

THE **JOY OF SOX**<sup>®</sup>



## Footnotes

SPRING 2022

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**Our mission is to provide joy and health for those experiencing homelessness by giving them new socks.**

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**Hi Kathy,**

As we observe our 12th year, we are happy to bring you our re-imagined newsletter, FOOTNOTES. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers who keep The Joy of Sox© mission vibrant and effective. We are deeply grateful, too, to all those who have generously supported our mission of providing joy and health for those who are experiencing homelessness. We hope you will enjoy our newsletter – please circulate it among your friends and associates.

With much gratitude,

**-Tom**

Chief Sock Person & Founder

*Special thanks to TJOS team member Janice for producing FOOTNOTES!*

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**PAIRS of SOCKS DISTRIBUTED!**

Over the last 12 years we have provided socks for shelters and organizations serving the homeless community in 34 states and 7 countries.

**The Joy of Socks provides 7,776 pairs of socks for those suffering in Ukraine**



The Joy of Socks sent 7,776 pairs of socks to the Ukraine! Thanks to TJOS volunteer, Hollie Havens for putting us in touch with the Sisters of St. Basil, a Ukrainian order of Catholic religious sisters.

With the help of TJOS members Greg Pasquarello and Bob Hines, we were able to deliver the socks to the spirituality center of St. Basil in Jenkintown, PA, where 6abc was there to capture the event. [ABC6 Video](#)

At the same time, Tom Costello, Jr, delivered 3,606 pairs of men's socks to the Ukrainian Education and Cultural Center also in Jenkintown, PA.

## Ryan Healy, Eagle Scout Extraordinaire!



For his Eagle Scout project, Ryan collected over 4500 pairs of socks, most of which have already made their way to men, women and children experiencing homelessness. A large number of the socks were designated for our shipment to Ukraine.

*Tom Costello, Jr, is also an Eagle Scout and he and Ryan exchanged many experiences of scouting.*

*Tom and TJOS Board Chair, Tracy McGuckin were pleased to welcome the Healy Family and thank them personally for*

*Ryan's outstanding service and generous spirit.*



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## Congratulations Austin!



Austin Glass, Villanova University 2022 Graduate and TJOS board member was selected as one of Poets & Quant's Best & Brightest Business Students of 2022. Each year the award is given to only 100 undergraduate business students across the U. S.

Austin's favorite aspects of his undergraduate experience was the interdisciplinarity offered by Villanova that allowed him realize his passions that span across business, economics, law, and social advocacy.

Austin has been selected as the 2022 Bartley Medallion Recipient for Excellence in Economics by the [Villanova School of Business](#). Additionally he was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma for my academic achievement in the business discipline.

Watch the video about Austin's internship [Austin Glass Internship](#)

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## Meet Rock Star, Laicey Ieronimo

Over the last three years, every December Laicey Ieronimo drove 354 miles to The Joy of Sox. Contributing a total of 8,767 pairs of socks, we are grateful to Laicey and The Action Team's effort for their donations.

It's not a surprise that Laicey's personal mantra in life is "Be the Change". This amazing and accomplished young woman is the founder of The Action Team, headquartered in Carver, Massachusetts.



*Over the last three years, Laicey Ieronimo sponsored 3 sock drives with her Action Team that donated 8,767 pairs of socks to The Joy of Sox.*

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When Laicey heard a motivational speaker in high school, he said something that inspired her and the seed was planted. During junior year, Laicey shared her goal with her homeroom teacher, Vanessa Haen, who supported launching the organization as a club at school. Their first fundraiser was collecting toys and creating 66 care packages for patients at Boston Children's Hospital. Since then they have gone on to have 22 more events.

At twenty-one earning an Associates degree in Applied Science with a major of Occupational Therapy, Laicey is pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice and will head off to the Police Academy soon.

In her free time, Laicey enjoys everything outdoors, running, soccer and kayaking. And she plays the piano. She is the third of seven children and loves time with her family. They have wholeheartedly supported her with this organization.

The list of accomplished projects since the inception in 2017 is impressive. Laicey's passion for kindness and giving back is quite clear in how she lives. We wish her and The Action Team, all the best and are grateful for their support to TJOS. Read more about The Action Team [HERE](#)

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## TJOS Sends Socks to Texas-Mexican Border

Sister Terry, ministering at the Texas-Mexico border, where she said people are in dire straits and in need for life's essentials. In response to a request from Sr. Terry, in early April, TJOS shipped men's, women's and children's socks for distribution to the people. She said socks for children are in particular demand and is so grateful for our support. Given the generosity of so many of our donors, The Joy of Sox was pleased to answer Sr. Terry's request for help



## Meet TJOS Vault Manager, Greg Pasquarello



Greg Pasquarello

**What led you to volunteer with TJOS?** A friend of mine, John Dale invited me to have coffee with Tom Costello, Jr. at Villanova. Tom wanted to talk to me about TJOS. I supported the mission and it was the right time for me to get involved. Over the years I volunteered at the school and church when my children grew up, but now they were grown and out of the house, I had the time and needed something to do.

**What three words describes your role with TJOS?** Here are four, "Socks in, socks out". *[On TJOS website, it describes Greg as, Vault Manager (aka our warehouse) He picks up donated socks and after they are counted and bagged, delivers them where there is need.]*

**What do you like most about volunteering at TJOS?**

Besides the obvious mission of our organization, it's the people. Getting to know the core group of volunteers and meeting people everywhere I pick up and deliver socks. It always comes back to the people.

**Is there a contribution you made at TJOS that you are most proud?** Setting up the warehouse with the whole team.

**What is your biggest challenge in your role at TJOS?**

I've avoided the challenges; I just want to be the warehouse rat.

**What is your motto and personal mantra?** "It's all good".

**If you weren't volunteering, what would you like to be doing?** Traveling!

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A huge thank you to Women's World Magazine that published this blurb in their February 7 Issue!



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## Saint Georges Sunday School Students Sponsor Sock Drive During Lent

Watch the video from St. George's, students collected 1078 pairs along with a \$200 donation. TJOS thanks them for their generosity! [St. George's Episcopal Church Video](#)

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## The Joy of Sox Photo Gallery - Donations Deliveries and Volunteers!



Photo above: The 7th grade class at St. Katharine of Siena School, Wayne, PA collected over 1,018 pairs of socks.



Photo above: Gloria and son Mateo delivered socks to our Bucks County Sock Angel, Nancy Wisniewski for distribution to Trenton & Bucks County Shelters.



Photo above: Tom & Nancy Costello, Michelle Giffroy-Rossi, Kristen McGee, Executive Director of Ann's Heart Code



Photo above: On the strength of the article from Women's World Magazine, Linda Deeney, President, Linda's Hair

Blue Shelter, Janice O'Brien and Greg Pasquarello in Phoenixville, PA.

Techniques, Avondale, PA, and her clients conducted a successful sock drive.



Photo above: Enthusiastic students from Villanova University's APO Service Fraternity joined TJOS team for a morning of banding, sorting and packaging socks for distribution.



Photo above: Cabrini University, Radnor, PA, Nursing Students, volunteered at TJOS warehouse, Phoenixville, PA for a time of education and service.



Photo above: TJOS is grateful to Phoenixville neighbors, Chris and John Kanicki, and their clients of Visual Edge, LLC, who dropped off a generous donation on March 26.





Photo above: TJOS Board Member, Kathy Hadden, talks to Saint Andrew's confirmation class in Drexel Hill, PA about conducting a sock drive, where they collected 920 pairs of socks! They intend to do the same next year. We are grateful to everyone who has donated their time, socks and money to our organization.

Photo above: The Joy of Sox welcomed Sr. Maryanne Tracey, SC, and her colleagues and friends Shannon Hoffman and Dee Banicki for a morning of banding and packaging socks. They quickly helped to replenish our empty shelves. We are most grateful to them for their help. Many thanks to TJOS board members Kathy Hadden and Michelle Giffroy-Rossi for joining us in welcoming our guests and for great conversation during lunch.

**We remain ever grateful to all those who give so selflessly of their time in sorting, banding, packaging socks. You are the heart and 'sole' of our mission.**

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As always, If you have any any questions, comments or suggestions please [email me.](#)

Thanks so very much,  
**-Tom**

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