

## Seton Sock Hop for the Homeless

A simple pair of socks goes a long way

Austin, (TX) – Earlier this year **Front Steps** facilitated a tour and discussion of the **Austin Resource Center for the Homeless** for a group of emergency room nurses and staff from the **University Medical Center at Brackenridge**. Part of ‘social work month’ at **Seton**, staff dove deeper into the day to day challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness, and the needs that many may take for granted.

“I made a joke that day that we should have a sock drive and call it a sock hop” says **LaTashia Kiel** in response to hearing that one item in high demand among the homeless are socks. Often overlooked, the seemingly small needs, like a clean pair of socks for example, can truly make a significant difference in the lives of those on the streets.

Kiels joke, however, became a reality. Hospital staff collected over **150 pairs of socks** as part of their sock hop drive to donate to the men and women that visit the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless every day. **Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>** UMC Brackenridge emergency department directors, managers and nursing staff will deliver their gift.

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**What:** 150 pairs of socks donated for distribution to the homeless

**When:** Friday June 5th, 2013 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** The Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH), 500 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas

**Who:** Seton University Medical Center Brackenridge, Front Steps

**Why:** An effort to place a clean pair of socks on the feet of Austin’s homeless.

### **About Front Steps, Inc.:**

Front Steps, based on the belief that all people deserve the dignity of a safe place to call home, seeks to end homelessness by providing shelter, affordable housing and community education. While managing the City of Austin’s emergency overnight shelter for men and day resource center for the homeless, Front Steps is also developing permanent supportive housing opportunities and places an average of 200 chronically homeless men and women into safe, securing housing each year.

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