biggest needs.

STUDENT NEED

A barrier

Without proper footwear, kids face real obstacles to school, activities, and employment.

IMPACT

Basic needs first

Active, engaged learners start with having their basic needs met.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Your Impact

Schools Reported



of partners saw improved school attendance



reported improved academics



saw improved social engagement & behavior

Kids Reported



more excited to participate in school



feeling more confident



increase in physical activity

In Their Words

VOICES FROM THE THOSE YOU SERVED

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To our students, the shoes and socks mean comfort, social freedom, actively participating in the learning process, fitting in, feeling good, increased self-image, connectedness and not being bullied. Historically, families went without the necessities of shoes and socks and missed opportunities to actively participate in programs. Now, they are comfortable with asking for support with their needs. The program has positively impacted our unhoused community.”

-ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STUDENT QUOTES

“I am really grateful because my mom can't buy us any shoes, but now, we all have new shoes and I'm happy. Some girls bully me and my sister because our shoes are ugly, but they can't now.”

- Student

“My new shoes make me feel happy and excited!”

- Student

SOLES4SOULS



2025–2026 Highlight

Gene Slays Girls & Boys Club



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THANK YOU

Since joining us as a 4EveryKid partner, you have played an important role in creating opportunity for students experiencing homelessness. Your partnership has helped make something simple, but incredibly meaningful, possible: ensuring students have the shoes they need to walk into school with confidence, dignity, and a sense of belonging.

Because of your generosity, **Soles4Souls has provided new shoes and socks to over 6,000 students experiencing homelessness across St. Louis.** Together, we have helped remove a barrier that can stand between a child and their ability to fully participate in school and their community.

The impact goes far beyond a new pair of shoes. Properly fitting shoes help students participate in the classroom, engage in sports and activities, attend school regularly, and feel more confident and connected. For a child navigating homelessness, knowing their community sees them, values them, and believes in their future can make an extraordinary difference.

Thank you for believing in these students, investing in their potential, and helping thousands of children know they are seen, valued, and worthy of every opportunity.

With gratitude,
The Soles4Souls team



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Who do you
want to be when
you grow up?

Become someone who makes a difference

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