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Community Outreach Center, Church And Local Businesses Support Homeless In Baltimore City

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Community leaders including representatives with **The Transformation Center and Beautiful Feet Ministry**, combined with local businesses to help persons in need with the distribution of warm clothing and blankets and the serving of hot lunches to approximately 200 men, women and children this weekend. Held for the fourth consecutive year at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baltimore City, the effort also provided toiletry items and emotional support to the attendees.

According to the Mayor's Office of Human Services, Baltimore City has approximately 2700 homeless people.

"In addition to directly helping many people, this effort is meant to demonstrate the tremendous needs that exist in our city, and highlight the importance for businesses and volunteers to serve and help others," explained **Trudy Jones** of CREG Cares and Homeless Ministry Leader of The Transformation Center in Brooklyn, who was the lead organizer.



Trudy Jones of CREG Cares and Beautiful Feet Ministry (first row, far right) with (front row) Haylee Smith and Ariana Hood and (top row) Paul Price, Therese Brunner and Barbara Schalk

"Our volunteers made a concerted effort to speak to every person, provide them comfort and determine what their immediate needs were," Jones added. "The entire day was extremely organized and everyone exhibited patience and compassion, and it was gratifying to see the expression of gratitude from the people we helped. Although we supported a relatively small number of people, this showed what amazing things that can be accomplished by just one group. Imagine the good that would transpire if this was repeated over and over again, throughout the city?"

"Participating in this event is extremely humbling and it makes you think about what is important in life while also taking nothing for granted," Jones said. "While we helped many, many people today, an event like this hits home how much work still needs to be accomplished."

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