

## **Media Advisory**

### **Lil' Feet of SLC in conjunction with Ft. Pierce Police sponsors "Shop with a Cop"**

**St. Lucie County** – Lil' Feet of St. Lucie County, St. Lucie County Fire District (SLCFD) and the Fort Pierce Police Department (FPPD) are proud partners for an upcoming "Shop with a Cop" event at Payless Shoes (2061 S US 1) in Fort Pierce on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 9:00 am.

The FPPD "Courageous Kids" program will identify the children and the Lil' Feet program, sponsored by SLCFD will provide the shoe cards, so that children in need will have new shoes for the summer.

Lil' Feet began in 2009, when a local firefighter and his crew responded to a fire alarm at a daycare center. It was a false alarm, but while at the center Firefighter Fred Barbera noticed a child with holes in his shoes. Later that day, he and another firefighter went to a local store and bought the child shoes and socks. Since then, Lil' Feet has provided thousands of pairs of shoes to children throughout St. Lucie County.

The Lil Feet mission is to provide new shoes to children in need so that they can run, play, and learn in comfort and with dignity; allowing them to focus on performing, rather than their circumstances.

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