

## Socks! Socks!! Socks!!!



**AmeriCorps Members from the Partnership to End Homelessness Alisha Williams, Cynthia Phifer, Emily Holmes and Geri Epps help to separate donated socks for distribution.**

On Thursday, November 20, Mary's House, a partner agency of the Partnership to End Homelessness, took delivery of more than 14,000 pairs of socks. The socks came from a warehouse that was being liquidated. Craig Thomas, the director of Mary's House, called all of the shelters and agencies that deal with people in need and got an estimate from each of how many socks they could use. That only left the job of separating the enormous pile of socks into manageable chunks for the agencies to pick up.



**Members Emily Holmes (l) and Geri Epps (r) dig through tub after tub**



**Members Cynthia Phifer (l), Alisha Williams and Emily Holmes (r) sort through boxes**

Volunteers from Malachi House and Mary's House joined the AmeriCorps members to brave the cold and root through bins and boxes counting out pairs of socks and then bagging them. Within two hours, the volunteers had bagged all of the socks and stacked the empty boxes for the trash collectors to pick up. Agencies, including all of those who partner with the Partnership to End Homelessness, came by throughout the day to pick up the neatly bagged socks for their clients. Many of the socks are destined for the homeless. Especially during the cold weather, clean, dry socks are a real blessing to those who spend their days and nights out of doors.