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Press Release

Howard County Republicans Ringing the Salvation Army Bell for the 12th Year in a Row

Columbia, MD, December 5, 2007: The Howard County Republican Party for the 12th year in a row will be ringing the Salvation Army bell this Saturday, December 7th at the Wal-Mart on ridge Road. It is particularly important this year that groups such as the Salvation Army are provided with as much support and resources as possible. While Howard County is a prosperous and thriving county, there are many among us that find it difficult to make ends meet. The Salvation Army is just one of the hard working groups in our community trying to make life a little easier for those individuals that need a little extra help during the holiday season.

The Howard County Republican Party would like to commend the Salvation Army and all the non-profit organizations that are working on a daily basis in the community to help those in need. We believe that it is this community centered support that is the driving force in solving many of the problems that our society faces. The Republican Party has always been a strong believer in local government and local organizations working in the community to improve the lives of local citizens. Big government and intrusive legislation is not the solution to local issues. It is the hard working local activists and the local community that knows what is best for their area.

We are excited to be supporting the Salvation Army and look forward to being able to donate our time and resources for the 12th year in a row to help such a hard working and dedicated organization.

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