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# Howard County Community Action Council



## December 2010 Newsletter

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**Classroom Dedication**



In November, CAC Head Start of Howard County dedicated a classroom to the Sunrise Rotary Club of Ellicott City in recognition of their

Dear Connie,

Happy holidays! During this holiday season, many of us feel a need to give back to the community. Here is a simple yet meaningful way to do just that: participate in our "Foodraising" Campaign by donating to the Howard County Food Bank.

The number of people who need assistance in Howard County keeps growing, but each pound of donated food greatly helps of efforts. For the first time, we are promoting a "Virtual Food Drive" through the Maryland Food Bank. It's a simple way to give from the comfort of your home. Just go to [www.mdfoodbank.org/cachc](http://www.mdfoodbank.org/cachc) to make a donation by buying food that will be distributed directly to the Food Bank. This allows you to see exactly how much your donation will provide to our clients.

We are constantly amazed by the support we receive from the community and look forward to strengthening partnerships around the county in the new year. As always, CAC sincerely appreciates your support and wishes you Happy Holidays and a great New Year.

*Bita Dayhoff*  
President

ongoing support of the Head Start Summer Enrichment Program.

The Sunrise Rotary Club has been a leader in funding the summer program since 2001. Their support along with supplemental funds from the Maryland State Department of Education now helps yearly to provide 7 weeks of summer programming and enrichment for 144 Head Start children transitioning to Kindergarten.

NOTICE: CAC's main office located at 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive in Columbia, Maryland will be closed from Friday, December 24th through Friday, December 31st. Staff will be relocated to the North Laurel-Savage Multiservice Center at 9900 Washington Boulevard in Laurel, Maryland 20723, which will be open Monday, December 27th through Thursday, December 30th, 8:30am to 7:00pm. Clients seeking assistance should go to this location or call 410-880-5917. The main office will resume normal operating hours on Monday, January 3rd.

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## 6th Annual Thanksgiving Distribution a Success

CAC held its 6th Annual Thanksgiving Distribution on November 23, 2010 at St. John Baptist Church. With the help of dozens of volunteers and staff, we served over 400 families who received services from CAC in the past year.



We'd also like to thank the following sponsors for making our distribution possible: BGE, Wells Fargo, The Herb Block Foundation, Priority Partners, St. John Baptist Church, Wilde Lake Watercats, Kittamaquondi Community, E-Structors Inc., Flowers Baking Company, and Harry Gudelsky Enterprises.

For more information about this event, read this article: [Low-income Folks Feast on Community's Generosity](#)

To see a slideshow of pictures, [click here](#).

## Hunger & Homelessness in Howard County



CAC President Bitia Dayhoff has recently made presentations on the topics of Hunger and Homelessness in Howard County.

About 12,000 Howard County residents are currently living in poverty and Food Banks in Maryland provide 261,000 individuals with emergency food. Read more by clicking the links below.

[Ending Hunger](#)

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