



Children's new shoes drive in Port Jervis, New York

NYSOEA and its members have often supported local outreach programs in and around the communities in which we hosts events and activities. The 2018 50th Anniversary Conference will be held at the Greenkill YMCA Outdoor Education & Retreat Center in Huguenot, NY just a few short miles from Port Jervis, NY. Many of you will actually pass through 'Port' on your way to/from Greenkill.

This year we are asking our Conference participants to donate a new pair of children's shoes or sneakers while supporting a very worthwhile and worthy cause ...

'New soles in honor of a special soul ...Mr. Josef Kucher'

Josef Kucher was always kind and loving to others, generous to strangers, forgiving, honorable, hardworking, talented, community minded and immensely cherished by his family and our community. His generosity to children lives on through the annual '**Kucher's Kids Shoe Drive**'.

He owned and operated Kucher Shoe Repair for more than 40 years repairing and creating shoes with old-world style master craftsmanship in his Front Street shop. He lost his life when he was killed in his shop on November 8, 2014.

The 2017 inaugural shoe drive collected 1,017 new pairs of shoes and sneakers for children in the community. The second annual '**Kucher's Kids Shoe Drive**' will be held in November 2018.

We promise to bring all our donated shoes and sneakers to Port Jervis at that time.

Thank you all for your consideration!
50th Anniversary Conference Committee