









Comfort Socks Newsletter - October 2011 - Socks for the Homeless

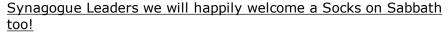
Happy 3rd Birthday Comfort Socks

Here we are 3 years and 30,000 pairs of socks later. Why not make a donation with the number 3 in it (\$3.00, \$13.00, 23.00 etc.) in honor of our 3rd birthday. Thank you for all who have helped us get so far. We love you very much.

Socks on Sunday Still Going Strong

Socks on Sunday is off to a great start -

When I drove up to Shepherds Assembly Church in Ocean Isle Beach, NC, I could just feel something special was in the air. The church was so excited to be a part of Socks on Sunday. We were blessed with open arms, warm hearts and plenty of warm socks. Thank you, Miss Llena Holden for your very special congregations welcome.



Here is a link to a download from our website about Socks on Sunday. http://www.comfortsocksonline.org /pdfs/SocksOnSundayFlyer.pdf



Riddle

If there is a drawer full of socks, half of the socks are solid black and half of the solid socks are white. With your eyes closed, how many socks would you have to pull out of the sock drawer to have a pair with the same color? – Be the first to answer on our FB page.

Be a Comfort Box for Comfort Socks

Are you Comfort Box material? Comfort Socks is stretching our territory and invite you to be a 'Comfort Box' for your city or state. A 'Comfort Box' leader is a team player who volunteers to help answer questions about Comfort Socks, spread the word to schools and universities in your city or state, and generally be a great help in directing those who want to do a sock drive near you. Help us spread our wings and cover the country. Sign up today:)

But Most Important - Connect with our passion to give comfort to those lost and hurting. Something as simple as socks is used powerfully to show love and compassion. Please come and get involved, donate time, socks, resources, and share our story with your fb friends, co-workers, schools, churches. We need you, but more important, others need you more.

It was a fruitful day at the 2011 National Make a Difference Day at the Cameron Art Museum in Wilmington, NC. We were busy spreading the word about our mission, and making new Comfort Socks connections. Pictured here are new friends of the Comfort Socks family. Even our dog Enzo, wanted to get involved. How about you?



Comfort Socks and the Homeless Village

Brunswick Family Assistance along with Building Hope Ministries, hosted 'A Homeless Village'. What

is a Homeless Village? Brunswick County residents have volunteered to be homeless for a 24 hour period. What's the goal? The purpose of this public awareness event was to increase knowledge and understanding of poverty and homelessness in Brunswick County. We were honored to be a quest speaker at this event on Oct 21st.

Welcome New Sock Recipients

Comfort Socks is proud to have sent over 450 pairs of socks to **Project Homeless Connect**. Here the homeless can connect to so many services, including a foot station where they can receive foot care from a health care professional, but also, you guessed it, new socks and shoes. Project Homeless Connect will be held on November 17, 2011. http://www.homewardva.org

Welcome St Johns Center for Homeless Men

Founded in 1986, St. John Center is an emergency day shelter and social services center for homeless men. Housed in a former Catholic church built in the 1850's as a safe haven for immigrants following Bloody Monday, the agency still serves as sanctuary today for those who often have no place else to go.

http://www.stjohncenter.org/

The Potters House, a homeless program of the Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, will be so excited in a few days. Why? Because that's when our shipment of socks will arrive. Thank you so much, all those who collect socks for us - Your action will speak louder than words to the hearts of the homeless.

Locally, Comfort Socks delivered socks to the **Good Shepherd Center** and to the **Early Bread Program of St Peter the Fisherman** Church, both in Wilmington. We are honored to know such beautiful people that give so much of themselves and their time to serve the homeless. Sharing is caring.

A Great Big Thank You to our Sock Collectors

When Comfort Socks started - about 3 years ago - one of the first members to the Comfort Socks family was **Matthew Cloner** of Seattle. Through the years, we have come to know this man's heart for our mission, animal rights, human rights, and many great causes. But the thing that touches me is that Matthew always checks in with us, keeps us in his prayers, and blesses us with socks when he can. Thank you, Matthew for the socks and card we received today, and for the kindness of your heart toward others. We treasure you and know that your gift of comfort will bless those going through a difficult time.

Joe and Theresa Oakes decided to celebrate their 50 years of marriage, they did more than have a big party – they used that party as a way to give comfort to those without a home. How? They sent an insert in their invitations that said "No Gifts Please- Instead donate socks to Comfort Socks". Theresa and Joe have allowed me to share their picture, poem and insert. Theresa even took time during the celebration to speak about Comfort Socks and the work we are doing. But what was so precious to me is the day Theresa Oakes knocked on my door with 163 pairs of socks. It was then that we both shared a moment we will not forget. With tears in both our eyes, we held all these wonderful, soft, warm, full of comfort socks, both deeply happy about this simple yet precious gift those lost and afraid will receive. Somehow a thank you doesn't seem like enough, but here goes, Thank you Theresa, Joe and your family and friends for understanding our mission, and giving your very best. Know that your gift is a blessed thing, for it says in Matthew 25:40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

http://www.comfortsocksonline.org/pdfs/50annivesaryCS0001.pdf

Comfort Socks family member, Leslie Bennett has come up with the cutest idea to collect new socks this October. She calls it "Trick or Treat, Comfort Feet". Leslie will place a big Trick or Treat bag on the porch of her home, inviting the Arbor Creek Community of Southport NC to come over and Treat the homeless with new socks. I love creative ideas like this - Does this inspire you to do your own "Trick or Treat, Comfort Feet" event? So easy - so rewarding - and so important.

Comfort Socks is currently investigating the benefits to a person or entity who has real estate that they may wish to donate to us. If you have a piece of property that you are unable to sell or lease, a donation of that real estate to Comfort Socks would be of interest to us and may be of great benefit to you. Please contact me if you think you may be interested in donating real estate to Comfort Socks.

Thank You Contributors - for your Faithfulness

Your support of Comfort Socks has allowed us to receive 29,663 pairs of socks so far. We are so grateful to all our

supporters.

First: We wish Comfort and Compassion are known by our actions and to all sock recipients. **Second:** We pray for Blessings for our supporters, sock recipients, and those without a home. **Third:** Every Sock, Every Dollar, Every Prayer Matters - Please stay mindful of us and remember us monthly, if you can. Thank you and God Bless You for your faithfulness and caring for others through your support of the Comfort Socks mission. You are very special to us, and you make a huge difference for so many by your Comfort Socks support.

Special Thanks to **New Life Christian Fellowship** for allowing us the use of their facilities and for their prayers and support for our mission and for those without a home.

New Life Christian Fellowship

2154 Stone Chimney Rd SW Supply, NC 28462 (910) 842-3201 Sunday Service 10:30 am Wednesday Evenings 7:30 pm http://newlifecf.blogspot.com/

Comfort Socks is a 501(c)3 public charity that collects and distributes new socks for homeless people and families. All contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

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