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**ROCKVILLE TOWN SQUARE AND FENESTRA APARTMENTS LAUNCH
GIFT DRIVE TO BENEFIT RESIDENTS OF SUBSIDIZED HOUSING IN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Rockville Town Square and Fenestra Apartments are teaming up to collect toys and gifts for children living in housing subsidized by the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County.

Rockville Mayor Susan Hoffman will join representatives of Federal Realty and the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) on Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. to launch the gift drive at Rockville Town Square as part of the Annual Holiday Open House. The Open House includes a tree lighting ceremony, holiday music, refreshments and more.

People wishing to donate toys and gifts may drop off their unwrapped donation at the Fenestra Apartments leasing office at 20 Maryland Ave. in Rockville. The gift drive will run through December 13, 2009.

The Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) is Montgomery County's housing authority. HOC is an affordable housing developer, creating more affordable homes in Montgomery County by developing new affordable and mixed-income properties, preserving existing affordable properties, and partnering with nonprofits and others to help finance affordable projects.

HOC currently owns and manages 6,740 apartments and homes and oversees the administration of 5,682 Housing Choice Vouchers and 1,547 Public Housing homes and provides first-time homebuyers mortgage loans and closing cost assistance. HOC has provided more than 10,000 mortgage loans to first-time homebuyers in Montgomery County.

HOC also provides a wide range of support services to families and individuals who participate in HOC programs, including operating Family Resource Centers throughout the County that offer public housing residents programs and resources to help them improve their lives. For more information on HOC, visit: www.hocmc.org



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