**Press Notice:** Partnership between non-profit, Howard County government, and Maryland state program to offer one-stop shop for people living with disabilities.

**What:** Howard County Loan Closet, Equipment Connections for Children, The Maryland Technology Assistance Program, and Rebuilding Together are coming together in Columbia, Maryland under one roof to provide better service to people living with disabilities in Maryland. Howard County Executive Calvin Ball will join staff from the Department of Community Resources and Services' Office of Aging and Independence to present welcome remarks at the reopening of the county's Loan Closet beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tours of the building will be offered to the public from noon to 5:00 p.m.

When:Thursday, January 9, 2020, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Where: The Loan Closet, 7125 Riverwood Drive, Columbia, MD

**Who:** County Executive Calvin Ball; Jackie Scott, Director of Community Resources and Services; Cheryl Mattis, Deputy Director, DCRS; Jenna Crawley, Administrator, Office on Aging and Independence; Erin Bonzon, Administrator, Office of Children and Families; Loan Closet staff; and members of non-profit partners including Rebuilding Together, Maryland Department of Disabilities, Technology Assistance Program, and Equipment Connections for Children. Other invited guests include members of the Commission on Aging; Commission on Disabilities; Commission of Transitioning Students with Disabilities, County Council members; and County officials.

## <u>AGENDA</u>

 11:30 am Welcome from Jackie Scott, Director, Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services Greetings & remarks from County Executive Calvin Ball Brief remarks from: Ann Heavner, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Secretary Carol Beatty, Maryland Department of Disabilities Jason Herring, Executive Director of Equipment Connections for Children Noon Ribbon Cutting
12 to 5 p.m. Tours and Light refreshments

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