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Dear Cambridge and Somerville Friends:

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for your generous support of our 1999 *Help the Feet that Walk the Streets: Sock Drive for the Homeless*. The drive was a tremendous success, thanks in large part to the support of so many community partners. We collected two thousand pairs of socks - for men, women, and children - and are still receiving calls from individuals and school groups interested in contributing to the project.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all of our community partners, including the following:

- School children at the **Cambridge Friends School** created signs to help promote the drive.
- **Cambridge Health Alliance** staff assisted with collection efforts in the Cambridge and Somerville Hospital cafeterias and six neighborhood health centers.
- School nurses in the **Cambridge Public Schools** coordinated collection efforts in the schools.
- **Cambridge Reprographics** donated more than 200 color posters.
- **CASPAR** assisted with the sorting and distribution of socks.
- **Gentle Giant Moving Company** donated boxes and moving services.
- **Harvard Square Business Association** publicized the drive in Harvard Square.
- **Harvard Student Committee on Premedical Education** coordinated a campus-wide drive.

We recently dropped off our first donation of socks to CASPAR's Emergency Service Center in Cambridge, a site which maintains a 72-bed shelter. The center's director was thrilled with the donation and emphasized again how important socks are for the guests at their shelter. He stated, "I wish you could be here at 6:30 in the morning. *Socks are probably the single most requested item here at the shelter.*" We also have begun to distribute the socks to other shelters in Cambridge and Somerville.

Thank you again for your help in this very important project. We look forward to working together again on behalf of homeless individuals and families in Cambridge and Somerville.

Sincerely,

Harold Cox
Chief Public Health Officer

Sherry Riva
Project Coordinator



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A communication was received from Harold Cox, Chief Public Health Officer and Sherry Riva, Project Coordinator, transmitting thanks for the generous support of their 1999 Help the Feet that Walk the Streets: Sock Drive for the Homeless."

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