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Changing the World, One Sock at a Time

Last year in seventh grade, my language arts class was required to come up with something that we were passionate about, a passion project. I thought long and hard about what I was going to do. Finally, after a couple of weeks of tossing ideas around, I decided to collect and donate socks to the homeless.

I planned a small sock drive for my school. I asked the students to bring socks to me for me to donate, and we sent an email to the teachers. It was cool to see how many people cared about sharing and helping out. I ended up with several packages of socks. Someone even brought in a blanket!

The next day, my mom and I went out to the store and bought small packages of chips, cookies, and bottled water. We put the water in the fridge so it could get cold. We made bags of socks, snacks, and cold water to hand out. My dad and I rode out around Must Ministries in Marietta and started looking. It was amazing how many people were outside with no food, or money, or even a job. At the beginning, we had 20 care packages. By the end, we had handed out all of them, and there were so many more people that we couldn't help.

The most amazing thing was how every time we gave one person a package, he or she would call more people over, and they would all split the package. It's crazy how the people with nothing care the most about taking care of others. We never see how valuable something is until we lose it.

I learned so many things from donating to the homeless. I realized that no matter how much we help, there is still more to do. The homeless population is so much larger than I thought. It did not take us very long to find and meet twenty people. I realized that the people with the least amount of things have the biggest hearts. I also realized how amazing it feels to help someone in need.

So, I encourage you, go out and be involved, donate what you can, pick up trash, and help the community where you live. You never know how good it feels until you do it. Make the world a better place. We are a family. We, as people, can change the world. You can change the world, just like I did.