

## Our Story

Street Kicks was founded by two medical students who witnessed a patient, who was experiencing homelessness, walk out of the hospital with only yellow hospital socks to cover his feet. We were determined to find a way for all patients to be discharged with adequate footwear and began collecting shoe donations the following week. Street Kicks has developed into a sustainable resource providing patients in need with socks and shoes upon discharge from Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.



**Our mission is to ensure every patient leaves the hospital with appropriate footwear, to promote safety, comfort, and injury prevention**

## Risks with Inadequate Footwear

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| ↑ <b>Foot pain and injury</b>     | ↓ <b>Optimal gait</b>    |
| ↑ <b>Foot ulcers and calluses</b> | ↓ <b>Foot Hygiene</b>    |
| ↑ <b>Toe deformities</b>          | ↓ <b>Entry to Stores</b> |



## What We've Learned

- Starting a new organization is not easy. There will be more closed doors than open ones, but with passion and grit, we all can reach our goals and have an impact in others' lives.
- We can make a difference in peoples' lives, even through something as simple as giving them a pair of shoes.
- Inadequate footwear has a significant impact on foot health and injury prevention.

## Future Directions

- We hope to expand Street Kicks beyond Henry Ford Hospital to other hospitals in Detroit and beyond.
- We hope to establish a need for hospital provided footwear for patients and demonstrate the benefit of this service to patients.

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