

“When We Kneel in Faith, We Rise in Favor”.
Prince George’s County SCLC



February 1st, 2022

Dear Wonderful Friend and Supporter:

We are now in a month of pride, reflection, love and celebration. It is a teachable time for us to tell our children about the rich history of African Americans who significantly contributed in making this the “Greatest Country on Earth.” There are those we know and there are those we will never know but, each person’s contribution is significant. This is also the month of love and hugs. Let’s look for the best in people so this world will become better.

It is a wonderful blessing that we are “Still Here!” Even though we have endured some trials and tribulations with the most unpredictable weather and another medical surge, let us not be discouraged because there is a reason for everything that happens – and this will soon pass over. We know who is in charge. I want to remind everyone of the importance to be vaccinated. You must wear your mask, practice social distancing and be safe.

Many of our volunteers have been doing some wonderful things. Our coalition partnered with Maryland Umbrella Group in distributing over 600 turkeys and bags of groceries. We distributed over 800 coats to our children at Frances Scott Key, Carmody Hills, Judge Sylvania Woods, William Paca, and Cora Rice elementary schools and the Shepherd’s Cove Shelter. We also gave forty (40) coats to a day care center. We are now distributing socks and underwear. This has been a most rewarding experience! What a blessing! Lastly, there is an upcoming food distribution on **Thursday, February 17th, 2022**, from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm at St. Margaret’s Catholic Church on Addison Road.

As you are aware, our legislative session has convened as of Wednesday, January 12th. Some of our 24th legislative initiatives are:

- Adult Protective Services – Vulnerable Adult Registry
- Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program
- Care Giver’s Tax Credit
- Home Energy Assistance
- Vehicle Litter Reporting
- Regulation of Tobacco Stores
- New Suitland High School
- New Fairwood Elementary School
- A full service grocery store and doctor’s office in the Capitol Heights area

Many of you are wondering when we will have our coalition meeting. I want you to know I truly miss seeing you! As you already know, the virus has been the main reason why we have not been able to meet. I am watching the numbers which are moving in the right direction. We should be able to meet within the next few months. In the meantime the 24th Legislative District Team will have a **Listening Session on Saturday, February 26th, 2022** at Charles Herbert Flowers High School on Ardwick Road in Springdale, Maryland from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. We need you to come and get information regarding our district and county. Our keynote speaker will be Congressman Kweisi Mfume from Baltimore.

Please know this is “your coalition”. You are the wind beneath it. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at 301-858-3148 or email me at:

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Gripped with Hugs and Love,

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