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Prince of Peace Luthern Church
12770 Saratoga Ave.
Saratoga, CA 95070

Dear Friends,

Thanks to your donation another person struggling through homelessness can come in from the cold this winter.

Did you know that cold-weather related conditions, such as hypothermia and persistently wet feet, can lead to an eightfold increase in the risk of mortality for an unhoused individual?*

As someone who supports HomeFirst's vision of a community where everyone has a home, you probably already understand homelessness is a serious health concern. But did you ever think that something as simple as a fresh pair of socks can make such a huge impact for someone?

Your generous gift of \$1,000.00 courtesy the Mission Endowment Fund on October 4, 2018 will go to ensuring that HomeFirst has plenty of socks, blankets, and other items of *comfort* for all of our guests coming in from the cold this winter season. Last winter, we served over 1,500 individuals and 40 families at our year-round and seasonal shelter locations. With your support, we are hoping to provide even more relief to those in need this season.

So, let us say thanks again, Prince of Peace Luthern Church! I hope the next time you put on a clean pair of socks—preferably straight from the dryer—you will be reminded of the potentially life-saving impact you've made for one of our guests! *Sometimes it is the smallest of things that make the biggest difference.*

In Gratitude,

Andrea K. Urton
Chief Executive Officer

Thank
you!

P.S. Our cold weather season kick-off and largest fundraising event of the year *In From the Cold* took place on November 1st and we are truly humbled by the amount of support we received! Visit our website www.homefirstsc.org under the 'Events' tab to check out the official photo album from the event!

Donations to HomeFirst are tax exempt under the IRS Section 501(c)3. No goods or services are provided in return for charitable contributions. HomeFirst Federal Tax ID: 94-2684272. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Browne, Development Associate at abrowne@homefirstsc.org

*From the National Health Care for the Homeless Council report [Premature Mortality in Homeless Populations](#) (2005) by James J. O'Connell, MD