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Help the City of Bainbridge Island Provide Warm, Dry Socks for the Homeless this Winter

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (December, 2016) – The City of Bainbridge Island needs your help achieving the goal of collecting 1200 socks for the homeless over the next few months.

The City is participating in a program created by non-profit WeCount that has installed twelve "Boxes of Socks" providing free clean socks to anyone on the streets in need of them this winter. Access to clean dry socks can make the difference between mobility, lack thereof, and sometimes life threatening diseases. The City of Bainbridge Island will be adopting the sock box at the Seattle Ferry Terminal for three months beginning in January. Socks can be donated at City Hall or arrangements can be made for socks to be picked up at the Bainbridge Island or Seattle Terminal by contacting City Communications Manager Kellie Stickney. The City is also hoping that local agencies and school districts might also be willing to serve as collection spots.

“It can be difficult as an individual to know the best way to help those in need,” said Communications Manager Kellie Stickney. “Participating in the ‘Boxes of Socks’ program is an easy way for us to provide real tangible help to people experiencing homelessness.”

Organizations interested in helping should contact City Communications Manager Kellie Stickney at 206.780.3741 or kstickney@bainbridgewa.gov. Volunteers are needed to collect socks and to refill the box at the Seattle Ferry Terminal. For more information on WeCount and the “Boxes of Soxes” program visit www.wecount.org or you can view the following video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oK4Mz5WxQ_4&feature=youtu.be/

WeCount is a Seattle based 501c3 organization founded by tech entrepreneur Jonathan Sposato and community activist Graham Pruss. Using web and smartphone technology, WeCount.org enables people experiencing homelessness to ask for items they need to survive, and enables the community to make direct donations on a hyper-local basis. Through inspiring acts of peer-to-peer-giving, WeCount seeks to humanize and make visible those members of our community experiencing homelessness and to build relationships with their neighbors who can provide for their critical needs. WeCount works closely with social service organizations to help people transition out of homelessness permanently.

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