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Dear Ms. Mohink:

On behalf of Grassroots thank you and the members of the Howard County Bar Association so much for your generous donations of dinner meals and gift cards. The Blowfish Poke meal provided by the Mulinazzi Law office was extra-special and the taco dinner provided by the HCBA Board was a delicious treat, both very much enjoyed by shelter residents and greatly appreciated by our kitchen staff. In addition, the \$300 in gift cards donated by the membership from Giant, Dominos, and Rita's are a big help for those needing assistance with meals or providing a treat for children. Everything was very thoughtfully selected and we are grateful to be chosen for your support this year!

As the months fly by our programs continue working to meet the needs of Howard County residents requiring help with housing services. Last month 49 people were served in the emergency shelter on Freetown Road, including nine families, and case managers conducted 253 planning meetings. Six households moved out into stable housing or family-supported situations. We served three meals per day to shelter residents for a total of 3,942 meals and are grateful for dinner contributions from community members like you all via our SignUp Genius.

In addition to shelter services, in August the Day Resource Center, which serves those who are unsheltered, precariously housed, working poor, need extra support to survive, or are experiencing homelessness, served 324 individuals including 102 new guests for a total of 1,118 visits. Services provided included hot meals, internet access, showers, food and clothing pantries, laundry facilities, and assistance with identification documents and social service referrals, among others.

Our recent success story features Lisa and Daryl who moved into shelter in July 2021. Lisa was six months pregnant and their son was born in early 2022. During their stay the family experienced some denials and delays with securing housing and was finally awarded a voucher and approved for a 2-bedroom apartment they moved into last month. Daryl worked on and off during their stay but was able to secure reliable work just before leaving the shelter so the family is off to a stable start for their new journey together.

Your donation makes a difference in the lives of some of Howard County's most vulnerable citizens. Thank you again for your generous support for the people we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monteith Mitchell".

Monteith Mitchell
Volunteer & In-Kind Donations Coordinator