

*“I Believe that Unarmed Truth and Unconditional Love will have the final say in reality”  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



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Dear Wonderful Advocates and Supporters:

We are beginning another year with many things that are happening in the history of our country and world. Even with this, we must never forget how truly blessed we continue to be. The power of prayer and meditation will keep us patient and understanding of “*Who Has the Plan!*” Many of you committed a most unselfish act, as a result of what you did, at the end of 2024, the Umbrella Group and our coalition were able to distribute turkeys, food, coats, underwear and many other wonderful things for those in need. We are so eternally grateful for the volunteers at St Margaret’s Catholic Church who continue to open the doors to us.

Our first breakfast meeting of the year, will convene on **Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, 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 presentations from the following:

- Roberta’s House, Inc.
- The Blue Line Corridor
- WSSC
- A briefing regarding an increase in our utilities (BGE & Pepco)
- Information regarding a raise for our Social Security

If time permits, we need to discuss how we plan to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary as a Coalition, the only one of its kind in the Metropolitan area.

In addition, let’s reflect on and celebrate the **96<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, WE CAN’T GO BACK! We must Talk to our children and each other about the things which will move us into a brighter productive future.

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With Much Love and Hugs,

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