

Did you know...

Experts believe that **the first socks were worn by cavemen**, who wrapped animal skins around their feet and tied them at the ankle. Animal furs were sometimes used for extra warmth.

What do socks do?

They absorb moisture, they maintain a stable body temperature and they keep your feet warm and dry. Clean socks prevent skin breakdown, blisters and infection.

Why are socks the number 1 thing homeless shelter needs?

Living on the street, many unsheltered people rarely take their shoes off. They walk often and do not always have laundry facilities at close reach. That's why clean socks are a reliably top-requested item at homeless shelters.

How many pairs of socks have been collected at our church?

<u>6670 pairs of socks</u>! Dick Bole began collecting socks for the Salvation Army in 2011. Since then, we have donated socks to schools, Cathedral in the Light, Survival Center, NELCWIT, the Food Pantry as well as the Salvation Army. Dick died in 2015, and that year we set a goal to collect 1,000 pairs of socks in his memory. <u>2,794 pairs of socks</u> were collected, an incredible tribute to a man whose motto was "Sharing is Caring".

We are collecting socks, hats, mittens, and scarves again this Christmas season. Please join us in helping others to stay warm and dry!