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## State Officials Deliver Baskets at Light House Shelter

People in need receive around 250 baskets with items for Thanksgiving breakfast and dinner.

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Michele Marshall (left), volunteer services coordinator; Raymond A. Skinner (center), secretary of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD); Gov. Martin O'Malley (center right); and House Speaker Michael E. Busch (right) greet a woman as she receives a Thanksgiving basket at Light House shelter Monday evening. Credit [Mary McGuirt](#)

Gov. Martin O'Malley distributed Thanksgiving baskets to members of the community in need at the [Light House shelter](#) in Annapolis Monday night.

Among those joining him were House Speaker Michael E. Busch and Raymond A. Skinner, secretary of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

The baskets, which were donated from about 30 different organizations and individuals, included essential food items for Thanksgiving breakfast and dinner.

Michele Marshall, volunteer services coordinator for the shelter, said they distributed about 250 baskets this year—both to those who came Monday night and earlier that day.

Among those volunteers helping to pack and distribute the baskets was Tami Apple, a former Light House resident. Through the program, Apple said she gained confidence and strength.

"I feel compelled that I have to give back," she said.

After the baskets were handed out, O'Malley spoke to shelter residents.

"I just wanted to say thank you to all of you for what you're doing," O'Malley said, acknowledging the difficult economic times.

He also referenced the campaign [Maryland: Stronger Together](#), which encourages people to give back throughout the holiday season.

In addition, O'Malley announced at the event that more than \$578,000 in grants will be awarded to 48 homeless shelters across the state of Maryland. The Light House shelter will receive about \$30,500, as noted in a DHCD press release