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BURNABY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Sock it to Poverty Campaign

The Burnaby Teachers' Association has launched its third annual "Sock it to Poverty" campaign to help combat poverty in Burnaby. In the past several years, Burnaby teachers have collected thousands of items for the Burnaby Task Force on Homelessness. Socks, toques, gloves, scarves, cash donations and toiletries are once again being collected in all Burnaby schools and Adult Education work sites. Students have also participated at several schools by knitting scarves and wrapping collected items as Christmas presents which were then distributed to the most vulnerable citizens of our city. The official dates of the campaign are November 1st to December 2nd.

Burnaby teacher Louise Baker started this initiative with support from the BTA's Social Justice Committee in 2009. The reason behind her decision to reach out? "I have strong feelings about the issue of homelessness. While the socks won't solve the problem, they will help our homeless and under-housed citizens to feel that someone cares."

Members of the public can bring donations to the Burnaby Teachers' Association office during business hours (8:30-4:00) at #115-3993 Henning Drive, Burnaby, BC, V5C6P7.

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