

Letter from the Governor and Lt. Governor

Dear State Employees and Retirees:

The Maryland Charity Campaign is an important reminder of our shared belief that just one person can make a difference, and each of us must try. This year's theme, "We Are All Connected... From One To Another", reflects the responsibility we have in Maryland to help our friends and neighbors in need, recognizing there is no such thing as a spare citizen.

As we continue to weather this national economic storm, more Maryland families must make do with less and less, making it difficult to donate your hard-earned dollars to charity. Yet you continue to step up in the face of these challenges. Last year, nearly 18,000 of you selflessly gave over \$3.4 million to the Maryland Charity Campaign, realizing that our charities are some of the hardest hit during this economic downturn.

One in three Marylanders in need will have benefited from the services provided by many of the Campaign's participating charities. Whether it's the advances of medicine provided by research, support for our aging parents, health care services for our families, assistance to our veterans, or emergency response and disaster relief, so many of our citizens are touched by your kindness .

This year, we have over 802 nonprofits participating in the Campaign that provide critical services to those who need our help. By participating in the 2011 Maryland Charity Campaign, you will make a difference.

We are a strong state because of the many people who serve our communities in Maryland. Thank you for your compassion, commitment and generosity.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Anthony Brown
Lieutenant Governor