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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO HOST "MY SISTERS NEED ME" HOLIDAY COLLECTION DRIVE AT CITY HALL

Donated new items benefit My Sister's Place Women's Center

BALTIMORE—Tomorrow, City Council President Rawlings-Blake and Baltimore City employees will donate needed items for the women and children served by My Sister's Place Women's Center-Catholic Charities.

My Sister's Place will park a vehicle outside City Hall at the corner of Gay & Lexington Streets. City employees, downtown residents and businesses may drop off donations of food, baby products, paper goods and new clothing at the vehicle between 8:00am-12:30pm. Individuals were encouraged to visit: www.baltimorecitycouncil.com/MySistersPlace_wishlist.pdf to view a list of needed items. PLEASE NOTE: My Sister's Place Women's Center is unable to accept used items.

"I am very proud that even in these difficult economic times, Baltimore city employees, residents and businesses find a way to do even more to help those in need," Rawlings-Blake said.

My Sister's Place Women's Center is a comprehensive resource center welcoming Baltimore's homeless and poor women and their children. The mission of the program is to provide a safe, supportive environment where vulnerable women and their families can access housing, referrals, life skills training, and other resources to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency. The Center provides three meals each day to women and children in need and serves between 75 and 125 women and children daily.

WHO: City Council President Rawlings-Blake and Baltimore City employees.

WHAT: "My Sisters Need Me" Holiday Collection Drive at City Hall. City employees, downtown residents and businesses may drop off donations of food, baby products, paper goods and new clothing at the vehicle between 8:00am-12:30pm. Note: My Sister's Place Women's Center is unable to accept used items.

WHEN: Friday, December 17, 2009 at 9:30am. (Donations will be accepted between 8:00am-12:30pm.)

WHERE: Gay & Lexington Streets, near City Hall.

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