

*"Whether we have a Ph.D. or no D,
we're in this bag together!"* Fannie Lou Hamer



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Dear Wonderful Advocate and Supporter:

March is really an exciting month when the power of God and the beauty of this world unfolds. Leaves appear on trees, flowers begin to blossom, gardens are planted for a great harvest, green grass begins to appear and grow, and we experience a change in clothing. This is also a time when we celebrate many women who were the movers and shakers in making this county, state, and country what they are today. There are those we know and those we don't know. But we give *"Thanks"* for all they did!

Our next coalition meeting convenes Monday, March 27, 2023, at 9:00 am located at St. Margaret's Catholic Church, 410 Addison Road South, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. We are hoping to get updates from law enforcement regarding security around our apartments and senior citizen complexes as well as what we must do to keep our homes safe from fire issues. Also we hope to receive a general overview of the role of first responders.

We will have presentations regarding resources for caregivers, a program designed for computer and job readiness training and the Heart Health Foundation. Our featured speakers will be our Register of Wills and the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau. If time allows, we will provide some legislative updates.

Please remember that you are the wind beneath this coalition which has operated for over 25 years. Thanks for everything you do to raise the bar and give hope.

If you have questions, or concerns, please contact us at 301-858-3148 or email Doris Witcher at dwitcher@senate.state.md.us. Remember also to visit my website for the Senatorial Scholarship information and other important resources.

Gripped with Thanksgiving,

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