



***"It is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive"***



**November 26, 2024**

To the Wonderful Spokes in the Wheel:

We are now seeing the leaves fall from the trees as the weather begins to change. We are also entering the Season of Joy and Giving. We have endured moments of sadness and disappointments but "Let us not forget that there is a Higher Authority who has the plan."

On behalf of the Umbrella Group and our beloved Coalition, I want to express my deepest and profound **"Thanks"** to every single person who volunteered in helping to distribute over 1,450 turkeys and bags of food to our families. In addition, 230 coats were given to Judge Sylvania Woods, and we are working to distribute more coats, underclothes, and socks to other schools. The unselfishness of so many people in our effort, lets us know that God is showing us favor. The **great** and **magnificent** support of St. Margaret's Catholic Church cannot be given a dollar figure. We are forever grateful for the way they have opened their door and heart.

Our next breakfast meeting will convene on **Monday, December 16th, 2024**, at St. Margaret's Catholic Church, 410 Addison Road, South, Capitol Heights, Maryland at **9:00 a.m.** We will receive updates from Law Enforcement, EMS personnel and the Fire Department. Also, we look forward to obtaining important information on the following:

- Tips for a Safe Holiday
- A briefing regarding an increase in our utilities (BGE & Pepco)
- Community Health Resources Commission
- The Central Avenue plan

If time permits, we need to see how we plan to celebrate our 30-year Anniversary as a Coalition-the only one of its kind in the Metropolitan area.

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Let's not forget the "Real Reason for the Season!" Be wrapped up with love, happiness, good health, peace, forgiveness and prosperity. Keep moving forward and lifting up!

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With Much Love and Hugs,

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***Be safe and well during the Holiday Season!***