

## **MLK Day Shoe Distribution**

Coach Ron Hunter distributes shoes in Indianapolis on MLK Day

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### **Transcript**

[B. Bodman] We're here at Wheeler Girls and Boys Club doing a shoe event, so we're distributing shoes. Not only do we distribute, but we also wash everyone's feet.

Coach Hunter's impact on our ministry has been phenomenal. He's brought in so many shoes. He's brought in recognition that we could never have gotten, and I don't know what it would've taken to get that kind of recognition.

It has impacted what we do around the globe. We're able to take these containers of shoes where we used to struggle just to get enough shoes together for each team. Now we can send containers. We can partner with ministries in these countries to continue the work. We can expand out and bless many more children because of what Ron Hunter has done for this ministry.

[R. Hunter] Well, what I wanted to do is that we've taken shoes over internationally to various countries. I wanted to do it domestically here in this country. And I wanted to start here in Indianapolis. I think there are people in this city here that need a little bit of hope because the economy is so bad right now, and I think what a great way to kind of kick off our shoe distribution around the world in Indianapolis.

Surely, for a few hours you can come and you can help a child and that's what we're doing. We're trying to give a child hope and that's what these players are doing by talking to them, washing their feet, doing basketball things. And so, I'm proud of IUPUI for allowing this, and being really in our city.

This is a product of what, really, college is all about.

[T. Melloh] We have the players that are here giving back. Also what Coach Hunter decided to do last January and decided to do again this year. Convinced one thousand coaches nationwide to be able to do it. So, the IUPUI brand continues to live. Past that even coaching in his bare feet and just continues to give back and put the school in a good light. Saying IUPUI is more than just about education, it's about impact. It's about giving back.

[B. Pettiford] When they come in and to see the shoes they have on and then the shoes we give them which are brand new. Some of the kids that we've helped, it's probably their first pair of brand new shoes. It felt really good to be able to help them out.

[J. Ashworth] To do something in my own community, to help, you know, people in America, in my own city, in my own hometown is an awesome thing. We're able to help people locally. There's people who really need help in America, too. It's an awesome experience to be able to help people here.