



**A Message from the 2017 Vice Chairs:
Dr. James D. Fielder, Secretary, Maryland Higher Education Commission
Kelly M. Schulz, Secretary, Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation**

Dear Fellow State Employees and Retirees,

Individually and collectively you make Maryland a great State renowned for charitable giving through the support of others in times of distress. We stand shoulder-to-shoulder celebrating the good times and during life's frailties, we step up to make a difference for our neighbors.

The Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC) provides you with an opportunity to make a difference and help our neighbors overcome adversity. Over nine-hundred non-profit charities have qualified to participate in the 2017 MCC and each of these charities has mission critical needs, your donation can make support their mission. Your donation, regardless of the amount, will make achieving our \$3 Million goal a reality!

To offer support for friends and neighbors struggling from the effects of natural disasters or from devastating illnesses, or to those who need help to learn to read, find a job, fight addiction, stay sober, for our vets, and so much more! Changing Maryland for the Better, this is who we are as Maryland State Employees and Retirees, this is who we are as Marylanders!

Please join us as we ***Pledge to Make a Difference*** and donate through payroll deduction to over nine-hundred eligible participating charities in the 2017 Maryland Charity Campaign!

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