

SEARCH Ends Homelessness



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SEARCH Success Story: Emil

Last fall, SEARCH's Mobile Outreach team met Emil, who had lost his right leg and all of his toes on his left foot several years ago. Immediately, a special bond formed between Emil and SEARCH Outreach Specialist, Jess. Emil and Jess were both born in small towns about 30 minutes away from one another in upstate New York. Since that first encounter with Emil, Jess began connecting him to services at SEARCH and within the community. Sanedra, one of SEARCH's Disability Specialists, helped Emil apply for and obtain his

social security benefits. Due to Emil's physical limitations, Jess contacted the Houston Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) for help transporting Emil to medical and mental health appointments, shelters, and more. A team full of compassion and determination formed between SEARCH's Mobile Outreach Team, SEARCH's Disability Team, and HPD's HOT Team to help this sweet, caring,



gentleman named Emil. With the team's assistance, Emil was able to obtain his Texas identification, he was connected to much-needed medical treatment and mental health services, and most importantly, Emil was placed in housing and is no longer living on the streets. It truly takes a village.

SEARCH Holidays: By the Numbers

2 Beautiful holiday services for our inspiring amazing clients, volunteers and staff.

286 House of Tiny Treasures students and siblings received gifts to open on Christmas morning.

355 stockings filled with gift cards, gloves, socks and books were given to SEARCH's adult clients.

Immeasurable holiday joy was spread throughout the season thanks to the AMAZING generosity of **90** donors who helped brighten the holidays for our clients.

"Strong Socks" Helping the Homeless Get Back on Their Feet

She calls herself "just a little housewife," but 84-year-old Anne Strong is single-handedly coordinating a movement that helps provide comfort for some of our community's most vulnerable feet.

Ten years ago, Anne and her husband, Don, decided to try something new in their outreach efforts to the homeless. In invitations to her annual Christmas luncheon, she requested her friends bring socks for the homeless instead of gifts. Expecting 20 pairs, Anne received 900. Throughout the years, the effort has continued to grow, and Anne has received thousands of socks from church groups, neighbors, friends, and family.



Even after her husband Don passed away and Anne declared she wouldn't be collecting socks anymore, she received 1,100 pairs. She realized then that her sock movement truly had legs, and she named the initiative "Strong Socks." Last week, Anne and her group of supporters donated 5,613 pairs of socks to SEARCH!

Socks are a major need for our clients who are living on the streets. Thanks to Anne's generous spirit and compassionate heart, SEARCH clients will have a little extra help getting back on their feet.

Save the Date!
SEARCH's Annual Luncheon
"For a Houston without Homelessness"

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Hilton Americas

Luncheon Chairs
Evelyn & Dan Leightman

Honoring
Ron Messner

For sponsorship or ticket information, please [visit our website](#) or [contact Emily Alsbrooks](#).



Volunteer Spotlight: Sojourn Montrose

Last month, the congregation at Sojourn Montrose came together to sponsor family night at the House of Tiny Treasures. They brought and served casseroles, enabling our families to spend time over a home-cooked meal with one another. Thank you, Sojourn, for serving for our families and supporting SEARCH!

Power Up 4 HTT Women's Auxiliary Breakfast

Friday, February 24
8:30 - 10:00 AM
Phoenicia MKT Bar
1001 Austin Street
Houston, TX 77010

For more information or to RSVP, please contact [Katherine White](#).

Join us for Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, February 16
9:30 - 10:30 AM
The Foshee Family House of
Tiny Treasures
2323 Francis
Houston, TX 77004

For more information or to RSVP, please contact [Emily Alsbrooks](#).

At SEARCH, we depend on the support of our donors to enable us to continue our mission of providing hope, creating opportunity, and transforming lives. Please consider a gift to SEARCH to help our clients break free from the cycle of homelessness.

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