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**Harford County's "SOCKtober" Donation Drive Nets More Than 8,600 Warm Socks, Hats & Gloves for Neighbors in Need this Winter**

**BEL AIR, Md.,** (Nov. 27, 2017) – Thanks to the generosity of the Harford County community, October's SOCKtober donation drive collected more than 8,600 new socks, hats, gloves, and mittens of all sizes for local citizens in need. Harford County government in partnership with Harford County Public Library sponsored this second annual donation drive with collection boxes placed in public buildings countywide.

Many local organizations, including the Aberdeen IronBirds, joined the effort and an astounding 3,600 pairs of socks were donated by the Sephora Distribution Center in Perryman.

Warm socks, hats, mittens, and gloves are among the most needed and requested items at homeless shelters, yet they often are among the least donated. SOCKtober was timed to help raise awareness about homelessness in Harford County before the cold winter months, and to provide items that are in high demand among the most vulnerable populations.

Items donated during SOCKtober will be distributed to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or on the brink of homelessness, and to local veterans' organizations.

"The generosity of local citizens, community groups and businesses is heartwarming, especially as we head into the holidays and the colder weather," County Executive Barry Glassman said. "I am grateful to everyone who helped make this donation drive a success, and proud of the way we care for one another in Harford County."



*Pictured with SOCKtober donations from left: Harford County Department of Community Services officials Sylvia Bryant, deputy director; Susan Fisher, human relations manager; Amber Shrodes, director; Demetric Gillespie, mediation coordinator; Theresa Smith, marketing, and County Executive Barry Glassman.*



*Aberdeen IronBirds front office staff and mascots with their SOCKtober donations*

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