



The JDF Footprints



Happy Valentine's Day



February 2017 Newsletter



February ushers in the spirit of love.

Through snow, sleet, rain and cold winds, each February, our hearts and minds always dwell on love. Celebrating Valentine's Day each year has become a merchant's bonanza. Songs about love, movies with love themes, special offers, from jewelry stores to grocery stores, work to compel us to share love. If we get caught up in all the commercialism of the day, we could miss the true meaning of love.

The JDF mission is fueled by love so we continued providing shoes to the underserved this winter. Our donors have been very generous. Through them we're

able to give clothing away when we make a shoe delivery. We were able to assist two facilities last month. We'll let the photographs tell the story.

Pictured below: Action in Community Through Service, ACTS, Sustainable Housing Case Manager, Ms. DeNarsha Clarke receives shoes and clothing for residents from JDF Treasurer, Ms. Avis Ferguson.

ACTS, in Prince William County, Virginia, provides shelter and lodging to family's in transition. This 'safe place' is run by Ms. Yvonne Williams and it allows family's time and space to get back on their feet.



JDF volunteers dropped off bags of shoes and clothes to help make life a bit sweeter for the residents.

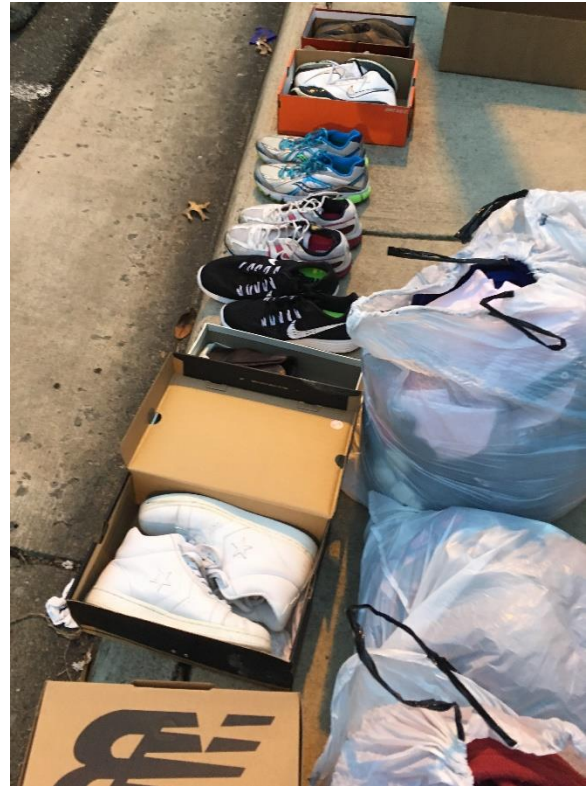
Prince William County, Virginia, is considered a relatively affluent county, yet ‘Tent Cities’ have developed in some of their wooded areas. The tents are visible to commuters as they zoom up and down Interstate 95 each day. Men and women move into the woods and live in tents. They brave the cold temperatures in the winter and the oppressive heat in the summer. Some of the people who live in the woods have jobs and others are looking for jobs. Others are down on the luck and have no place else to go. All face desperate times and a difficult economy. These ingredients have created unlikely bonds of friendship.



A Tent City along the I95 corridor in Prince William County, VA.

The nearby **Winter Shelter** provides the homeless an opportunity to shower and refresh themselves. Food is provided and a medical bus comes through from time to time to offer assistance. JDF volunteers stopped by early one Saturday morning to provide shoes and clothing to those in need. Appreciative and humbled, the recipients were encouraged to take as much as they wanted. After ‘shopping’ for themselves, all were encouraged to ‘shop’ for others. Sharing love doesn’t have to be clouded in commercialism.

We’re in the heart of winter now. **Wanna’ help? Donate today** or email us at thejdf@jdffoot.org. **Join THE JDF team!**



Keep spreading love, we all need it!