

## **The JDF Footprints**



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Happy St. Patrick's Day! Every March 17<sup>th</sup> the world turns green! Love for everything Irish, St. Patrick, music, dance, food and a variety of green beverages, are celebrated and enjoyed. Leprechauns, rainbows, fourleaf clovers, and pots of gold are welcome sights.

This year St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on a Saturday. Many friends and family members will gather for events throughout the day. Family gatherings are a great opportunity to invite friends and family to collect their new or gently used shoes for donations! Spring is a great time to clean out closets. Those shoes you've only worn once or twice, and those shoes you never wore and no longer want are welcome necessities for the homeless.

<u>Coordinating</u> <u>this</u> type of collection the event is easy! Simply ask your invitees to box or bag up the gently used



and new shoes they no longer want.

When your guests arrive have them deposit their shoes in a designated spot. Now, it's party time!



Once the party is over, give yourself a couple of days to recover. Within a few

days, contact your local shelter to make arrangements to deliver the shoes. Hopefully, a few of the friends and family who <u>donated</u> shoes can help you deliver them. It's a very heartwarming experience, and we try to make delivery day a family affair.

Now, if you're going to ask folks to clean out their closets, you really want to offer them an awesome St. Patty's Day feast! We found some of our favorite Irish recipes, new and traditional, on The Food Network. <u>https://www.foodnetwork.com/holiday</u> <u>s-and-parties/photos/favorite-stpatricks-day-recipes</u>

Corned Beef and Cabbage



Irish Stew



Irish Potato Cakes



Corned Beef& Cabbage Pizza



Corned- Beefand-Cabbage-Roll





St. Patrick's Day Mint Shake



St. Patrick's Day Lime Poke Cake

Wow! These will really turn your menu into an Irish feast! Enjoy!

## **New Volunteer Opportunity!**

Our friends in SW VA are looking for a doctor who can assist during their upcoming Health Fair.

Who: Health Wagon When: 9 AM -4 PM 3/14 Where: Zion Family Ministries in Wise & 3/15 -Enervest, Clintwood, VA Why: Assist the underserved with diabetic nail and foot care.

> Wanna Help? Email us at <u>thejdf@jdffeet.org</u>

Happy St. Patty's Day!