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Dear Theresa,

The reason we wanted to do this is because this past October was an inspirational one for our family. We are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and twice a year our church has meetings, called General Conference, where we have the opportunity to listen to prominent leaders of our church give us guidance and spiritual upliftment. Our family was particularly inspired by our church president, Thomas S. Monson's talk on service. After listening to his talk we decided that we would do a family service project this season. One to help others, two, to learn work together as a family on a common goal, and three to show our love for our Savior who has blessed us with so much. After doing some research and some leg work I came across your listing for help on the United Way website. [Comfort Socks seemed like the perfect fit for our family.](#) Having small children, Allison 10, Claire 7, Ainsley 6, and Rainier 1, its not easy finding a project that your whole family can do together. We liked the idea that we could do this from our home, on our own time, and invite friends and family to help out.

[We were so excited when our school agreed to help out and were able to hold a month long sock drive there. My children were thrilled with the idea and were more than pleased to be able to tell the teachers that their family was the one responsible for the drive. My daughters teachers were very supportive and had their classrooms make cards for the cause also. This experience was one of much worth for all of those involved. It gave each of us, young and old alike, a common purpose and goal. Unfortunately the Walmart sock drive didn't work out, time got away from us, but we were thrilled to have collected more than 391 pairs of socks and beautiful cards of hope for the sock recipients.](#)

Thank you for the opportunity to be able to help your great nonprofit organization out and allow our community to grow a little bit closer because of it.

I have attached a family picture so you'll know who we are.

Thanks Again.  
Jolene Gearhart

