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Dear Howard Staff

Allow me to say what a *complete surprise* it was to walk into the Office Monday afternoon and be presented with a Gift Box full of treats!! In all of our years of volunteering never have I been awarded with such appreciation!!

It has been a pleasure, filled with various gardening opportunities, to serve Howard via this simple task. I know it's difficult for the District to care for all the schools with limited "man-power" resources, but I felt it important to the Neighborhood, Staff and Children to have grounds which were not an embarrassment to the Howard community.

Your Box-of-Appreciation was *totally unexpected* and humbly accepted. My benefit is receiving thank you notes from the children which I cherish, and hearing from the teachers and students every day "Thank You" or "What you doing?" as they walk by where I am working; even some thank-yous have come from Middle School students as they walk by, plus comments from many neighbors.

*Thank You* for allowing me to have this opportunity. I plan to be around all year, as I can, and through the Summer months to maintain what has been done. As an educator I believe the environment for learning is vital and important. In the classroom and out.

You have all been most kind, friendly and accepting ... I am most grateful!!

Mr. Bruce

