

Thanksgiving Gratitude from the Harry Tompson Center



Happy Thanksgiving from the HTC!

Lots of love - that's what's happening here at the Harry Tompson Center! In the last 12 months, we provided life-saving day shelter services to 200 homeless guests each day and to over 4,000 guests. We owe it all to you, our supporters. We are so **THANKFUL** for all of you this Thanksgiving!

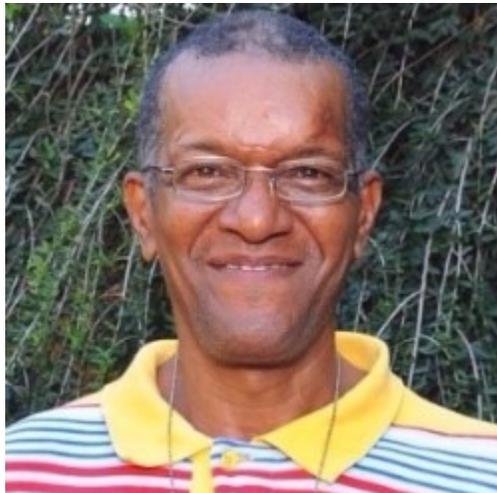
Every Thursday is Sock Day at the HTC! Thanks to [Bonfolk Collective](#), which donates a pair of socks for every pair bought, we now have at least two months'



worth of special socks designed to "wick away moisture". A special thanks to owner/designer [Janna Hart Black](#) for the donation!



Story of Courage: David Johnson



"I was able to close both my eyes and sleep for the first time in a long time."

A regular guest at the HTC who always manages to make the staff smile, you might recognize David as a "local celebrity" because of his interview with WGNO's News with a Twist Kenny Lopez about the "tiny house" that he moved into in August, currently stationed in the parking lot of the Rebuild Center. Check out David's fantastic [story](#).

David was born and raised in New Orleans, and unfortunate family circumstances left him living on the streets after the death of his parents. Though he has a versatile work

history, he also suffers from idiopathic epileptic syndrome, which makes it almost impossible to maintain a job as there is no warning or clear cause for his seizures. He jokes that he is destined to hit all the potholes in life. He claims that if there is one anywhere, he will find it. Despite all the obstacles he has faced, David has still done his best to keep a positive attitude, saying that he does his best to not “carry stuff” from the past. He says he has survived this long by setting small goals, and reaching them step-by-step.

David has now moved on from the tiny house and is happily living in a nearby senior housing complex, thanks to assistance from Program Director Kip Barard and Case Manager Jessica Lovell. David is very grateful to everyone at the HTC because for the help, guidance, and encouragement given to him. David has new goals now! He has joined the HTC Consumer Advisory Council, is offering testimony about “life on the streets” to various organizations and will be the featured guest speaker at the upcoming Interfaith Prayer Service for New Orleans' homeless on December 7. Way to go, David! Keep up the positive momentum and thank you for all your contributions!

Support us on Black Friday & Cyber Monday

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SAVE THE DATE
March 11, 2017
Harry Tompson Center GALA
*Pass a Good Time with
Father Harry!*



Plan now to pass a good time

#GiveCatholic



Another way to support the HTC is to participate in #GiveCatholic, an online giving event for people across the nation and the world to raise money for charitable local organizations serving Louisiana. #GivingTuesday, the main day for donating, is November 29, 2016. Just click the image above to make a donation to the HTC

with Honorary Chair Couple
Sheriff Newell & Shawn
Normand on March 11 at our
Annual Spring Gala!
Entertainment by the Medics
Silent and Live Auctions
Fabulous Food
\$10,000 Give-Away!
For more info, contact Gala Chair
Sally Bourgeois at
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*Laissez les bons
temps rouler!*

*Please join us in an Interfaith
Prayer Service for homeless
persons who have died on our
streets in 2016.*



**Wednesday, Dec. 7
St. Joseph Church
1802 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70112
5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Calendars from the 2017 MyNew Orleans Photo Project Contest are now available for purchase. Over 60 homeless persons in New Orleans participated in the contest, with the winning photos included in a beautiful calendar. We are excited to report that four of our guests' photos are featured in the calendar.



Get yours today by contacting HTC
PR Coordinator Regi Reyes at
rreyes@harrytompsoncenter.org.

Wish List

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our fall appeal or has donated items from our [wishlist!](#) It is thanks to donors like you that we are able to help thousands of people every year who look to us for help and hope. As the weather gets colder, there is a greater need for hygiene supplies, shoes, gloves, towels and washcloths, socks and bags. To see the full list, click the link highlighted above.

Thanks again to everyone who has helped us provide these life-saving items to our guests.

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