

## **Harford County collects 2,600 warm socks and mittens, 746 pounds of food for the needy**

Harford County recently sponsored two successful donation drives to benefit local citizens in need.

Harford's annual "SOCKtober" event, held throughout October, collected more than 2,600 pairs of warm socks, mittens, gloves, scarves, and hats, according to a county government press release. These greatly needed items were donated to local nonprofits serving families, veterans and individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The Socktober collection was organized by Harford County government in partnership with Harford County Public Library and We Can Move Movement. Harford senior center groups contributed hand-crocheted and knitted items for the cause.

Additionally, Harford County sponsored a Thanksgiving Food Drive from Nov. 1-22 and collected 746 pounds of non-perishable food items and other necessities including diapers and toiletries, according to the release. These items will benefit local families through the Harford Community Action Agency's food pantry in Edgewood.

"I am grateful to the residents of Harford County for their compassion and generosity," Harford County Executive Bob Cassilly said in the release. "Their donations reflect the true spirit of the season and highlight our community's willingness to help our neighbors in need."

Additional resources for those in need can be found through the Harford County Housing and Community Services Resource Guide at [harfordcountymd.gov/414/Resource](http://harfordcountymd.gov/414/Resource).