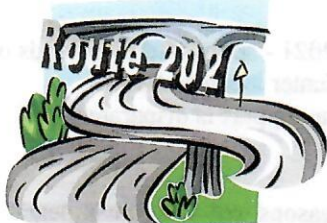


"Give and It Shall be Given to You."



November 1, 2021

To the Wonderful Spokes in the Wheel:

Words can never express how much I miss seeing you! For the past nineteen months, we have experienced and seen things we thought we'd never experience or see. But, through it all "We are *Still* here!" We are entering our 27th year as a great and focused coalition. Thru many dangerous toils and snares – even with our moments of sadness and disappointments, we are still doing all we can to provide help and hope with resources which are necessary to lift the bar for many who are unable to speak for themselves. I deeply and profoundly "thank you" for your prayers, your unwavering love, concern and support. You are the wind beneath this coalition! Remember not to be anxious for anything - *always remembering who sees all and who really is in charge.*

Many of you have asked about when our coalition will convene. We are watching the numbers given by the health department. If the number continues to decline, we may be able to meet in December.

For over 20 years we have been able to distribute over 475 turkeys and bags of grocery to our families in need. I must tell you, this has been a very challenging time for our Annapolis office, but we continue to solicit the help of some of the most wonderful public servants. "*There by the Grace of God Goeth any of us.*" On Monday, November 22, 2021 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm, we plan to distribute turkeys and bags of grocery at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Capitol Heights. Please see attached flyer.

We are now working on "Coats for Kids" in which coats will be given to our children who are in need. We need coats for children, in sizes 6 to 14. If you would like to donate a coat, please call our office in Annapolis. We hope to distribute the coats the first week in December.

We are looking at legislation and priority concerns for the following:

- The establishment of an Elder Abuse Registry;
- A study regarding litter control;
- Speed enforcement in our community;
- A full fledge grocery store and more health facilities in zip code 20743;
- The elimination of tobacco and liquor stores in our community;
- A new Suitland High School and Fairwood Elementary School;
- Controlled drug prices;
- Evictions and unemployment; and
- Healthy Lifestyles.

If there is anything that you feel should be a part of our agenda, please call our office to let us know. Please note the additional enclosed items.

In addition I am having my annual fund raiser reception on December 16, 2021 - sponsored by Friends of Joanne C. Benson. It will be held at the James R. Cousins, Jr. Municipal Center located at 8600 Glenarden Parkway, Glenarden, MD 20706, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Your support is disparately needed.

As we move into the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season, I pray that the seasons will bring love, peace, joy, happiness, good will and prosperity to you and your family.

If you have questions or concerns please contact Doris Witcher at 301-858-3148 or email her at dwitcher@senate.state.md.us. Also visit *Resources* on my website: www.joannecbenson.com for many other useful announcements

Gripped with Eternal Gratitude,



Senator Joanne C. Benson
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