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**Thomas Sponsors Holiday Events for Ward 5 Residents in Need**

**Washington, DC**—To ensure that Ward 5 residents have a joyous holiday season, particularly those in need, Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr. hosted a Ward 5 Holiday Open House from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Thursday, December 18, 2008, and a Breakfast With Santa from 8 am to 10 am on Saturday, December 20, 2008.

The Ward 5 Holiday Open House took place on the first floor of the Wilson Building and included a range of entertainment, food, and music. Councilmember Thomas arranged transportation for more than 200 seniors from Delta Towers and Ft. Lincoln so that they will be able to participate in the festivities along with other residents from across Ward 5.

Breakfast with Santa was held at the Turkey Thicket Recreation Center and provided toys and books to more than 300 Ward 5 children, as well as a catered, hot breakfast for the kids and their parents. Other activities planned for Breakfast With Santa include storytelling and face painting.

“Bringing residents of the Ward together to celebrate the holiday season and providing for those less fortunate are family traditions that I am proud to continue,” said Councilmember Thomas. “Nothing is more satisfying than spreading joy at Christmastime.”

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