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Youth Nonprofit Breaks Record, Donates 470 Easter Baskets in a Single Year

Efforts bring Eggstra Special Easter Basket donations to 1,193 homeless, sick and foster children to date

(Abingdon, MD) – This year – 2017 – marks the sixth that the We Canceve Movement, Inc., has donated Eggstra Special Easter Baskets to homeless, sick and foster children. Thanks to a dynamic all-youth board of advisors and tremendous community support, this year, We Canceve donated 470 Eggstra Special Easter Baskets and 322 Eggstra Special Goodie Bags to 10 homeless shelters, three foster care organizations, four medical programs, and five programs for homeless and hungry persons.

“Easter baskets aren’t something that every kid needs but it’s something that will bring a smile to their faces. That Easter basket will give them the reminder that they are a normal kid who can have a good Easter even though they are in sad and unfortunate situations. We believe that all children should be happy regardless of what they’re going through, and these baskets are how we bring happiness to homeless, sick and foster children,” said Grace Callwood, age 12, founder.

By 2016, the group donated 723 baskets and 271 goodie bags. With this year’s total, they’ve donated 1,193 baskets and 593 goodie bags.



(L to R) Harford Day School Girl Scouts and students, including Mario Nandalal, 11, member of the We Canceve Board of advisors delivers Easter goodies to Anna’s House in Bel Air. Board Member Erin Acerno delivers baskets to Johns Hopkins Hospital with her sisters and other Fountain Green Elementary School students.

This year’s sponsors include: Harford Day School; Harford Day School Girl Scouts; Boys & Girls Club of Harford County Havre de Grace, Edgewood, Bel Air and Aberdeen branches; Fountain Green Elementary School; Tiny Toes Boutique; St. James AME Church-Green Street Havre de Grace; Notre Dame of Maryland University Campus Chapel; Junior Girl Scouts Troop 2710; Diana Realty; and individual donors Elizabeth Oates, Leslie Morrissey and Erin Beirich.

“I am very proud and astounded by how much community support and great leadership we’ve had with this year’s Eggstra Special Easter Baskets collection. A lot of groups and organizations come back every year to support us and their continuous support is encouraging and makes me excited,” said Callwood, who started this effort in 2012 at age 7.

This year, we donated baskets to the following locations: **(Homeless Shelters & Programs)** Anna’s House, Bel Air; Booth House by Salvation Army, Baltimore; Eastside Family Emergency Shelter, Rosedale; Hope in Action Homeless Outreach Ministries, Jarrettsville; Harford Family House, Aberdeen; INNterim Transitional Housing for Homeless Women & Children, Baltimore; Karis House Homeless Shelter, Baltimore; St. Vincent de Paul Hannah Moore House, Reisterstown; St. Vincent de Paul Sarah’s Hope at Mount Street,

Baltimore; Wayfarers' House, Elkton; **(Foster Care Group Homes & Orphanages)** Arrow Child & Family Ministries Arrow Crossroads, Bel Air; Arrow Child & Family Ministries Cromwell Bridge, Towson; The Children's Home, Catonsville; **(Children's Hospitals & Medical Programs)** Children's Hospital at Sinai, Baltimore; Johns Hopkins Pediatric Hospital; Ronald McDonald House, Baltimore; University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Center, Bel Air; **(Community Programs for Homeless & Hungry)** Bel Air United Methodist Church Feeding Ministry, Bel Air; Mason Dixon Community Service, Darlington; St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church Outreach Ministry, Abingdon; St. John's Cupboard at St. John's Episcopal Church, Havre de Grace; and The Sharing Table, Edgewood.

The We Canceve Movement is a nonprofit organization that creates giving opportunities that can be supported by the community to bring happiness to homeless, sick and foster children. For more information, please contact the We Canceve Movement, Inc., at peoplewhocare@wecanceve.org.