

Samaritan's Feet

Golfers raise \$50,000 for shoes

Approximately 88 participants made their way onto the green at Carolina Lakes Golf Club on September 21 for the **Samaritan's Feet Ninth Annual Charity Golf Tournament**. The golfers raised nearly \$50,000 for **Samaritan's Feet**, contributing to the organization's programs and shoe-distribution services in support of the 300 million people worldwide without shoes. The organization seeks to benefit the millions who are afflicted with foot-borne illnesses that could be prevented by simply wearing shoes.

Manny Ohonme, who founded Samaritan's Feet in Charlotte with his wife, Tracie, said: "This is also reality for children in advanced nations, including the United States, where many children are wearing shoes that are two to three sizes too small for their growing feet." Their goal is to share the shoe-distribution process with as many partners as possible.

From the organization's Queen City headquarters, its leadership team directs distributions, global missions, logistic work and supply chains. And from the golf course, its representatives encouraged participants to connect with the mission by playing a hole with bare feet. "This helps connect them to our cause and to the 300 million individuals without shoes and," Ohonme said, "in turn, they are able to play a part in changing lives."

The crowd watched the sporting event as well as listened to talks by Samaritan's Feet leaders who have worked at shoe distributions across the United States, encouraging others to get involved.

"It was especially uplifting to hear the message of a CEO who traveled far to be with us about how Samaritan's Feet has given him a platform to give and serve as an individual and through his company," Ohonme said. "His challenge to other leaders to engage their own companies is a clear portrayal of the way that serving with Samaritan's Feet fosters servant leadership in the workplace." ■

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