

Such a big, small thing

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She'd hoped for 1,000. She did a little better. She got 2,000.

That's the number of pairs of new socks 11-year old Hannah Ketcherside collected this year during what's become an annual birthday event for the Stockton girl.

She started the drive four years ago, opting to help fill a need rather than receive birthday gifts for herself. She saw the need while helping at St. Mary's Interfaith Community Services, where her mom is on the board.

It's such a small thing, a pair of warm socks. It's a small thing unless you have none or yours are ragged.


There's an old saying: I cried because I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet.

Hannah saw a man with no socks and did something about it. The results of her birthday sock drive this year makes clear she inspired others to do something too.

Hannah said she's already looking forward to her 2012 sock drive. So are those who'll have warm feet because of her efforts.

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