

UNITE **LOCAL 7** HERE!

Baltimore's labor union for hospitality workers is honored to receive \$250,000.00 from the **Mamie and Jerome Todd Relief Fund**. This fund was created and named by **Benjamin Todd Jealous** in honor of his grandparents who moved to Baltimore during the Great Depression. They were destitute. Like many, they supported their families by serving others in hotels and restaurants, but they also relied on the generosity of family and the church to get by. Mr. Todd worked as a dishwasher. After the Great Depression, Mrs. Todd would go on to become a social worker and an activist known throughout the city.

Today 90% of our city's hotel, casino, restaurant, food service, event venue, and airport food service workers are laid off due to the Covid19 Pandemic. They don't know when they will be going back to work.



UNITE HERE Local 7 will use this generous gift to help support Baltimore's hospitality workers and their families.

- ◆ \$30,000 for reusable masks to keep our community safe.
- ◆ \$140,000 for food that will be distributed to workers who will be able to pick up groceries in cars or on foot while adhering to social distancing. Food distribution will be done in a variety of locations for maximum access to families in need. Groceries will also be delivered in a safe manner to individuals who require delivery. The food items will be wholesome and healthful with both fresh and non-perishable food items; halal and vegetarian options will be offered. Oversized grocery bags of approximately 9 pounds each.
- ◆ \$80,000 for grocery gift cards of \$50.00 increments from local grocery stores for distribution to families in need.