



Tradeshow Exhibit Company Donates Tee Shirts to Annie's Resale for the World (and they have found their way around the world!)

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A kind woman by the name of Laurie Aklinski was working for a Tradeshow Exhibit company in southern Wisconsin in 2017. She learned that her company had some extra promotional products that their customer did not need, and inquired if the folks at Annie's Resale for the World would like to find a home for them. This included tee shirts, leather portfolios and other school and office supplies.

We got to work and partnered with a number of organizations, including a man by the name of Frank Davis, who partners with Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Illinois. Frank helps to obtain school desks, supplies, sporting equipment and many other items in good condition to assist schools and communities in developing countries.

Through the 40 foot containers that Frank and the Willow teams ship overseas, the tee shirts and other items that Laurie had shared with Annie's Resale for the World have ended up in some of the most amazing places, including Haiti, Uganda, Zambia, Malawi and South Africa. These products have also been shared with some local Chicago organizations that serve the homeless and other people in need. Here is the story of one shipment of tee shirts that was recently received in Zambia and distributed to young people through three churches. One recipient of the distribution team wrote this:



"Sports activities are essentially good for the young people to keeping them busy and let them have fun; and at the same time, it teaches them principles of discipline through everyday dealings.

We thank you for tee shirts and soccer balls given to our youths in Luanshya (Zambia). When news of the distribution reached our young people, they teamed up together with great excitement. This attracted other young people around who came to participate in the games in the spirit of togetherness."

The other good news? Laurie, now with a new company, just sent us another several thousand tee shirts! We will be passing these along through our friend Frank as well, in Spring 2020!