

# **A Boy on a Mission**

Trevor was an average 11-year-old when he saw a television special on Philadelphia's homeless. As he watched the scenes of men and women huddled in alleys and under bridges, he felt compelled to do something. But what could a boy his age do?

The only thing he could think of was to convince his parents to drive him from their well-to-do suburb into the heart of the city and let him give away his own pillow and blanket.

As they drove the streets of the downtown area, Trevor spotted a derelict camped on top of a subway grate. He remembers that he was wearing white socks, but no shoes. Getting out of the car, Trevor walked over and gave him the pillow and the blanket. Amazed, the man looked into Trevor's eyes, smiled, and said, "God bless you."

The die was cast. Trevor had created a mission for himself. Two nights later, he and his father were on the streets again, this time taking one of Trevor's mother's old coats. He returned again and again, with more old clothes and hot food. When his own family ran out of clothing to give, Trevor began canvassing his neighborhood. Word of his mission soon reached the local television stations, and the flow of gifts quickly became a flood.

Can one person make a difference? Trevor proved that he or she can.

And Trevor learned what the people of Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home know: Start with one act of kindness and see what God will do.

– Beecher Hunter