



Michael and Joy Goldstein in their Rye Brook office full of new and gently-used shoes they have collected to send to an orphanage in Haiti.

Rye Brook couple collects shoes to send to orphanage in Haiti

Rye Brook, NY, USA – January 6th, 2011 - Michael and Joy Goldstein are no strangers to the needs of children in peril. As an adoption attorney and executive director of the Rye Brook, NY based adoption agency Forever Families Through Adoption respectively, they have worked all over the world to help connect children with adoptive parents. But now they are turning their focus to providing some children of the world with another basic necessity: shoes.

Working with Dr. Jose Hennessey-Diaz and the Haiti-based Children of Israel Orphanage (www.ChildrenofIsraelOrphanage.org), the two have

have reached out to friends, co-workers, religious institutions, and students at SUNY Purchase in an ongoing effort to collect shoes for a few of the many Haitian children affected by the earthquake, subsequent aftershocks, and floods that struck the Caribbean nation last January.

“Hundreds of shoes were donated by members of the community,” related the Goldsteins, whose office is still flooded with new and ‘gently-used’ sneakers, hiking boots, rain boots, flip-flops, and shoes, awaiting their delivery to those who need them the most.