

*"I believe that Unarmed Truth and Unconditional Love will have the final say in reality," Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



January 9, 2023

Dear Great Friend and Supporter:

I begin by wishing you and your family a full dose of peace, love, joy, good health, and prosperity as we enter 2023. It is the Grace and Mercy of a Great God that we are "Still Here." We must continue to press forward with a strong determination in making this a better world for future generations. We should not look back unless we can profit from the experience.

Our first breakfast meeting for this year will convene Monday, January 23, 2023, at 9:00 am – St. Margaret's Catholic Church, 410 Addison Road South, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. We have a full agenda. Our law enforcement, fire and EMS agencies will be available to answer any questions or concerns. We will have presentations from the Dept. of Housing regarding the **Whole Home Program**; Aligned Benefits Group for guidance on **2023 Medicare and Medicaid**; the Dept. of Permits, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE) regarding **Abandoned Houses**, and the Maryland Insurance Administration regarding the **process for determining insurance benefits**. Remember to bring in your insurance statements for questions/concerns you may have. Also, if applicable, bring your 2023 Medicare booklet to follow that presentation. Lastly, I will provide a brief overview of where we are in Annapolis. Session will start Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 12:00 noon.

I am happy to inform you that on Monday, November 21, 2022, our coalition, and the Umbrella Group distributed 840 turkeys and bags of groceries. We are overwhelmed with joy by the support of the Steamfitters Union Plumbers and Gasfitters, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Neal Trucking Company, SMART Local 100, Jenkins Funeral Home, Terry Lierman, Shabach Ministries, Betty Buck, and so many unselfish volunteers. Our Prince George's County Realtors Association donated over \$1,000.00 in socks, underwear, and coats for our children and families. *"Give and It Shall be Given to You! Pressed Down! Shaken Together! Running Over!"*

Further, Christopher Stevenson and Delegate Faye Howell coordinated a wonderful dinner and gift exchange for over 150 of our needy families. Transportation was provided by Shabach Ministries, and the First Baptist Church of Glenarden. God is pleased with what we do! To Him be all the Glory!

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the 94<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Let us spend more time talking with our children about the significance of being a “Drum Major for Justice.”

Finally, please remember to visit my website at [www.joannecbenson.com](http://www.joannecbenson.com) for news, resources, and more. If you have any question or concerns, please contact Doris Witcher at 301-858-3148.

**Happy New Year!**

Be Blessed Beyond Measure,

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