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2017 Maryland Charities Campaign: "Pledge to Make a Difference!"

**A Message from Governor Larry Hogan & Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford**

Dear State Employees and Retirees:

Lt. Governor Rutherford and I are truly humbled and deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve the great State of Maryland. Our administration is focused on changing Maryland for the better, and with your hard work, we can make Maryland the best place in America to live, work, and raise a family.

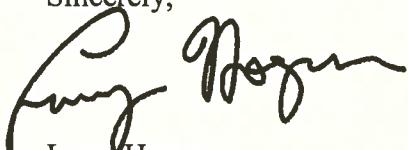
Today, we are writing about a more personal choice that can make a difference in the lives of families across our state. We are asking for you to participate in the 2017 Maryland Charity Campaign.

Last year, more than 12,000 of you selflessly gave over \$2.9 million to the Maryland Charity Campaign, and your generosity enabled Maryland charities to serve some of our most vulnerable neighbors. This year, nearly 900 nonprofits are participating in the Campaign, all of which provide critical services to fellow Marylanders who need our help.

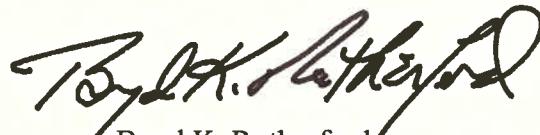
Your contributions make a difference. Whether it's through advances in medicine provided by research, hot meals for students, support for our seniors, health care services for our families, assistance to our veterans, or emergency response and disaster relief, so many of our citizens are touched by your compassion.

I have seen firsthand what state employees are capable of, and I have been continually impressed with the professionalism and genuine commitment you possess. We are a stronger state because of people like you. Please join us as we Pledge to Make a Difference! Thank you for your service, generosity, and kindness.

Sincerely,



Larry Hogan  
Governor



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