



## Comfort Socks Newsletter - December 2010 - Socks for the Homeless

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### [A Great Big Thank You to Our Sock Collectors](#)

Christmas has come a little early for Comfort Socks - Fed Ex dropped off 4 big boxes full of socks from our friends at **North Pines Inc.** That's **720 pairs of good quality socks!** Thank you so much David and Jennifer, for reaching out to us time after time after time. You are such a great blessing to Comfort Socks, and to all those feet you help keep warm and dry. Please check out their great deals and quality merchandise at <http://northpines.org/index.html>

Thank you, **Calabash Columbettes # 9039** – who raised funds and purchased **223** pairs of socks. You are a great supporter of our work and we appreciate you very much.

Meet **Jay Stolz**, a disabled and retired veteran, who has allowed me to share his story. The last few years have been difficult for him. But Jay made a promise to 'pay it forward' when things started to get better for him and he chose Comfort Socks as his vehicle to keep that promise. So, with a heart eager to comfort the feet of the homeless, he donated **200** pairs of socks. But it soon became apparent that Jay just can't get enough of us - He stepped up again with another **150** pairs of socks. Jay also contacted Waffle House with a idea to give away free coffee for those who bring socks – and now a tentative event is planned with Waffle House for Feb 2011. Thank you, Jay for volunteering your time, and talents. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Alabama Wholesale Socks** donated **180** pairs of mens crews this month to help fill our warehouse. Thank you, Tommy for working with us.

Special Thanks to the **General Federation of Women's Clubs** - the South Brunswick Chapter for their donation of **181** pairs of great quality socks. This is the second year that these very special woman have stepped up to support the Comfort Socks mission. To find out more about all their great work in and about our community, check out their website at <http://www.gfwcsbi.org/>

Over **60** pairs of socks were received today from the **Multi-Cultural Greek Council of Virginia Commonwealth University**. Every pair of socks matters so we extend a big thank to MGC of VCU from the 60 + homeless people who will receive the comfort of new socks because of your efforts.

**Southport Elementary School** held their annual "WE LOVE OUR PARENTS IN PE" during the week of December 9-16, and dedicated a basketball station to collect socks for us. Over **115** pairs of socks were collected, with more on the way. Now that what's we call a real Slam Dunk for Comfort Socks. Thank you to my good friend, **Wendy Jones**, who coordinated it all. We are always happy to see children participating in our mission.



**Shalotte Presbyterian Church** does it again - second year in a row - We got to open a Christmas Bag full of **190 +** socks - Thank you so much, Shalotte Presbyterian, for your faithfulness to the Comfort Socks mission. <http://shalottechurch.org/>

Once again, **Devon Methodist Church** came through for us with **80** pairs of warm socks. Thank you from all those feet you have kept warm.

Check out **Team Jayden** - <http://www.firstgiving.com/teamhoytjayden> Our paths met a few months ago, and instantly Team Jayden began finding creative ways of collecting socks, with a promise to continue on for Comfort Socks. This group of caring people that make up Team Jayden are an inspiration in and of themselves, unselfishly raising money to help disabled children compete in sports. They further their support to help other non-profits all across the nation accomplish their goals. Please check out their great work at <http://www.firstgiving.com/teamhoytjayden> You will be hearing more from Team Jayden in the future. We are so grateful they have found us. Jayden is pictured here with some of the **118 pairs of socks** collected by Team Jayden.



**Nick & Aldona**, our friends from NJ, – sent Comfort Socks **38** pairs of socks - Yeah - Thank you!

## [Media News](#)

Have you seen our new Promo Video? – The entire video was produced by Joseph Tese, a very talented 17 yr Early College High School student and future film maker. If you missed it, just click on the link <http://www.youtube.com/user/ComfortSocksOnline?feature=mhum>

Check out our Sock Drop Location tab on our website. If you have a business or retail location, and would like to become a sock drop location, please contact [Theresa@comfortsocksonline.org](mailto:Theresa@comfortsocksonline.org), or call Theresa at 910-269-8577.

We welcome your comments about the new Comfort Socks newsletter. How do you like it? Do the links work? Maybe you just love it - please share your thoughts - it is important to us that our news reach you. Thanks so much.

## [Upcoming Events](#)

Want a nice hot cup of coffee? Well, **Waffle House** has joined the Comfort Socks family by giving away a free cup of coffee to anyone who brings socks to their Shalotte and Leland locations during the month of February. The event is being held in February as their way of helping you to show love to the misplaced of the world. Yes, most will use flowers and candy as a way to express love to another, but a package of socks is a great way to show someone you don't know that you care. Why not stop into Waffle House and drop off some socks, and get a free cup of coffee too?

We are so grateful to **UNCW** for two years of multiple events to support our mission. **UNCW's** latest Slam Dunk promotion for Comfort Socks was reduced price tickets to a UNCW basketball game with a sock donation. Here is what was listed on the UNCW Athletics website.



**Wednesday, December 29**

**Comfort Socks Collection**

Women's Basketball vs. Ohio

7 pm at Trask Coliseum

Sponsored by Enterprise, Gold's Gym

**Event Info**

[Tickets](#)

(\$3 Adult Ticket  
w/Pack of Socks)

[Team Teal Event](#)



**Thursday, December 30**

**Comfort Socks Collection**

Men's Basketball vs. Toledo

7 pm at Trask Coliseum

Sponsored by Harris Teeter

**Event Info**

Tickets

(\$9 Adult Ticket,

\$5 Youth Ticket

w/Pack of Socks)

Team Teal Event

## [Thank You Contributors - for your Faithfulness](#)

Your support of Comfort Socks has allowed us to receive **22,700** 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.

We received a donation with a **dedication** request. It is our honor to recognize **Jack and Flo Guite**.

To the person who made an anonymous donation to Comfort Socks; Please know that you are a great blessing to us, and we appreciate your heart to help. **Thank you so much.**

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

## [A Word from Our Founder](#)

Comfort Socks has always been a mission of faith, in that every pair of socks we send to homeless shelters, we believe that the sock recipient is going to receive the comfort we long to provide. We do not need to see the fruits of our labors to know we are effective.

As the new year is upon us, I want to take this time of reflection to personally thank **every** supporter of Comfort Socks from our inception to this very minute. **Each one of you is so vital to our future, and has touched my heart in a very special way.**

This month, I would like to share the story of one supporter who has encouraged and inspired me by allowing me to share his story, and I hope his story will touch you also.

His name is Bill. Bill lives in Denver, Co. He has a willingness to support the Comfort Socks vision by giving his best out of his least, and this has really moved me. You see, Bill is a Christian man whose faith has kept him through some very difficult times. Once homeless himself, he was moved by Comfort Socks because he experienced firsthand how important a **new, heavy-cushioned pair of socks comforted him** in his time of need. Now, many years later, he finds himself living in an apartment but out of work. Recently, he had to sell his car to have funds in which to sustain him for a while. But out of his lack, he acted on the oh so important mission of comfort that Comfort Socks strives to provide. Never losing faith in God to provide for him, and not focusing on the small number in his checkbook register, Bill walked to the nearest Costco and purchased 125 pairs of new heavy-cushioned socks. He washed every pair in fabric softener so the recipient's feet would feel extra soft. He neatly lined up

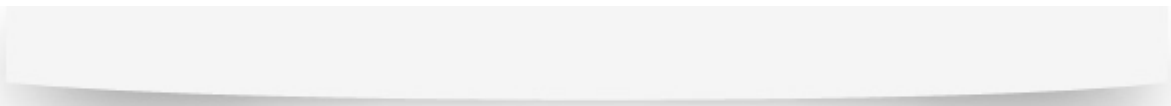
every pair in the shipping box, and included 20 CD's labeling each with the list of 80 contemporary Christian songs and their artists and identifying the inspirational teachings also found on each CD. He explained that the CD's are for the volunteers or staff who worked the homeless shelters to help keep them inspired and strong in the face of so much pain. Also included were laminated statements of hope for the sock recipients. Every item in the box was packed with such care as an offering to the Lord Jesus Christ. Bill's story is one of the true Christmas Spirit that I know will continue year round in his heart. A story that I will cherish and is the epitome of faith in the face of lack, calm in the midst of a storm, and of sincere hope and love for one's fellow man.

Bill wanted to be sure that we invite anyone who may want one of the CD's to just send us a request, here at Comfort Socks, and it will be sent to you, free (one per address, please).

I pray that those of you who read this are moved in your spirit to commit to the Comfort Socks mission for years to come.

Thank you and God Bless You for caring for others, and may the new year be the best you have ever experienced.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Tese



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homeless  
people and families. All contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

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