



Dear State Employees and Retirees:

As the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, it is my privilege to serve as the Assistant Chairperson of the 2009 Maryland Charity Campaign. This year's theme is "We Care." It is a simple phrase that expresses the sentiments of so many state employees. And when put to action, has the powerful effect of enhancing the lives of our citizens and making our State a better place to live.

As state employees we have the opportunity to positively impact peoples' lives each day. But every year, the Maryland Charity Campaign gives us another chance to show how much we care. For over 20 years, Maryland State Employees and Retirees have helped tens of thousands of Marylanders by pulling together as part of this effort. Through your generosity, last year the Campaign raised over \$4,050,000, providing critical support to charities that offer important services at a time when the need has never been greater.

Even though we are facing challenging times, state employees are linked by our commitment to caring. Together, we can make a difference. Remember, every gift counts, improves lives and enriches our state.

Please join me in continuing the tradition to help those in need. Your generosity ensures much needed services remain available for our friends and neighbors in need, strengthening our One Maryland.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Maynard
Secretary
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