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Steel Valley Middle School Exceeds Expectations for “Socktober” Project

Munhall, PA – In October, Steel Valley Middle School Student Government participated in “Socktober” collecting close to 3,000 pairs of socks for individuals who are homeless.

“A goal was set for 500 socks,” said Student Government Sponsor Erin Noblet. “However, Middle School Student Government students and their families helped collect 2,830 pairs of socks!”

Each night in the United States, an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets. In October, the organizers of Socktober hoped for 2 million people to show that even a small act of love, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors who are homeless.

“I am overwhelmed by the support for this project, but never surprised by our students when they put their hearts and souls into a project,” said Noblet. “They didn’t let a remote school model or a global pandemic get in their way of showing that even a small act of love, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of neighbors.”

All of Steel Valley Middle School’s donations were sent to Pittsburgh Mercy’s Operation Safety Net, a social service outreach program for people in Allegheny County experiencing homelessness.

“While we applaud a small donation of one pair of socks or 3,000, a few students went above and beyond in this service project and their work should be praised as such,” said Noblet.

Sixth grader Hannah Lesser collected 409 pairs of socks; eighth grader Abigail Fitzgerald collected 486 pairs of socks; and sixth grader Mason Rager collected 620 pairs of socks!

“Amazing job everyone! Thank you to all Steel Valley families and friends who donated to this worthy cause!” said Noblet.

