

A Message from the 2025 Maryland Charity Campaign Vice Chair

Dear State Employees and Retirees,

It is my honor to serve as this year's Vice Chair for the <u>2025 Maryland Charity Campaign</u> (MCC) because it means so much to be a part of something that helps to support so many. Last year, your donations raised nearly \$2 million and we are looking forward to another impactful season.

Your contributions help sustain more than 900 of our participating charities to manage their expenses and provide the services that so many around us need. When you give through the MCC, you can give with confidence. Every participating charity is carefully reviewed and approved by our Office of the Secretary of State, ensuring your donation goes to a reputable and trusted organization..

Plus, we've made giving through the MCC, the state's workplace giving campaign, easy and flexible. You have the opportunity to make a one-time donation via credit card, debit card, or electronic check – or contribute through small payroll or pension deductions. It also allows you to truly give whatever is comfortable for you, while still supporting your favorite participating charities.

You also have an opportunity to increase your impact by spreading the word to those around you who are current state employees or retirees. Ask them to join you in giving through the Maryland Charity Campaign by visiting our website, mcc.maryland.gov, and clicking the 'Give Now' button.

Together, we can raise the funds these charities need. Please join us, invite your colleagues, and help us meet this important goal.

Thank you for Giving Back Together!

Paul Monteiro Jr.

Secretary, Department of Service and Civic Innovation