

Santa Ana homeless get hundreds of new socks thanks to Joy of Sox intern and team of volunteers

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Eva Luna, 42, sees a pair of socks she likes as Intern Eliza Clark for The Joy of Sox, right, and her friend Ainsley Henderson, 21, of Newport Beach hand out clean pairs of new socks to the homeless at the Santa Ana Civic Center Plaza of the Flags on Wednesday morning, November 22, 2017. (Photo by Ken Steinhardt, Orange County Register/SCNG)

Eliza Clark of Newport Beach helped improve the comfort of homeless people in Santa Ana, Wednesday morning, Nov. 22, as she and 11 volunteers passed out hundreds of pairs of new socks to those living around the Civic Center Plaza of the Flags.



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Pointing at the Santa Ana Civic Center, Plaza of the Flags, Newport Beach resident Eliza Clark, Joy of Sox intern, joined by 11 volunteers prepare to pass out 597 pairs of new socks to the homeless on Wednesday morning. (Photo by Ken Steinhardt, Orange County Register/SCNG)



Clark distributed the socks as part of her internship with the nonprofit The Joy of Sox. She learned about the organization while studying Peace and Justice, with a minor in Communications, at Villanova University, where she's now a senior. She earned the internship following a thank you letter she wrote after volunteering.



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The Joy of Sox intern Eliza Clark of Newport Beach, center, presents a game plan to 11 volunteers as they prepare to pass out pairs of new socks to the homeless at the Santa Ana Civic Center Plaza of the Flags on Wednesday morning. (Photo by Ken Steinhardt, Orange County Register/SCNG)



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Joy of Sox intern Eliza Clark and 11 volunteers are surrounded as they begin to pass out pairs of new socks to the homeless at the Santa Ana Civic Center Plaza of the Flags on Wednesday morning. (Photo by Ken Steinhardt, Orange County Register/SCNG)





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Newport Beach brother and sister Eliza Clark, 21, and Owen Elliot Clark, 10, sort through pairs of new socks as they pass them out to the homeless at the Santa Ana Civic Center Plaza of the Flags on Wednesday morning. Clark, an intern for The Joy of Sox, is joined by 11 volunteers passing out 597 pairs at the plaza. (Photo by Ken Steinhardt, Orange County Register/SCNG)



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Working for her daughter Eliza Clark, Shannon Stewart, left, hands a pair of socks to D.K., 54. The Joy of Sox, fueled by 11 volunteers, pass out pairs of new socks to the homeless at the Santa Ana Civic Center Plaza of the Flags on Wednesday morning. (Photo by Ken Steinhardt, Orange County Register/SCNG)



“I found homelessness frustrating,” said Clark, 21. “You don’t want to donate your old socks when going through your clothing because they’re dirty and gross. There’s a need for clean new socks among the homeless. Our goal is everyone has clean socks.”

Clark and her volunteers distributed the bundle of 597 new socks in about 15 minutes after being surrounded when they arrived at the plaza.

In return, they received many “Happy Thanksgiving” wishes.