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Dear Cambridge Friends:

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The Cambridge Public Health Department is coordinating a Sock Drive for the Homeless, ***Help the Feet that Walk the Streets***, from April 5th - April 12th, 1999. Our goal is to collect 3,000 pairs of socks to distribute to local homeless shelters, while raising awareness about homelessness in Cambridge.

Why socks? According to the 1998 Cambridge Census of Homeless Persons, there are more than 500 homeless Cambridge men, women, and children. Homeless people spend a lot of time outside and on their feet all year round. Clean, dry socks and good foot care help prevent many foot-related health problems.

Through the Sock Drive for the Homeless, the Cambridge Public Health Department will collect new socks and pairs of second-hand socks in good condition. One of the greatest needs is for adult-size, white athletic socks. An initial distribution of socks will be made to all Cambridge shelters. Additional socks will be stored at a clothing distribution program at CASPAR, the Cambridge/Somerville Program for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Rehabilitation.

Socks can be dropped off at City Hall or at one of the following Neighborhood Health Centers:

- Senior Health Center, 806 Massachusetts Ave.
- Windsor Street Health Center, 119 Windsor St.
- East Cambridge Health Center, 650 Cambridge St.
- North Cambridge Health Center, 266 Rindge Ave.
- Riverside Health Center, 205 Western Ave.
- Cambridge Family Health, 237 Hampshire St.

School nurses are also assisting with collection efforts in the Cambridge Public Schools.

We are reaching out to the entire Cambridge community to assist us with this drive. The business community, including the Harvard Square Business Association, is helping us promote our campaign. The Harvard University Student Committee on Premedical Education is coordinating the drive at Harvard University. Cambridge Reprographics has donated copy services, and Gentle Giant Moving Company in Somerville has donated boxes and moving services. Children from the Cambridge Friends School will be designing signs to help advertise and promote the drive.

We hope to have your support in this effort. Please contact our Project Coordinator, Sherry Riva, at 498-1480 x229 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Harold Cox

Chief Public Health Officer



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