



SOCK STUFF

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PRESENTING THE NEED TO MY TEAM

- Do you have a sock drawer at home? Homeless people do not.
- People who are homeless are always in desperate need of new socks.
- Homeless people put their socks through more wear and tear in a week than most socks see in a year.
- Most are forced to sleep with their shoes on to prevent them from being stolen.
- Most homeless spend most of their days walking as they are constantly being prodded to move along.
- Foot wellness is a major concern for overall physical well being of anyone, but especially the homeless.
 - Did you know that having cold feet can lower your immunity system? In 2005, there was a study that proved people are almost 30% more likely to come down with a flu or sickness when their feet are cold for just 20 minutes a day. The homeless can spend many hours a day with cold feet.
- What can we do as a team to help?
- Watch the YouTube Video for this project on the 5th/6th Grade playlist at www.YouTube.com/conquestclubs



COMFORT THE FEET, COMFORT THE SOUL!

OUR CALL TO SERVE

Let's organize a sock drive! Let's bring Christ and serve homeless people - we will help them be comforted by new, warm, and dry socks!

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WEEK	STEPS	QUESTION OF THE WEEK
1	<p>Investigate: Find a local homeless shelter in need of clean new socks. You could partner up with a sock drive organization such as www.confortsocks.org. You can collect just new socks, and ideally other items to stuff in the socks, such as prayer cards, nutrition bars, or even pack brown bag lunches as well to deliver.</p> <p>Plan : You will need to plan the collection locations, dates and times. Also plan the delivery date and time for dropping off the actual socks (and optional brown bag lunches) that you collected at the homeless shelter.</p>	XXXX
2	<p>Flyer: Design a flyer – use the logo and name of this project on the flyer. You could accept donations of packages of new socks and cash/checks to be able to purchase other items to stuff into the socks or to also make brown paper bag lunches.</p>	XXXX
3	<p>Promote: Make sure to promote well: during weekend Masses, in the parish bulletin and on social media.</p>	XXXX
4	<p>Continue Promotion: You could also make signs to put by the parish roads stating “New Sock Drive for the Homeless” with the date and place for drop-off.</p>	XXXX

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5	Collection #1: This week should be the first collection of socks and donations. Weekend Masses work well. Schedule the boys appropriately. Make sure to have a place designated to store the collection (If not at the parish, perhaps one of the dads can volunteer to keep in his garage)	XXXX
6	Collection #2: Ideally should be a different location – such as outside a local department store, etc. Make sure to receive permission for the project well in advance.	XXXX
7	Sort and Fun!: Sort all of the socks, and begin gathering items to stuff into the socks. Roll the socks into balls and have a winter snowball sock fight with your team!	XXXX
8	Stuff and Deliver: The final week, stuff as many socks as you can with items that you gathered or purchased. Make brown paper bag lunches in an assembly line. Carpool to homeless shelter to deliver the socks and lunches if possible. This way the boys will see first hand the desperate need of the homeless.	Service Project: There is a short Gospel Reflection to help motivate the boys for this apostolic project.

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LOCATION

- Parish – this should be one of the two collection sites. Promoting a week or two in advance is ideal, telling people to bring packages of new socks and money to help the homeless. Collection should take place after weekend Masses.
- Department Stores – Obtain permission in advance. Setup outside the entrance to the store. Ask people going into the store to consider buying a package of socks for the homeless and your groups sock drive. You could also ask for nutrition bars for stuffing into the socks as well.

PROVISIONS

- Flyers (optional posters and road signs)
- Items for stuffing (ideas)
 - Saint cards
 - Nutrition bars
 - Cheese and crackers or other type snacks
 - Candy
 - Wet wipes, toothbrushes, travel toothpaste, razors, etc.
- Items for brown paper bag lunches
 - Brown paper bags
 - Bread
 - Peanut butter and jelly
 - Sandwich bags
 - Fruit or other snack
 - Napkin
 - Drink box or bottle of water

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RESPONSIBILITIES

- Flyers, posters, road signs (one or two members)
- Parish bulletin and / or after Mass announcements (one or two members)
These should be very well done.
- Socks: One member should be responsible for storing all of the socks collected.
- Donations: One member should be in charge of collected donations (working with group treasurer or parish office)
- Promotion: All members should help promote to everyone they know.
- Schedule: One or two members should make the schedule for who will work the collections – times and dates
- Stuff items: Two members should be in charge of obtaining items to stuff into the new socks.
- Brown paper bag lunches: Two members should be in charge of gathering the items needed to make brown paper bag lunches.

CONTACTS

- Pastor: To provide permission to do this project, promote and collect socks and donations after Masses.
- Dads: Should be asked to help and participate in this project, especially to organize carpools to drop off the socks and lunches at the homeless shelter location.
- Homeless shelter staff: To arrange drop off and discuss any specific items they are in need of.
- Benefactors: People who you ask to donate socks and money can be more aware of the needs of the homeless in their area.

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SPECIAL OPS

- Parish office: Coordinate with the parish office for this project. See if they have a place to store the collected socks, etc.
- When stuffing the socks and lunches, use several tables and make an assembly line or two. Ensure to allocate enough time to assemble the target number you want. If there are more sock than you can stuff, remaining socks can simply be left in the packages to donate to the homeless shelter.
- When the boys (ideally) deliver the socks and lunches, have them also serve a meal to the homeless. This would need to be arranged well in advance with the shelter staff.
- Investigate ideas by scouring websites regarding sock drives, homeless shelter needs, etc.
- Don't forget to have fun! Have a sock war! Play similar to a snowball fight or play dodgeball style rules.

CONTINGENCY PLAN



- Instead of having an all out sock drive, you could simply ask each boy to bring a package of new socks, stuff and deliver them to the homeless shelter. This will still have an impact on the boys, but not spread the awareness and need to others.
- You could do the same for brown paper bag lunches. Simply assign each boy items to bring ahead of time, make an assembly line, produce the lunches and deliver.

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ROLL CALL

ORGANIZING THE TEAM

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